



Veteran Directed Care Program Newsletter

Friday, September 13, 2024

September Veteran Directed Care Office Hour

Please join the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) for the September Veteran Directed Care (VDC) Office Hour on Wednesday, September 18, from 12:00 – 1:00pm ET. This office hour will provide brief updates from ACL and VHA, information on the fiscal year (FY) 2025 Budget Calculator, and an overview of a VDC program evaluation currently in process. The updates will be followed by an opportunity for VDC programs to ask questions and engage with peers. [Register here for September's VDC Office Hour](#). We look forward to your participation!

August VDC Office Hour – Post Event Summary

Thank you to those who attended the August VDC Office Hour held on Wednesday, August 14, from 12:00 – 1:00pm ET. The office hour shared updates from ACL and VHA and provided an open session for question and answer. A [recording of the August office hour can be viewed in full on YouTube](#).

Fiscal Year 2025 VDC Budget Calculator

The VHA is in the process of developing the FY 2025 VDC Budget Calculator to locate VDC case mix rates by state, county, and case-mix level. The VDC FY 2025 case mix rates will replace the previous VDC FY 2024 case mix rates beginning on October 1, 2024 and will be released within the next few weeks. 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. Special kudos to the 31 VDC providers who reported an increase in Veteran census in July! 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

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 to make sure you don't miss out on important news!