

Department of Veterans Affairs
Questions for the Record
House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health
"VA Long-Term Care:
What's Working, What's Not, and How to Best Serve Our Aging Veterans"
July 30, 2018

Questions for the Record from Congressman Tim Walz:

Women Veterans

Question 1: How well situated are the VA community living centers to adequately provide for and/or accommodate our women Veterans? How many women Veterans are currently residing in community living centers?

VA Response: VA databases do not allow for a point-in-time calculation on the exact number of women in community living centers (CLC) on a given day, partially because of daily admissions and discharges. However, as of August 7, 2018, 1,207 women have resided in CLCs through the first 3 quarters of Fiscal Year 2018.

Expenditures

Question 2: What are VA's current annual long-term care expenses for VISN 22 and Ventura County?

- a. Home and community based care
- b. Home and community based care
- c. Contracted nursing home beds
- d. Assisted living facilities
- e. Adult Day Care
- f. Other (Medical Foster Homes, etc.)

VA Response: VA's current annual long-term care expenses for Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 22 and Ventura County, California, in the various categories requested are set forth in the table below. Please note that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) data collection system is designed to capture data according to VISN and medical centers. The data gathered in this report is based on VISN 22 jurisdiction, which includes Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico, and the Greater Los Angeles Health Care System (GLAVAHCS), which has a catchment area that includes Ventura County.

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	VISN 22	GLAVAHCS	Ventura County
a. Home and community based care	\$182,549,481	\$36,353,848	\$13,180,179.76
b. Home and community based care	\$111,227,029.09	\$37,254,856.34	Data not available
c. Contracted nursing home beds			
1. Community Nursing Home Costs	\$58,152,485.00	\$20,914,125.00	\$1,223,272.00
2. State Nursing Home Costs	\$49,143,813.00	\$7,230,233.00	Data not available
d. Assisted living facilities	VA does not pay for assisted living facilities.		
e. Adult Day Care			
1. Internal VA Adult Day Health Care Costs	Data not available	\$2,141,953.85	Data not available
2. Community Adult Day Health Care Costs	\$5,174,970.00	\$1,919,672.00	\$1,326,982.00
f. Other (Medical Foster Homes, etc.)	GLAVAHCS does not have a medical foster home Program. However, overall costs for Home and Community-based Programs are reflected below.		

Description	VISN 22 Total	GLAVAHCS
Contract Adult Day Health Care	\$5,174,970	\$1,919,672
Residential Care	\$3,162,494	\$1,086,592
State Nursing Home	\$49,143,813	\$7,230,233
Contract Community Nursing Home	\$58,152,485	\$20,914,125
Home Health Aide	\$33,962,283	\$1,792,068
VA Paid Home/Community Hospice	\$2,579,357	\$705,226
Contract Home Skilled	\$13,617,806	\$2,598,035
Home Health Fee Processing	\$16,756,273	\$6,892
Total:	\$182,549,481	\$36,252,843

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Impact and Outreach

Question 3: How many Veterans are served by the below programs in VISN 22 and Ventura County?

- a. Home and community based care
- b. Home and community based care
- c. Contracted nursing home beds
- d. Assisted living facilities
- e. Adult Day Care
- f. Other (Medical Foster Homes, etc.)

VA Response: The number of Veterans served by programs in VISN 22 and Ventura County is set forth in the tables below. Please note that the VHA data collection system is designed to capture VISN and medical center data. The data gathered in this report is based on VISN 22 jurisdiction, which includes Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico, and GLAVAHCS, which has a catchment area that includes Ventura County.

	VISN 22	GLAVAHCS	Ventura County
a. Home and community based care	18,784	18,784	Veterans are not tracked based on their geographic location; therefore Ventura County specific numbers would not be available.
b. Community Living Centers	2834	342	Data not available
c. Contracted nursing home beds	878	240	13
d. Assisted living facilities	NA	162	5
e. Adult Day Care			
1. VA-Based Programs	259	164	NA
2. Community-Based Programs	744	260	92
f. Other (Medical Foster Homes, etc.)	See chart below.		

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	VISN 22	GLAVAHCS	Ventura County
Personal Care Services	8002	819	Veterans are not tracked based on their geographic location; therefore Ventura County specific numbers would not be available.
Homemaker/Home Health Aide	7171	601	
Respite	1101	Not available	
Community Adult Day Health Care	744	260	
Veteran Directed Home and Community Based Services	43	NA	
Skilled Services	13,876	1,539	
Home Based Primary Care	2685	312	
Hospice	626	69	
Purchased Skilled Home Care	5834	550	
Spinal Cord Injury	126	Not available	
Veteran Affairs Adult Day Health Care	259	164	
Home Care	1465	Not available	
Bowel and Bladder	396	34	
GeriEval	503	14	
Geriatric Patient Aligned Care Team	3630	588	
Non-Institutional Long-term care	159	62	
Supportive House	549	295	
Medical Foster Home	110	1	
Community Residential Care	458	295	

Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System Footprint (VISN 22)

Question 4: Are VA long-term care services distributed across the Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System region or centralized in Los Angeles County?

VA Response: Long-term Care services are distributed throughout the region to meet the needs of Veterans. GLAVAHCS has 27 contracted nursing homes throughout the 5 County catchment area including, Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Kern County. GLAVAHCS has 13 contracted Community Adult Day Health Care and Adult Day Care facilities in Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo, Counties. GLAVAHCS has 29 VA approved Community Residential Care

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facilities. Of these, 28 are located in Los Angeles County and 1 is located in Ventura County.

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