

## MEDICAL FOSTER HOME (MFH) PROGRAM CRITERIA

### Homes

- Must be owned or rented by the caregiver and the home must be the caregiver's actual place of residence
- Must be located, designed, equipped, and maintained to ensure a home-like environment and to provide safe care and supervision for all residents
- Must be inspected by VA Home Based Primary Care multidisciplinary team and VA fire/safety engineer
- Must meet all State and local licensure requirements and regulations, including construction, fire, maintenance, and sanitation regulations
- Must meet the applicable provisions of the most current edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code, Standard #101

### Caregivers

- Must complete an application and participate in an interview with the Medical Foster Home Program Coordinator and other staff, as needed. Additional requirements include but are not limited to: providing proof of health and freedom from communicable diseases, being financially stable, having a back-up caregiver available, providing needed documentation of insurances, and be at least 21 years of age. Level II background checks for caregivers are strongly suggested
- Must have formal or informal experience in patient care
- Must provide at least two personal references and one professional reference
- Must be physically able to provide the needed care and have a written backup plan if they become incapacitated including designation of relief persons
- Must be able to communicate with the Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) health care team any significant changes in the Veterans' normal appearance, behavior or state of health and be willing to accept, participate in and follow the Veteran's treatment plan
- Must ensure a congenial and home-like atmosphere within the residence

### Veterans

- Require nursing home level-of-care
- Do not have to have a service-connected disability
- Must be enrolled in VA healthcare and be eligible for and willing to accept enrollment in Home Based Primary Care
- Must be willing to live in the catchment area for the MFH and the treatment team
- Veteran/ family/ legal representative will sign a contract with the Medical Foster Home caregiver, describing the services to be provided and the payment to be made by the Veteran to the caregiver. Payment is based on the level of care needed by the Veteran. VA staff will assist Veterans in applying for any financial programs for which they may be eligible