What are veterans saying about the program?

Veterans keep more of their VA compensation after transitioning.

One veteran states that his new nursing facility is a "happy, good place to live."

Veterans in the program are seen by more healthcare professionals and social workers while under VA care.

Veterans also note an improvement in their VA facilities over their previous care facility.



Partners

The Veterans on Medicaid Program is a collaborative effort among the following agencies:

- Ohio Department of Medicaid.
- Ohio Department of Aging.
- Ohio Department of Veterans Services.
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program.

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"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices"

- President Harry Truman

















Veterans on Medicaid **Program**















About the program

Are you a veteran currently residing in a nursing care facility? Do you have a service-connected disability? Are you currently receiving Medicaid for your care? As a military veteran, you may qualify for a more comprehensive set of benefits provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Thousands of Ohio veterans are assisted by Medicaid, but they may also be eligible for VA healthcare because of their military service, even if they served many years ago.

PACT Act of 2022

The program is now assisting veterans seeking VA healthcare and benefits under the PACT Act of 2022. This law expands VA healthcare and benefits for veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances during their military service. Many new health conditions, including cancers, are presumed to be service-connected due to various in-service toxic exposures in places such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Vietnam, and other locations.

Learn more at va.gov/resources/ the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits

We're here to help!

Since 2013, the Veterans on Medicaid Program has helped veterans secure their earned benefits. We can help you take advantage of all your available resources.

We can help you:

- <u>Keep more</u> of your VA pension or compensation.
- Understand the <u>options and</u> <u>advantages</u> available to you and your family if you choose VAprovided care.
- Gain access to the benefits that best meet your needs.
- Transition to a <u>VA care facility or</u> <u>VA-contracted care facility</u> if you are eligible.



How does this work?

The State of Ohio has five VA medical facilities located in Cleveland, Columbus, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, and Dayton. These VA medical centers have contractual agreements with more than 70 nursing facilities in and around Ohio to meet veterans' long-term healthcare needs.

Once a veteran is potentially eligible for this program, Ohio Department of Medicaid, through the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, will notify the veteran and act as an advocate in communicating with the VA medical center as well as the local county veterans service commission.

When approved for VA long-term care, the veteran can transition to a VA care facility or VA-contracted nursing facility of their choice that best meets their needs.

Since 2013, our transition team has helped Ohio veterans successfully increase their eligibility for VA care and find homes with others who have served. We are ready to help you find a place to call home in one of the many VA facilities, group homes or contracted nursing facilities, including the Ohio Veterans Homes in Sandusky and Georgetown!



