



# Veteran Directed Care Program Newsletter

Friday, October 14, 2022

## VDC Program Expansion

The Veteran Health Administration (VHA) approved expansion of VA home and community-based programs, including the VDC program. This effort supports funding to over 80 new and existing Veterans Affairs Medical Centers (VAMC) to expand VDC, offering more Veterans access to personal care services within their own home. Over the next five years, VHA is providing VAMCs with funding to hire a full-time VDC Program Manager and enroll Veterans in VDC. In addition, VHA will also provide funding to select VAMCs so that they can hire a full-time VDC Program Manager and expand access to VDC and grow into new geographic areas. The expansion efforts are an exciting opportunity to provide more Veterans with the option to self-direct their long-term services and supports while continuing to live at home and engage in their community!

## Veteran Directed Care Program Spotlight

The Poplar Bluff VDC program was highlighted for their successes in supporting Veterans with complex care needs to stay in their homes. [Click here](#) to view the story and see the impact of the VDC program on Veterans and their families enrolled at the Poplar Bluff VAMC. As a new VDC program in 2022, the Ozark Center for Independent Living and the Poplar Bluff VAMC's partnership has supported over 20 Veterans through VDC. We are happy to see the program continue to grow!

## 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 **September 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!

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