



# Veteran Directed Care Program Newsletter

Friday, September 9, 2022

## Fiscal Year 2023 Case Mix Rates

The Veteran Health Administration (VHA) developed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Case Mix Rate Calculator to locate VDC case-mix rates by state, county and case-mix level. The VDC FY 2023 case mix rates replace the previous VDC FY 2022 case mix rates beginning on October 1, 2022. A copy of the FY 2023 Case Mix Rate Calculator is posted on the [No Wrong Door \(NWD\) website's VDC page](#). Please review the FY 2023 Case Mix Rate Calculator and note the following reminders:

- VAMCs will use the FY 2023 Case Mix Rates for new VDC authorizations beginning on October 1, 2022
- VAMCs will use the FY 2023 Case Mix Rates for re-authorizations at the time of re-authorization beginning on October 1, 2022
- VDC providers should review new VDC authorizations to verify changes in case mix rates have been applied
- Submit updated Veteran spending plans to your partnering VAMC for approval

## Determining a Veteran's Available Budget in their Spending Plan

A Veteran's case mix level is based on an average monthly authorized service amount to purchase goods and services to support their service needs and preferences each month. The VDC authorization will provide information on the total authorized budget for the authorization period. It is the responsibility of the Veteran, with support of the VDC provider, to develop a VDC spending plan that is below the authorized amount, track and monitor VDC spending, and make any necessary changes to the VDC spending plan to ensure spending does not exceed the authorized budget. The Veteran's authorized budget is designed to meet the Veteran's needs for **the entire period of the authorization**, therefore, the VDC provider must support the Veteran to develop a spending plan that avoids overspending. *VAMCs cannot reimburse for any VDC spending that is not on the Veteran's approved spending plan or that exceeds the Veteran's authorized budget.*

## 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 offers a portal for VDC providers to enter their Veteran census data, ensuring an opportunity to accurately account for availability and growth of the program. Please report Veteran census for your VDC program on a monthly basis using the [VDC Monthly Reporting Tool](#). If you have already reported Veteran census for your VDC program using the VDC Monthly Reporting Tool for **August 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](mailto:veterandirected@acl.hhs.gov). We look forward to hearing from you!

## VDC Email Distribution List

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