



Veteran Directed Care Program Newsletter

Friday, February 10, 2023

February Veteran Directed Care Educational Webinar – Save the Date

Save the date for the February Veteran Directed Care Educational Webinar on **Wednesday, February 22 at 2:00PM ET**. Additional details will be included in a separate email invitation from the ACL VDC Federal Technical Assistance Team at veterandirected@acl.hhs.gov.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Direct Care Workforce Resources

CMS released a set of [resources](#) for state Medicaid agencies that focus on the direct care workforce and include [briefs](#) on the rural workforce, self-direction, and key takeaways from the CMS Direct Service Workforce Learning Collaborative. Also released is an [online training](#) for people who self-direct their services. The online training is a resource for individuals and family members/authorized representatives who self-direct their services. There are six modules, each with several lessons, covering topics such as how to hire, manage, and support your worker. This is free, available to the public, and fully accessible for users.

Additional direct care workforce resources can be found on the Administration for Community Living's [direct care workforce webpage](#). These federal resources focus on recruiting, training, retention, and self-direction.

National Provider Identifier (NPI) Number

As a VDC provider, your organization needs an NPI number to bill the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) for VDC services. The ACL VDC Federal Technical Assistance Team tracks VDC providers' NPIs and shares a list with the VA's Office of Community Care to support billing processes and ensure that VDC providers are reimbursed accurately. *If your organization obtains a new NPI number, is a new VDC provider, or is unsure if the current NPI number documented is correct, please email veterandirected@acl.hhs.gov to provide the updated information.*

VDC Monthly Reporting Tool Reminder

This is a friendly reminder to please report Veteran census for your VDC program on a monthly basis using the [VDC Monthly Reporting Tool](#). The VDC Monthly Reporting Tool is a portal for VDC providers to enter their Veteran census data, ensuring an opportunity to accurately account for availability and growth of the program. If you have already reported Veteran census for your VDC program using the VDC Monthly Reporting Tool for **January 2022** and/or previous months, we would like to thank you for submitting your program's data. We look forward each month to continued program growth!

Technical Assistance

Have a question? Need guidance? Want to share good news about your VDC program? Reach out to the VDC Federal Technical Assistance Team at veterandirected@acl.hhs.gov. We look forward to hearing from you!

VDC Email Distribution List

If you or other VDC program staff are not already on the VDC email distribution list, please email veterandirected@acl.hhs.gov to make sure you don't miss out on important news!