



Veteran Directed Care Program Newsletter

Friday, October 11, 2024

Veteran Directed Care in the News

The Salt Lake Tribute recently reported that the Salt Lake City Council allocated new federal funding to support the county's Veteran Directed Care (VDC) program. Read more about the funding and impact [here](#).

WHOP NewsRadio and Digital celebrated Pennyryle Area Development District's designation as a VDC Super Hub in a local news article [here](#).

September VDC Office Hour – Post Event Summary

Thank you to those who attended the September VDC Office Hour held on Wednesday, September 18, from 12:00 – 1:00pm ET. The office hour shared updates from ACL and VHA, information on the fiscal year (FY) 2025 Budget Calculator, an overview of a VDC program evaluation currently in process, and provided an open session for question and answer. A recording of the office hour can be viewed in full [here](#) and a summary of outstanding questions and responses from the August and September Office Hour sessions is attached.

VDC Evaluating Implementation Processes and Outcomes Project

Dr. Stuti Dang and her team are conducting a VDC program evaluation in collaboration with The Veterans Affairs Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care. The VDC Evaluating Implementation Processes and Outcomes Project (VIP) aims to better understand VDC program implementation experiences. Please see the attached flyer and the [September VDC Office Hour Session](#) for more information. Dr. Stuti and her team will be reaching out to VDC providers with the survey link and additional information.

VDC Billing and Invoicing Guide

The VDC Billing and Invoicing Guide has been revised to include the following updates:

- New section on new VDC provider enrollment processes (page 5)
- Clarification on the use of Veteran Monthly Spending Plans and Monthly Services Reports (page 14)
- Updated links throughout

Please see the attached VDC Billing and Invoicing Guide for additional information.

Fiscal Year 2025 VDC Budget Calculator

The VHA released the fiscal year (FY) 2025 VDC Budget Calculator (see attached) to locate VDC case mix rates by state, county, and case-mix level. The VDC FY 2025 case mix rates replace the previous VDC FY 2024 case mix rates beginning on October 1, 2024. Please note the following reminders:

- VAMCs will use the FY 2025 Case Mix Rates for new VDC authorizations beginning on October 1, 2024
- VAMCs will use the FY 2025 Case Mix Rates for re-authorizations at the time of re-authorization beginning on October 1, 2024
- VDC providers should review new VDC authorizations to verify changes in case mix rates have been applied
- VDC providers should submit updated Veteran spending plans to their partnering VAMC for approval

VDC Monthly Reporting Tool Guidance

Thank you to those who have been reporting to ACL's [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. We ask that all VDC providers please continue to report your program's data to the VDC Monthly Reporting Tool at the end of each month to help us accurately capture the VDC program's reach.

If you do not see your VDC provider or VAMC listed on the tool, please email veterandirected@acl.hhs.gov with the correct listing information.

Reminders

ACL's No Wrong Door (NWD) Website VDC Page: ACL is currently experiencing delays in uploading new resources to the NWD website's VDC page. If you do not find a resource you are looking for on the page, please email veterandirected@acl.hhs.gov for resource requests.

Veteran Success Stories: Please use [this form](#) to share any VDC success stories, including positive Veteran stories from their VDC enrollment experience, promising practices related to providing VDC as a VDC provider, or stories of success that you've heard from the Veterans you serve. We look forward to reviewing them and featuring them in our newsletters!

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 enter your information using this link](#) to make sure you don't miss out on important news!