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Appropriations by Account

#### **Regular Appropriations, Collections, and DoD Transfers**

The following table captures advance and annual appropriations without any supplemental appropriations. It reflects rescissions, but does not reflect appropriation transfers among VA accounts. The only collections included are from the Medical Care Collections Fund (MCCF) and the only appropriation transfers are from the Department of Defense (DoD) to the two joint health care accounts (DoD-VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund and Joint DoD-VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund).

	2022	2023	2024	Change 20	24	
(\$ in millions)	2022	2023	2024			
(• ••• ••••••)	Enacted	Enacted	Request	\$	%	
Discretionary Funding /1						
Medical Services	58,697	70,584	69,071	(1,513)	-2.1%	
Medical Community Care	23,217	28,457	31,091	2,634	9.3%	
Medical Support and Compliance	8,403	11,073	12,300	1,227	11.1%	
Medical Facilities	6,885	8,634	8,549	(84)	-1.0%	
Subtotal, Medical Care Appropriations	97,202	118,748	121,011	2,263	1.9%	
Medical Care Collections Fund	3,887	3,845	4,269	424	11.0%	
Subtotal, Medical Care with MCCF	101,089	122,593	125,281	2,688	2.2%	
Medical and Prosthetic Research	882	916	938	22	2.4%	
Electronic Health Care Record Modernization	2,300	1,609	1.863	254	15.8%	
Information Technology Systems	5,513	5,782	6,401	619	10.7%	
Board of Veterans' Appeals	228	285	287	2	0.7%	
General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits						
Administration	3,454	3,863	3,899	36	0.9%	
National Cemetery Administration	394	430	480	50	11.6%	
General Administration	401	433	475	42	9.7%	
Construction, Major Projects	1,611	1,372	881	(491)	-35.8%	
Construction, Minor Projects	553	626	680	54	8.6%	
Grants for State Extended Care Facilities	50	150	164	14	9.3%	
Grants for Construction of Veterans Cemeteries	49	50	60	10	20.0%	
Office of Inspector General	239	273	296	23	8.4%	
Asset & Infrastructure Review Commission	5	(5)	-	5	-	
Loan Administration Funds	231	284	320	36	12.6%	
DoD Transfers to Joint Accounts	152	183	187	4	2.4%	
Subtotal, Discretionary without MCCF	113,264	134,999	137,942	2,944	2.2%	
Subtotal, Discretionary (with MCCF)	117,151	138,844	142,212	3,368	2.4%	
Transformational Fund (TF) /2	(820)	968	600	(368)	-38.0%	
Total, Discretionary (with MCCF and TF)	116,331	139,812	142,812	2,999	2.1%	
Mandatory Funding 3/						
Total, Mandatory	157,518	168,710	182,320	13,610	8.1%	
Total Funding						
Total VA (Disc & Mand) without MCCF or TF	270,782	303,709	320,262	16,554	5.5%	
Total VA (Disc & Mand) with MCCF	274,669	307,553	324,531	16,978	5.5%	
Total, Disc & Mand Funding (with MCCF and TF)	273,849	308,522	325,131	16,610	5.4%	

1/ Discretionary Funding includes non-emergency discretionary appropriations provided in annual Appropriations Acts. The 2022 rescission of ARP balances was scored against the VA discretionary appropriations level in the 2022 annual appropriations act, but this display maintains the separation between base and COVID-19 supplemental appropriations. The President's Budget Appendix reflects \$112.4 billion in net discretionary appropriations without collections for VA.

2/ Estimated resources available in RETF at the start of 2024. These resources do not score as budget authority in 2024.

3/ Mandatory Funding includes mandatory appropriations provided in annual Appropriations Acts, PACT Act and TEF.

	2022	2023	2024	Change 20	24 vs. 2023
(\$ in millions)	Enacted	Enacted	Request	\$	%
Mandatory Funding 1/					
Mandatory Benefits					
Compensation and Pensions	139,183	152,017	151,434	(583)	-0.4%
Veterans Insurance and Indemnities	137	110	134	24	21.8%
Readjustment Benefits	14,947	8,907	8,453	(454)	-5.1%
Credit Reform Upward Reestimates and Subsidy	1,910	799	4	(795)	-99.5%
Housing Liquidating Account	(4)	(3)	(3)	0	
Subtotal, Mandatory Benefits	156,172	161,830	160,022	(1,808)	-1.1%
Construction, Major Projects			1,530		
Construction, Minor Projects			400		
Subtotal, Construction	-	-	1,930	1,930	100.0%
American Rescue Plan					
Information Technology Systems	(76)				
Subtotal, American Reuse Plan	(76)	-	-	-	
PACT Act					
Section 705 (Enhanced Use Leases)					
Medical Facilities	275			-	
General Administration	18			-	
Construction, Major Projects	58			-	
Construction, Minor Projects	570			-	
Subtotal, Section 705	922	-	-	-	
Section 707 (Major Medical Facility Leases)					
Medical Facilities		1,880	100	(1,780)	-94.7%
Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund					
Medical Care	34	3,822	17,116	13,294	347.8%
Medical and Prosthetic Research	1	2	46	44	2413.7%
Information Technology Systems	123	656	1,243	587	89.5%
Board of Veterans' Appeals	10	1	4	3	100.0%
General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits	302	482	1,769	1,287	266.7%
Administration		-	,	,	
General Administration	30	37	90	53	145.0%
Subtotal, Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund	500	5,000	20,268	15,268	305.4%
Total, Mandatory	157,518	168,710	182,320	13,610	8.1%

1/ Mandatory Funding includes mandatory appropriations provided in annual Appropriations Acts, PACT Act and TEF.

General Administration Appropriations by Office (\$s in thousands)												
Office	2022 Actual	2023 Request	2023 Enacted	2024 Request	2024 Request vs 2023 Enacted							
	Actual	Request	Lilacteu	Request	\$	%						
Appropriation												
Office of the Secretary	16,265	17,324	17,324	19,165	1,841	10.6%						
Office of General Counsel	125,510	137,347	136,347	149,283	12,936	9.5%						
Office of Management	73,726	78,564	78,064	88,424	10,360	13.3%						
Office of Human Resources & Administration/	103,646	111,394	111,394	120,900	9,506	8.5%						
Operations, Security & Preparedness												
Office of Enterprise Integration	33,636	36,229	36,229	38,941	2,712	7.5%						
Office of Public & Intergovernmental Affairs	14,435	16,264	15,764	17,985	2,221	14.1%						
Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs	7,480	9,545	9,545	9,975	430	4.5%						
Office of Accountability & Whistleblower	26,502	28,333	28,333	30,327	1,994	7.0%						
Protection												
Total appropriation	401,200	435,000	433,000	475,000	42,000	9.7%						
Net appropriation	401,200	435,000	433,000	475,000	42,000	9.7%						

#### **General Administration Regular Appropriations**



#### Mission

#### Our Mission: What We Are Here to Do

To fulfill President Lincoln's promise to care for those who have served in our nation's military and for their families, caregivers, and survivors.

In March 2023, VA updated its mission statement. The new mission statement is inclusive of all those who have served in our nation's military — including women Veterans — as well as Veteran families, caregivers, and survivors. VA currently serves more than 600,000 women Veterans, the fastest growing cohort of Veterans. VA also serves more than 50,000 Veteran caregivers, more than 600,000 Veteran survivors, and millions of Veterans who did not serve in combat. It reminds everybody that whenever any Veteran, family member, caregiver, or survivor walks by a VA facility, they should see themselves in the mission statement on the outside of the building. VA is here to serve all Veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors — and now, the mission statement reflects that.

VA carries out four specific missions to make good on that commitment: Veterans' health care, Veterans' benefits, National cemeteries and our fourth mission. VA's fourth mission, supported by all the Administrations, is to improve the Nation's preparedness for response to war, terrorism, national emergencies and natural disasters by developing plans and taking actions to ensure continued service to Veterans, as well as to support national, state and local emergency management, public health, safety and homeland security efforts.

#### **Our Programs:** What We Do

VA is comprised of the following three Administrations that deliver services to Veterans as well as staff offices that support the Department:

- The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) provides a broad range of primary care, specialized care and related medical and social support services that are uniquely related to Veterans' health or special needs. VHA advances medical research and development in ways that support Veterans' health and wellness by pursuing medical research in areas that most directly address the diseases and conditions that affect Veterans;
- The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) provides a variety of financial and other benefits to Veterans and their families. These benefits include compensation, pension, fiduciary services, educational opportunities, employment services, home ownership promotion, transition assistance, and life insurance;

- The National Cemetery Administration (NCA) provides burial and memorial benefits to Veterans and their eligible family members. These benefits include burial at national cemeteries, cemetery grants, headstones, markers, medallions, and Presidential Memorial Certificates; and
- VA Staff Offices provide a variety of services to the Department, including: information technology (IT), human resources (HR) management, strategic planning, Veterans outreach and education, financial management, acquisition, and facilities management.

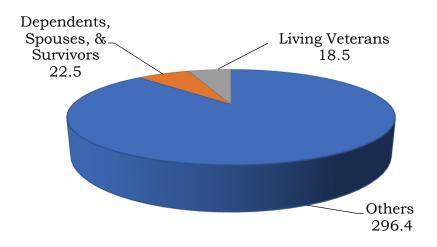


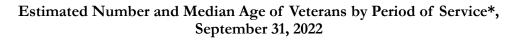
#### Population of American Veterans

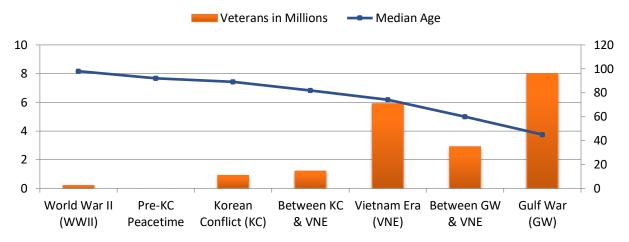
On September 30, 2022, there were an estimated 18.6 million living Veterans, with 18.5 million of them in the United States, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. There were an estimated 21.9 million dependents (spouses and dependent children) of living Veterans. Additionally, there were about 600,000 survivors of deceased Veterans receiving survivor benefits (either Dependency and Indemnity Compensation or death pension payments). Thus, approximately 41.0 million people, or 12.2 percent of the total estimated resident population (337.4 million), were recipients, or potential recipients, of Veterans' benefits from the Federal Government.

The pie chart represents the estimated number (in millions) in the resident population classified as living Veterans, dependents of living Veterans and survivors of Veterans receiving VA survivor benefits, and others (the remainder of the resident population) as of September 30, 2022.

Estimated Population (in Millions) of Living Veterans, Dependents of Living Veterans, Survivors of Veterans Receiving VA Survivor Benefits, and Others in the U.S., American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, September 30, 2022







9/30/2022	Median Age	Veterans in Millions
World War II (WWII)	98	0.2
Pre-KC Peacetime	92	0.0
Korean Conflict (KC)	89	0.9
Between KC & VNE	82	1.2
Vietnam Era (VNE)	74	5.9
Between GW & VNE	60	2.9
Gulf War (GW)	45	8.0

 $\ast$  Veterans are included in all wartime periods in which they served. Therefore, period categories do NOT add to total Veteran population.

Source - Veteran Population Projection Model 2020.



Estimates and Projections of the Veteran Population

See table on the next page

Estimates and Projections <sup>(1)</sup> of the Veteran Population of the United States, Puerto Rico, US Island Areas <sup>(2)</sup> , and Foreign Countries	d Projectior	ıs <sup>(1)</sup> of the V	/eteran Popu	lation of the	e United Sta	tes, Puerto	Rico, US Isl	and Areas <sup>(2)</sup>	, and Foreig	n Countries	
			0)	eptember 30,	September 30, 2021 September 30, 2031	nber 30, 2031					
			Veteran	populations pi	Veteran populations projected as of September 30, 2021.	September 30,	2021.				
Period	9/30/2021	9/30/2022	9/30/2023	9/30/2024	9/30/2025	9/30/2026	9/30/2027	9/30/2028	9/30/2029	9/30/2030	9/30/2031
All Veterans <sup>(3)</sup>	18,957,110	18,592,457	18,250,044	17,916,954	17,589,766	17,267,247	16,951,067	16,641,000	16,337,983	16,041,500	15,751,022
Wartime Veterans <sup>(3)</sup>	14,696,747	14,474,011	14,270,842	14,076,750	13,889,150	13,679,630	13,458,471	13,215,841	12,938,323	12,653,092	12,360,812
Gulf War <sup>(4)</sup>	7,855,884	8,030,085	8,193,145	8,346,327	8,492,848	8,605,749	8,696,477	8,756,259	8,772,660	8,773,742	8,760,886
GW Only	7,463,330	7,647,864	7,821,340	7,985,222	8,142,839	8,267,238	8,369,883	8,442,003	8,471,177	8,485,457	8,486,211
GW,VNE Only	392,554	382,220		361,105	350,010	338,511	326,594	314,255	301,483	288,285	274,676
Vietnam Era <sup>(4)</sup>	6,062,043	5,849,629	5,637,651	5,421,759	5,199,813	4,971,932	4,738,327	4,499,278	4,255,161	4,006,516	3,754,102
VNE Only	5,567,548	5,379,670	5,190,696	4,996,863	4,796,292	4,589,113	4,375,561	4,155,938	3,930,664	3,700,323	3,465,733
VNE,KC Only	93,032	81,158	70,314	60,280	51,005	42,549	34,959	28,263	22,467	17,549	13,462
VNE,KC,WWII Only	8,910	6,581	4,836	3,511	2,507	1,759	1,213	822	547	359	231
Korean Conflict <sup>(4)</sup>	1,069,120	918,280	783,111	660,484	549,432	450,339	363,384	288,464	225,159	172,748	130,249
KC Only	947,244	815,814	697,138	588,834	490,308	402,092	324,495	257,536	200,916	154,032	116,035
KC,WWII Only	19,934	14,727	10,824	7,858	5,612	3,939	2,718	1,843	1,230	807	521
WWII <sup>(4)</sup>	233,039	167,284	119,550	84,446	58,697	40,127	26,979	17,845	11,618	7,446	4,695
WWII Only	204,195	145,976	103,890	73,077	50,578	34,429	23,049	15,180	9,840	6,280	3,943
Peacetime Veterans <sup>(5)</sup>	4,260,348	4,118,419	3,979,164	3,840,158	3,700,563	3,587,559	3,492,535	3,425,098	3,399,597	3,388,346	3,390,151
Between GW & VNE	2,886,722	2,848,299	2,809,037	2,768,313	2,725,843	2,681,672	2,635,846	2,588,384	2,539,321	2,488,639	2,436,235
Between KC & VNE	1,321,615	1,228,164	1,136,552	1,045,339	954,153	863,656	774,599	687,803	604,132	524,451	449,587
Pre-KC	52,010	41,956	33,575	26,505	20,568	15,673	11,723	8,606	6,202	4,390	3,054
<sup>(1)</sup> These data differ slightly from published Census data because they include 17 year-old Veterans, Veterans in	m published C	ensus data be	cause they inclu	de 17 year-old	Veterans, Vet	erans in					
foreign countries, and Veterans in US Island Areas, none of which are included in the published Census data	s in US Island	Areas, none of	which are inclu	ded in the publ	ished Census (	lata.					

<sup>(2)</sup> US Island Areas is composed of Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Marianas.

<sup>(3)</sup> Veterans serving in more than one period of service are counted only once in the total.

<sup>(4)</sup> This sum includes Veterans who served in multiple periods.

<sup>(5)</sup> Veterans who served both in wartime and peacetime are only counted as serving in wartime.

Source: Veteran Population Projection Model 2020 as of September 30, 2022



# Performance Summary

Strat.			Results			Targets		Measure
Alignment	Measure Name	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	Status
1.1	VEO 692: Overall Trust in VA among Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors	79.0%	78.9%	77.3%	90%	90%	90%	Off-track
1.1	VEO 746: Ease to receive VA care or services needed by Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors.	76%	72%	71.3%	90%	90%	90%	Off-track
1.2	VBA 469: % of IDES participants who have a proposed rating completed within 20 days	69%	91.6%	86.1%	63%	75%	75%	On-track
1.2	VBA 786: Percent of eligible Veterans contacted within their first year of separation from military service	59%	58%	64.3%	50%	50%	50%	On-track
1.2	VBA 918: Percentage of Pension Rating Claims Processed Within 125 Days		88.5%	78.1%	63%	63%	63%	On-track
1.2	VEO 752: Effectiveness of the VA care or service needed by Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors.	75%	75%	73.9%	90%	90%	90%	Off-track

Strat.			Results			Targets		Measure
Alignment	Measure Name	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	Status
1.2	VEO 761: Emotional Resonance - Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors felt like valued customers when receiving needed care or services from VA.	71%	77%	75.8%	90%	90%	90%	Off-track
2.1	NCA 54: Percent of graves in National Cemeteries marked within 60 days of interment	86%	92.4%	90%	95%	95%	91%	Off-track
2.1	NCA 234: Percent of Veterans served by a burial option within a reasonable distance (75 miles) of their residence	93%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	On-track
		Results			Targets		Moasuro	
Strat. Alignment	Measure Name	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	Measure Status
2.1	NCA 812: Number of interments in National Cemeteries	126,844	149,92 5	149,91 9	135,770	134,272	*TBD	On-track
2.1	NCA 813: Number of additional VetPop Served	71,307	182,27 3	22,869	36,657	10,767	18,497	Off-track
2.1	OSDBU 878: Percentage of total procurement awarded to Veteran- Owned Small Businesses	22.7%	25.1%	24%	17%	17%	*TBD	On-track
2.1	OSDBU 967: New Contract Awards Using SDVOSB or VOSB Set- Aside	15.3%	17.2%	17.3%	10%	10%	*TBD	On-track
2.1	OSDBU 968: Percentage of Total Procurement Awarded to Service- Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB)	22.5%	24.8%	23.8%	15%	15%	*TBD	On-track
2.1	VBA 218: Average days to complete original education claims	15.4	22.4	23.9	24	24	24	On-track
2.1	VBA 219: Average days to complete supplemental education claims	6.9	6.7	8.92	12	12	12	On-track

Strat.			Results			Targets		Measure
Alignment	Measure Name	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	Status
2.1	VBA 226: Default resolution rate for VA backed Home Loans	94%	97.8%	93.21%	80%	84%	84%	On-track
2.1	VBA 840: Percent of calls answered by the VBA National Call Center within 2 minutes	74%	81.7%	62.36%	75%	75%	60%	Off-track
2.1	VBA 842: Percentage of interactions correctly managed by the National Call Center	92%	92.1%	93%	91%	91%	91%	On-track
2.1	VBA 843: Average days to complete higher-level reviews	94	87	36.2	125	125	125	On-track
2.1	VBA 848: National claim- based quality for pension claims (Rating)	94%	95.7%	97.8%	93%	93%	93%	On-track
2.1	VBA 1002: VBA Percentage of Fiduciary Field Examinations completed within 54 days			93.6%	70%	70%	70%	On-track
Strat.		Results Targets		Results				Measure
Alignment	Measure Name	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	Status
2.1	VHA 681: The percent of patients responding "Usually" or "Always" to getting an appointment for urgent and routine care as soon as needed in the primary and specialty care setting as measured by the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) survey.	83%	81%	80%	84%	85%	86%	Off-track
2.1	VHA 682: Percent of Primary Care Patients who respond Always and Usually regarding their ability to get an appointment for needed care right away	75%	75%	74%	80%	81%	82%	Off-track
2.1	VHA 741: Overall rating of Primary Care Provider	74%	74%	73%	78%	78%	79%	Off-track

Strat.			Results			Targets		Measure
Alignment	Measure Name	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	Status
2.1	VHA 742: Percentage of Eligible Veterans who have received Telehealth Services during the fiscal year (FY).	27%	40%	38%	35%	36%	36%	On-track
2.1	VHA 747: Overall Rating of Hospital	70%	71%	69%	73%	73%	74%	Off-track
2.1	VHA 750: Overall Rating of Specialty Care Provider	75%	74.6%	73%	77%	77%	78%	Off-track
2.1	VHA 753: Percentage of Veterans receiving telehealth at home or on mobile device	19%	32%	29%	24%	25%	25%	On-track
2.1	VHA 760: Overall Satisfaction with Community Care	78%	80%	83%	81%	82%	82%	On-track
2.1	VHA 790: Percentage of unique Veterans accessing Whole Health services	7%	7.8%	9%	9%	10%	10.5%	On-track
Strat.			Results		Targets		Measure	
Alignment	Measure Name	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	Status
2.1	VHA 834: Percent of women assigned to designated women's health primary care providers	82%	85%	86%	86%	87%	87%	On-track
2.2	BVA 65: Appeals Adjudicated by the Board	102,663	99,721	95,294	95,373		*TBD	Off-track
2.2	BVA 983: BVA Accuracy Rate: AMA Appeals				Baseline	TBD	*TBD	Not Started
2.2	BVA 985: BVA Average Days to Complete – AMA Hearing Docket from Notice of Disagreement			700	730	730	*TBD	On-track
2.2	BVA 986: BVA Average Days to Complete – AMA Evidence Docket from Notice of Disagreement			382	550	550	*TBD	On-track

Strat.			Results			Targets		Measure
Alignment	Measure Name	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	Status
2.2	BVA 712: Appeals Hearings Held by the Board	15,669	23,777	30,089	28,000	50,000	*TBD	On-track
2.2	BVA 984: Average Days to Complete – AMA Direct Docket from Notice of Disagreement		300	363	365	365	*TBD	On-track
2.2	NCA 956: Percentage of pre-need applications processed within 120 days	92.5%	91%	99%	85%	90%	*TBD	On-track
2.2	VBA 853: Accuracy of requirements in closing a Veteran's case or declaring the Veteran rehabilitated or discontinued	98%	96.4%	97.41%	91%	91%	91%	On-track
2.2	VHA 535: Percent of HUD- VASH vouchers allocated that resulted in a homeless Veteran obtaining permanent housing	83%	83%	79%	92%	92%	92%	Off-track
2.2	VHA 606: Percent of participants at risk for homelessness (Veterans and their households) served in SSVF that were prevented from becoming homeless	89%	88%	83%	90%	90%	90%	Off-track
			Results			Targets		Measure
Strat. Alignment	Measure Name	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	Status
2.2	VHA 756: Percentage of Veterans flagged as high risk for suicide who have received all recommended interventions and follow up	86%	81%	80%	87%	88%	89%	Off-track
2.2	VHA 788: Average improvement in mental health symptoms in the 3- 4 months after start of mental health treatment as measured by the mental health component of the Short Form-12	2.3	2	3	3	3	3	On-track

Strat.	Measure Name	Results				Targets		Measure
Alignment		2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	Status
2.2	VHA 804: Percent of long- term service and support obligations and/or expenditures devoted to purchased Personal Care Service for frail elderly and disabled Veterans wishing to remain at home	9%	11%	15%	11%	12%	13%	On-track
2.2	VHA 832: Percentage of caregiver applications dispositioned within 90 days	96.8%	63%	84%	92%	92%	92%	Off-track
2.2	VHA 835: Use of interventions for Veterans at-risk for suicide through the use of predictive modeling and enhanced engagement strategies (REACHVET & STORM)	96%	98%	94%	98%	98%	98%	Off-track
2.5	HRA/OSP 1011: Comprehensive Continuity Capability Score		8	8	8	8	8	On-track
2.5	VBA 576: Percent of Disability Compensation Rating Claims processed within 125 days	75%	65.5%	64.4%	48%	48%	45%	On-track
2.5	VBA 920: Number of VR&E Positive Outcomes	13,220	17,874	16,726	14,055	14,272	14,272	On-track
		Results			Targets			Measure
Strat. Alignment	Measure Name	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	Status
3.1	BVA 960: Veterans' Overall Confidence/Trust Score with the Board	41%	40.8%	49%	42%	42%	*TBD	On-track
3.1	VBA 912: Average Days to Complete (ADC) Education Program Approvals		19.9	36.8	30	37	37	Off-track

Strat.			Results			Targets		Measure
Alignment	Measure Name	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	Status
3.1	VBA 913: Average Days to Complete (ADC) Education Compliance Survey Reports		28	19.8	80	80	80	On-track
3.2	OAWP 926: Average time for OAWP investigation cases	200	148	54	120	120	120	On-track
3.2	OIG 585: Percentage of reports (audits, inspections, investigations, and other reviews) issued that identified opportunities for improvement and provide recommendations for corrective action	90%	90%	85%	70%	70%	70%	On-track
3.2	OIG 586: Number of arrests, indictments, convictions, criminal complaints, pretrial diversions, and administrative sanctions	2,224	2,224	2,049	2,100	2,330	2,330	Off-track
3.2	OIG 587: Monetary benefits (\$ in millions) from audits, investigations, contract reviews, inspections, and other evaluations	\$4,970	\$4,868	\$4,564	\$4006	\$5016	\$5016	On-track
3.2	OIG 588: Return on investment (monetary benefits divided by cost of operations in dollars)	\$23	\$23	\$25	\$22	\$22	\$22	On-track
			Results			Targets		Measure
Strat. Alignment	Measure Name	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	Status
3.2	OIG 590: Percentage of recommendations implemented within one year to improve efficiencies in operations through legislative, regulatory, policy, practice, and procedural changes in VA	73%	73%	71%	85%	98%	98%	Off-track

Strat.			Results			Targets		Measure
Alignment	Measure Name	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	Status
3.2	OIG 694: Percentage of full cases that result in criminal, civil, or administrative actions	64%	64%	60%	74%	60%	60%	Off-track
3.2	VBA 304: National Accuracy Rate - Percent of disability compensation rating issues processed accurately	94.9%	95.3%	96.35%	96%	96%	96%	On-track
3.2	VBA 845: Education Claim quality	98%	97.9%	98.7%	95%	95%	95%	On-track
3.2	VBA 844: National High Level Review Accuracy Rate - Percent of higher- level review for disability compensation rating issues processed accurately	97%	96%	97%	94%	93%	93%	On-track
4.1	HRA/OSP 972: OSP Percent of background investigations adjudicated within 90 days of receipt (enterprise wide).		80.7%	79.64%	80%	85%	90%	Off-track
4.1	HRA/OSP 1040: Completion of Police Program Inspections			16	7	7	12	On-track
4.1	HRA/OSP 1041: Law Enforcement Training Center (LETC) VA Police Officer Standardized Training (POST) Graduation Rate			89.49%	85%	85%	85%	On-track
4.1	OALC 400: Percent of major construction projects accepted by VA in the quarter estimated for completion	93%	75%	100%	75%	75%	75%	On-track
			Results			Targets		Measure
Strat. Alignment	Measure Name	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	Status
4.1	OALC 825: Percent of major leasing projects accepted by VA in the quarter estimated for completion.	69%	125%	100%	75%	75%	75%	On-track

Strat.			Results			Targets		Measure
Alignment	Measure Name	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	Status
4.1	OALC 976: Acquisition Customer Satisfaction – Contract Administration		4.64	5.42	4.66	4.85	5.6	On-track
4.1	OALC 980: VA Achievement Federal Category Management Spend Under Management Targets		120.5%	88.2%	87%	87%	87%	On-track
4.1	OALC 973: Procurement Action Lead Time (PALT)		298	169	300	290	268	On-track
4.1	OALC 1018: Acquisition Customer Satisfaction - Overall Contracting Activity			5.49	4.7	4.85	5.6	On-track
4.1	OALC 975: Acquisition Customer Satisfaction - Pre-Award Activity		4.48	5.34	4.6	4.75	5.3	On-track
4.1	OALC 1020: VA Achievement Federal Category Management Best in Class			9%	12%	12.5%	12.5%	On-track
4.1	OALC 1021: VA Achievement Federal Category Management Small Business			28.3%	30%	30%	30%	On-track
4.1	HRA/OSP 86: Executive Fill Rate – Medical Center Directors (MCD)	94.9%	90%	90.6%	90%	90%	90%	On-track
4.1	HRA/OSP 979: Retention of VA Workforce	69.7%	68.9%	63.7%	70%	70%	70%	Off-track
4.1	HRA/OSP 715: Executive Fill Rate – Non-Medical Center Directors (Non- MCD)	73.9%	78.4%	85.8%	90%	90%	90%	On-track
4.2	HRA/OSP 964: Time to Hire - Title 5 and Hybrid Title 38	57%	56%	50%	58%	58%	58%	Off-track
4.1	HRA/OSP 965: Time to Hire – VHA Title 38	62%	54%	52%	58%	58%	58%	Off-track
Strat.		Results			Targets			Measure
Alignment	Measure Name	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	Status

Strat.			Results			Targets		Measure Status
Alignment	Measure Name	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	
4.1	HRA/OSP 794: Engagement level	39.0%	Not availabl e	37.9%	35.5%	38%	38%	On-track
4.1	HRA/OSP 795: Best Places to Work Index Score	70.2%	63.0%	68.4%	63%	65%	65%	On-track
4.2	OEDCA 819: Employment Discrimination Cases Pending a Final Action	737	365	315	600	600	600	On-track
4.2	OEDCA 823: Employment Discrimination Decision Accuracy Rate	1%	0%	1%	10%	10%	7%	On-track
4.2	OEDCA 880: Average Processing Time of All Employment Discrimination Final Actions		199	83	160	160	160	On-track
4.2	OEDCA 881: Employment Discrimination Cases Closed per Quarter	178	277	533	450	450	450	On-track
4.3	OGC 885: Assess adequate legal support for Agency: Average number of case hours per attorney produced each quarter.	332	330	350	325	325	325	On-track
4.3	OGC 886: Assess adequate legal support for Agency: Average number of case hours per paralegal produced each quarter.	259	254	293	250	250	250	On-track
4.3	OGC 887: Assess adequate legal support for Agency: Average dollar cost per case hour.	\$165	\$161	\$168	\$250	\$250	\$250	On-track
4.3	998-OIT Average # of daily users on VA.gov			1,455,4 37	209,496	209,496	209,496	On-track
4.3	1013-OIT Number of Application Programming Interfaces (API) using an Authoritative Data Source			10	N/A	Measur e Decom mission ed	N/A	On-track
4.3	1022-OIT System Availability of Servers			99.65%	99.99%	99.99%	99.99%	On-track
Strat. Alignment	Measure Name		Result			Targets		Measure Status

Strat.		Results			Targets			Measure
Alignment	Measure Name	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	Status
		2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	
4.3	1023-OIT IT Systems Customer Service Quality Score			3.81	3.6	3.6	3.6	On-track
4.3	1024-OIT IT Helpdesk Resolution Efficiency			87%	87%	87%	87%	On-track
4.3	1025-OIT IT Helpdesk American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI)			84.24	73.8	73.8	73.8	On-track
4.3	1026-OIT System Availability of Unified Communications			99.99%	99.99%	99.99%	99.99%	On-track
4.3	1027-OIT System Availability of Veterans Benefits Management System (VBMS)			99.25%	99.99%	99.99%	99.99%	On-track
4.3	1028-OIT System Availability of Network Services			99.99%	99.99%	99.99%	99.99%	On-track
4.3	1029-OIT System Availability of Data Centers			99.65%	99.99%	99.99%	99.99%	On-track
4.3	1030-OIT System Availability of Memorial Benefits Management Systems (MBMS)			100%	99.99%	99.99%	99.99%	On-track
4.3	1031-OIT System Availability of Video Services			99.99%	99.99%	99.99%	99.99%	On-track
4.3	1032-OIT System Availability of VistA EHR			99.99%	99.99%	99.99%	99.99%	On-track
4.3	1033-OIT Percent of VA's Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) endpoints are covered by a software asset management capability.			44%	95%	Measur e Decom mission ed	N/A	Off-track

Strat.	Measure Name		Results			Targets		Measure
Alignment		2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	Status
4.3	1034-OIT Percent of VA's unclassified network that can detect unauthorized hardware assets			95%	95%	Measur e Decom mission ed	N/A	On-track
			Results		Targets			Measure
Strat. Alignment	Measure Name	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	Status
4.3	1035-OIT Percent of High and Moderate impact VA IT systems that have Authority to Operate (ATO) on the network.			100%	100%	Measur e Decom mission ed	N/A	On-track
4.3	1036-OIT Percent of VA mobile devices are managed with the ability to remotely wipe or remove VA data from the devices.			100%	95%	Measur e Decom mission ed	N/A	On-track
4.3	1037-OIT Percent of VA privileged users required to use a PIV card or multifactor authentication method to access the network.			100%	100%	Measur e Decom mission ed	N/A	On-track
4.3	1038-OIT Percent of VA High Value Assets requiring all users to use a PIV card or multifactor authentication method to access the network.			100%	90%	Measur e Decom mission ed	N/A	On-track
4.3	1039-OIT Percent of VA users that are managed through a centralized dynamic access management solution.			100%	95%	Measur e Decom mission ed	N/A	On-track
4.3	1015-OIT Percent of email traffic is analyzed using Domain Message Authentication Reporting Conformance email authentication protocols.			100%	100%	Measur e Decom mission ed	N/A	On-track

Strat.	Measure Name		Results			Targets		Measure Status
Alignment		2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	
4.3	1016-OIT Percent of VA outbound communications that detect and prevent unauthorized data exfiltration.			N/A	90%	Measur e Decom mission ed	N/A	Off-track
			Results			Targets		Measure
Strat. Alignment	Measure Name	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	Status
4.3	1017-OIT Number of VA's data protection measures which are satisfactorily implemented.			5	4	Measur e Decom mission ed	N/A	On-track
4.4	BVA 959: Board's Accuracy Rate: Legacy Decisions	91%	92%	95%	92%	92%	*TBD	On-track
4.4	HRA/OSP 972: OSP Percent of background investigations adjudicated within 90 days of receipt (enterprise wide).		80.7%	79.64%	80%	85%	90%	Off-track
4.4	HRA/OSP 1040: Completion of Police Program Inspections			16	7	7	12	On-track
4.4	HRA/OSP 1041: Law Enforcement Training Center (LETC) VA Police Officer Standardized Training (POST) Graduation Rate			89.49%	85%	85%	85%	On-track



Selected Facilities by Type

# Selected VA Facilities by Type (As of March 2023)

Type of Facility	Number
Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Programs	117
Health Administration Management Center	1
Insurance Center	1
National Cemetery Districts	5
Extended Care (Community Living Centers)	134
Regional Loan Centers	8
Records Management Center	1
Regional Offices	56
Regional Pension Management Centers	3
Regional Education Processing Offices	2
Fiduciary Hubs	6
VA Hospitals	145
VA National Cemeteries	155
VA Other Cemeterial Installations (Soldiers' lots and	
Monument sites)	34
VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics	702
Vet Centers	300
Mobile Vet Centers	83
Veterans Benefits Administration District Offices	4
Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISNs)	18



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## Proposed Legislation Summary

#### **OTHER**

#### **Board of Veterans Appeals**

**1.** Change definition of "reasons or bases" for Board of Veterans Appeals decisions: This legislative proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 7104(d)(1) to define "reasons or bases" as "a plausible statement of the reasons for the Board of Veterans' Appeals' ultimate findings of fact and application of law to the facts found." The requirement for a "plausible" statement of the reasons for the Board's findings stems from the need to be consistent with the standard governing review of factual findings by the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC). See 38 U.S.C. § 7261. This revision would clarify that a Board decision supported by a plausible account of the evidence cannot be vacated or overturned simply because the reviewing Court believes the Board's findings could have been better explained. The majority of remanded appeals associated with "reasons and bases" do not result in changes to the final appeal disposition. Under current law, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit has held that VA adjudicators must review the entire record, but that each piece of evidence does not have to be discussed. **Gonzales v. West**, 218 F.3d 1378 (Fed. Cir. 2000). This precedent is inconsistently applied by CAVC. The current process causes further delay in providing final decisions and does not typically result in any additional benefits or access to services for Veterans, their families, caregivers or survivors. This proposal is budget neutral.

#### Human Resources and Administration

**2.** Allow use of the VA Franchise Fund to sell law enforcement training to state and local law enforcement partners receiving federal grants: This proposal would amend the paragraph under the heading "Franchise Fund" in title I of Public Law 104-204 [Pub. L. 104-204, Title I, Sept. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 2880, as amended by section 208 of title II of Pub. L. 109-114, which is set out as a note under 38 U.S.C.A. § 301] to allow the VA Franchise Fund to extend its law enforcement training services to state and local law enforcement agencies who are recipients of federal grant funds.

**3. Except retention of parking receipts from VA Central Office parking facilities from the Miscellaneous Receipts Statute:** This proposal would establish an exception to the Miscellaneous Receipts Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3302(b), allowing VA to retain employee parking fees collected for non-medical facility parking at non-GSA parking facilities within the VA Central Office campus located in Washington, DC.

**4.** Adjust annual report submission date to on the performance awards and bonuses awarded to certain high-level employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs report: This proposal would Amend 38 U.S.C. § 726(a) to read "Not later than 150 days vice the current language which states "Not later than 100 days". This will provide a clearer and more complete picture of a total compensation package for each individual. Thus, the report to Congress will contain more accurate and current information that will better answer what Congress is seeking in the report.

**5.** Change the title of the VA appropriation account "General Administration" to "Mission Support": The "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023" (PL 117-328) assigns funds to VA under the "General Administration" fund account to provide for the effective management oversight, accountability, and process improvements throughout the Department. The proposed change in title will more accurately label the critical mission capabilities currently supported by the General Administration account and improve the visibility and transparency of the critical Veteran mission support functions of the programs supported by this appropriation, which are essential to providing world-class service to Veterans, their families, beneficiaries, and survivors.

### **Office of General Counsel**

**6.** Authorize appointment of guardianship: This proposed legislation would authorize the Secretary to pursue a court appointment of a legal guardian or conservator for qualified Veteran patients who are most in need of a legal decision maker to make decisions about post-acute transitions of care and medical care not otherwise covered by 38 U.S.C. 7331. VA would not use VA staff as guardians, rather VA would initiate the paperwork and legal process that could lead to the appointment of a court-appointed decision-maker through the relevant State court systems and processes. The VA would continue to advocate for Veteran knowledgeable guardians but acknowledges that the appointment of a guardian is the court's decision.

7. Increase assessment amount and limited transfer authority for funding for the Accreditation, Discipline, and Fees Program: This proposal seeks to amend sections 5902 and 5904 of title 38, United States Code, to increase the assessment amount that VA may collect when it directly pays fees for representation to accredited claims agents and attorneys and to provide annual adjustments of the amount, indexed to Social Security increases. This proposal would also establish a limited transfer authority to defray costs incurred in carrying out the Accreditation, Discipline, and Fees Program from funds appropriated, or otherwise available, to the Department for administrative expenses for Veterans' benefits programs.

**8. Reinstate penalty for certain acts:** This proposal seeks to address a gap that currently exists in the statutory language governing the conduct of individuals who provide assistance with claims for VA benefits by reinstating a criminal penalty for certain conduct regarding fees and the preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims for VA benefits. While OGC strives to ensure that "claimants for [VA] benefits have responsible, qualified representation in the preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims for VA benefits. While OGC strives to ensure that "claimants for [VA] benefits have responsible, qualified representation in the preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims for Veterans' benefits," 38 C.F.R. § 14.626, under current statutory authority VA only has limited enforcement authority over individuals providing assistance with claims for VA benefits. This proposal would also create a single, national standard to serve as a general deterrent against bad actors and would allow for more meaningful enforcement against unaccredited individuals who are currently not subject to any Federal punishment for violations of VA law.

**9. Revise authority to accredit individuals as claims agents:** This proposal seeks to add an additional statutory requirement that an agent must be sponsored and directly supervised by a VA accredited attorney to practice before VA. This bill proposal would align the qualifications for a claims agent to practice before VA with the qualifications for non-attorney practitioners permitted to practice before the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims and would help address several difficulties in the administration of the Accreditation, Discipline, and Fees program. VA is not requesting that this legislative proposal have a retroactive effect in that this proposal would not affect any representation that has already been initiated by claims agents. The criteria would need to be met for new claimants that claims agents represent going forward.

**10. Provide equal benefits access based on marriage:** This is a proposal to amend the legislative provisions defining "spouse" and "surviving spouse" in title 38, United States Code, to remove the requirement that a spouse or surviving spouse be a person of the opposite sex. This will bring the

provisions into conformance with the June 26, 2015, ruling of the United States Supreme Court in Obergefell, which found such restrictions to be unconstitutional. This proposal would also amend section 103(c) of title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the law permits VA to recognize the same-sex marriage of all Veterans.

**11. Forfeiture of Benefits for Convictions of Subservice Activities:** This proposal seeks to update the references in 38 U.S.C. § section 6105 to reflect the changes in numbering that were made by the Military Justice Act of 2016. These changes would update the statute to make it clear that an individual convicted of aiding the enemy or spying would forfeit his or her right to gratuitous VA benefits, as was the case previously. When the precursor to section 6105 was originally enacted, article 104 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) addressed the offense of aiding the enemy and article 106 addressed the offense of spying in time of war. However, the Military Justice Act of 2016, which was enacted as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, renumbered various articles in the UCMJ without making corresponding changes to section 6015.

#### **Office of Information Technology**

**12.** Provide authority for VA to enter into cooperative agreements and grant-making: VA does not have the authority to enter into cooperative agreements or to make grants. This proposal would provide VA the legal authority needed to enter into cooperative agreements and to make grants to empower the Secretary to respond to emerging challenges and opportunities across all three administrations.

### **Office of Management**

**13. Expand funding flexibility of the Pershing Hall Revolving Fund:** This legislative proposal will provide VA additional funding flexibility in using funds in the Pershing Hall Revolving Fund by amending subparagraph (6)(A) of section 403 of Public Law (P.L.) 102-86. VA controls Pershing Hall located in Paris, France. VA leased Pershing Hall on October 20, 1998 for 99 years for redevelopment as a hotel and monument. VA receives approximately \$400,000 per year in rental income from the lease. Pershing Hall is currently operated as a mixed-use development.

**14. Eliminate requirement for quarterly conference reporting:** This proposal seeks to repeal 38 U.S.C. § 517 to eliminate the requirement for the Secretary to submit quarterly reports on conferences to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives in order to streamline the conference administrative reporting processes and to align VA's legislative requirements with those of other Federal agencies, without sacrificing the public accessibility of the desired information. Repeal of 38 U.S.C. § 517 will not eliminate the requirements for VA to monitor, control, and report conferences in a manner that minimizes expenses to the taxpayer.

**15. Improve VA healthcare facilities infrastructure:** On top of discretionary resources, VA requests additional major construction and minor construction funding as mandatory funding. This funding is for one ongoing major construction project and the completion of various minor construction projects that improve Veterans Health Administration (VHA) facilities. The major construction account funds construction projects currently costing more than \$20 million. Funding is for one ongoing project in St. Louis, MO and other advance planning and design activities and project management. Specifically, the major construction project funds a replacement bed tower, expansion of a clinical building, and new parking garage. The minor construction account funds construction projects costing less than \$20 million. Funding is for ongoing projects to improve the infrastructure of medical facilities and other Department-owned facilities to reduce the risk to patient life and safety and correct code deficiencies.

#### Office of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization

16. Recognize the Women-Owned Small Business Program in VA's procurement hierarchy of small business preferences: Subsection (h) of 38 U.S.C. § 8127 specifies a hierarchy for use of small business program preferences at VA. Commonly referred to as "Veterans First," this law directs that Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses be considered first, and other Veteran-Owned Small Businesses second, at VA. The third tier consists of Small Disadvantaged Businesses (SDBs) participating in the Small Business Act's section 8(a) program, as well as awards through the HUBZone program. This proposal would specifically add the WOSB program as part of the third tier and state that tier 3 preferences have parity. This procurement hierarchy does not specifically state when consideration should be given to the Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) program, although the hierarchy's fourth and final tier refers to "any other" preference. However, as part of its regulations implementing the WOSB program, the Small Business Administration (SBA) adopted a rule, known as the parity rule, indicating no order of preference among the Government-wide small business programs, including the 8(a), HUBZone, and WOSB programs. For consistency with SBA policy as well as practice at other Federal agencies, the third tier of VA's hierarchy should reflect this parity rule and include the WOSB program at the same level of preference as the HUBZone and 8(a) programs currently listed in the statute.

#### **Veterans Experience Office**

**17. Establish customer experience as a permanent capability in VA through a Veterans Experience Office:** VA proposes establishing the Veterans Experience Office (VEO) through statute to institutionalize customer experience as a permanent capability at VA and to align with customer experience drivers across Government, including the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Integrated Digital Experience Act and Executive Order 14058: Transforming Federal Customer Experience and Service Delivery To Rebuild Trust in Government. Maintaining a sustained organizational commitment to, and institutionalized focus on, the voice of the customer is a critical component of modernizing the Department and holding VA accountable to meet the needs and expectations of Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors, now and in the future. Establishing VEO through statute is consistent with codification of other VA offices and will ensure that VA will continue to keep the Veteran at the center in the delivery of services.

18. Eliminate submission of military documentation, photograph and fee requirements from the Veterans Identification Card Act 2015, 38 U.S.C. § 5706: VA proposes removing the following requirements for the Veteran ID Card (VIC) program: military service documentation, photograph, and fee collection. Removing these requirements will ensure that the program is aligned with other forms of ID and provide a no-cost resource for Veterans to receive appropriate privileges through an easy and efficient experience. As VA has documentation for many Veterans and can request verification only when needed – this streamlines the process for Veterans. Removal of the photograph requirement reduces software complexity that would be required to build the VIC into VA's mobile app, and keeps the card in alignment of being used in place of DD-214 discharge papers for goods, services and promotional activities.

#### **Office of the Secretary**

**19. Update statute for Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans and Center for Minority Veterans:** This proposal would amend 38 U.S. Code § 544 - Advisory Committee on Minority and

Historically Underserved Veterans to update the groups to be served by the Center for Minority Veterans and the Advisory Committee on Veterans Affairs (ACMV) and improves ACMV operations.

### NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

#### **National Cemetery Administration**

**20.** Authorize use of VA nonprofit research and education corporations to support the Veterans Legacy Program: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 7361 and add new section 38 U.S.C. § 2416 to allow a non-profit corporation (NPC) established under those authorities to support Veterans Legacy Program (VLP) activities. An NPC that agrees to provide this support for VLP would have to comply with all the requirements in Subchapter IV of Chapter 73, plus the additional requirements in new section 2416 that are specific to support of VLP. An NPC that supports VLP under this proposed legislation would also be authorized to solicit donations to VLP under the gift solicitation authority. Any donations received by the NPCs for the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) would only be used for VLP activities approved by the NCA VLP Director

**21. Provide permanent authority for burial of spouses and dependent children who predecease active duty servicemembers:** This proposal would eliminate the sunset date contained in 38 U.S.C. §§ 2306 and 2402 that will rescind VA's authority to inter in a VA national cemetery and mark the gravesite of the spouse and dependent child of a member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty at the time of the spouse's or child's death. Without amendment, VA will no longer be able to bury or memorialize these family members of active duty Servicemembers after September 30, 2024.

**22. Expand eligibility for government-furnished headstone, marker, or medallion for Medal of Honor recipients:** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 2306 to allow VA to furnish or replace a headstone, marker, or medallion for the grave of an eligible Medal of Honor recipient, regardless of the recipient's dates of service, date of death, or location. VA is currently authorized to do so only for those recipients who served on or after April 6, 1917. Because the Medal of Honor represents extraordinary and distinctive service, it should be permanently and distinctly memorialized for all recipients, regardless of the individual's dates of service.

**23.** Authorize designation of eligibility for a flag: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 2301(e) to authorize the Secretary to determine eligibility for a flag to drape the casket of an individual whom the Secretary has designated as eligible for burial in a national cemetery under 38 U.S.C. § 2402(a)(6). Currently, VA is required to provide a flag to drape the casket of anyone designated eligible under § 2402(a)(6), although the Secretary may designate for burial individuals who have no military service, such as children or other family members of eligible Veterans.

**24. Provide group burial markers:** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 2306 to clearly authorize VA National Cemetery Administration (NCA) to provide a single appropriate headstone or marker for certain groups of individuals who are eligible for individual headstones or markers, but who are buried in a mass grave.

25. Change burial benefit eligibility requirement for other-than-dishonorable service for deaths in active service: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 2402(a)(1) to require that a Servicemember who dies in active service must have been serving under conditions other than dishonorable to be eligible for burial in a national cemetery. This proposal would also amend 38 U.S.C. § 2306(b)(4)(A) and (g)(2) to impose the same requirement for eligibility for a memorial headstone or marker and amend 38 U.S.C. § 2301(d) to do the same for eligibility for a burial flag.

**26. Require use of dignified burial containers for interments in VA national cemeteries:** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 2404 to prohibit use of cardboard containers for the interment of unclaimed Veteran remains in VA national cemeteries, unless approved by the family or authorized representative of the Veteran specifies such use.

**27. Require funeral homes to inform Veteran families of VA programs:** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 2414 to require funeral homes to inform families of Veteran decedents about VA burial and memorialization benefits to increase awareness of available VA programs.

**28.** Allow interment of certain persons in cemeteries that receive plot allowance for Veteran **burials:** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 2303 to allow cemeteries that inter certain individuals to receive VA's plot allowance for eligible Veteran burials. Currently, section 2303(b)(1) includes restrictions that require cemeteries wanting to collect the plot allowance to be operated solely for the interment of certain persons for the plot allowance to be payable. This proposal would allow provision of the plot allowance to cemeteries who inter Veterans who were discharged or released from service under conditions other than dishonorable but are not eligible for burial in a national cemetery because of the section 5303A requirement, their spouses, and eligible dependent children.

### VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

### **Medical Care Collections Fund**

**29. Eliminate Veteran cost-share for contraception:** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 1710, to eliminate VA copayments for contraception. In an effort to improve access and affordability, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and its implementing regulations and guidance eliminated out-of-pocket costs for contraception for most insurance plans. Contrary to the situation of the general United States population under certain other Federal or private insurance plans, VA still requires some Veterans to pay a copay for contraception. To improve access to contraception and improve health outcomes, VA proposes to eliminate cost-sharing for contraception medications, and to eliminate cost-sharing for contraception-related health care and services when contraception-related services are the only care provided within the visit.

**30. Treat VA as a participating provider by third-party payers:** This proposal would allow VA, for purposes of reimbursement, to be treated as a participating provider, whether or not an agreement is in place with a third-party payer or health insurer, and exempt from any benefit plan or third-party payer requirements for referrals, primary care provider selection, pre-authorizations, notifications or similar requirements, thus preventing the effect of excluding coverage or limiting payment of charges for VA care.

**31. Extend VA's authority to collect first party copayments for hospital care:** The provision would amend 38 U.S.C. § 1710(f)(2)(B) to make permanent VA's authority to collect an amount equal to \$10 for every day VA provides hospital care for a Veteran in Priority Group 7 or Priority Group 8. This current authority expires September 30, 2024.

**32. Third-Party Payer Enforcement Provision:** This proposal would allow VA to institute administrative enforcement actions against third party payers who fail to comply with provisions of 38 U.S.C. §1729 and supporting regulations at 38 CFR §17.101 and 38 CFR §17.106. Any funds collected through this enforcement provision would be returned to the Medical Care Collections Fund to provide additional services to Veterans across the nation.

**33.** Update definition of Medical Care Collection Fund: This proposal would create authority for TRICARE collections to be deposited into the Medical Care Collection Fund (MCCF) under 38 U.S.C. 1729A. This authority would consolidate third party payer collections, including TRICARE, CHAMPVA, False Claims Act recoveries, and other amounts recovered through administrative processes, into a single fund. This change would allow for greater efficiency in the collection process and make these new MCCF collections available for medical care programs rather than returning them directing to the Treasury Department.

**34. Collection of Other Health Information:** This proposal would create an enforcement mechanism to enforce disclosure of third-party health plan contract information as required by the Jeff Miller and Richard Blumenthal Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2016 (P.L. 114-315). For any Veteran not providing health plan contract information, VA would charge the Veteran at rates prescribed by 38 CFR § 17.102.

### **Medical Care**

**35. Behavioral Recovery Outreach:** This new proposal would permit VA to provide certain transitional care services to assist with successful transitions of Veterans with complex care needs to non-VA care settings when they are discharged from VA inpatient settings (includes VA inpatient acute medicine and acute mental health, as well as Community Living Centers).

**36. VA Payment for Medical Foster Home:** This proposal would require the VA to include in the program of extended care services the provision of care in medical foster homes (MFH) for Veterans for whom VA is required to provide nursing home care. MFHs provide an alternative to long-stay nursing home (NH) care at a much lower cost. The program has already proven to be safe, preferable to Veterans, highly Veteran-centric, and half the cost to VA compared to NH care.

**37. Transportation of Individuals to and from Department of Veterans Affairs Facilities:** VA proposes legislation to make permanent the authority or at minimum a 5-year extension of authority in 38 U.S.C. § 111A(a)(1) for VA to transport any person to or from a VA facility or other place in connection with certain services and treatment. The law provides an expiration date of one year after date of enactment. The authority has been extended to September 30, 2024.

**38.** Maintaining Consistent Access to Critical Treatments Through Telehealth: VA proposes an amendment to 38 U.S.C. § 1730C (Licensure of Health Care Professionals of the Department of Veterans Affairs Providing Treatment Via Telemedicine) to specify that VA-employed providers will not be subject to State laws governing the prescription of controlled substances through telehealth. The amendment would require covered health care professionals to instead follow Federal standards related to quality, control, and safety for controlled substance prescribing through telemedicine which VA would establish in consultation with the Attorney General. Establishing a single Federal framework of standards for telehealth-controlled substance prescribing would enable VA to provide the same level of service to Veterans irrespective of their location in a State or their providers' State of licensure.

**39. Grants for Transportation of Rural Veterans:** VA proposes to amend the statutory authority for its Grant Program for Transportation of Highly Rural Veterans to allow VA to better carry out the law's purpose. Specifically, VA is proposing to increase the maximum amount per grant from \$50,000 to \$60,000, and to make available an additional \$80,000 for a grantee who may be required to purchase a vehicle to comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disability Act. VA is also proposing to modify the current legislative definition of rurality to conform to VA's definition of rurality. Additionally, VA proposes to expand the scope of this authority to include both Highly Rural and Rural Veterans, and to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated under the law without fiscal year limitation.

**40.** Update and Extension of Authority for the Monthly Assistance Allowance for Disabled Veterans Training in Paralympic and Olympic Sports Program: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. 322(d) realign the Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events under the Veterans Health Administration, which currently operates the VMAA program, and extends 38 U.S.C. 322(d) appropriations authorizations for the program through the end of FY2027 by amending the current expiration date. Finally, the United States Olympic Committee formally changed its name to the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee in June 2019. This legislative proposal seeks to update any references to the United States Olympic Committee to accurately state the organization's new name.

**41. Reporting to Public Health Authorities:** This proposal is an amendment to 38 U.S.C. § 5701 to permit disclosure of health information, including Veteran name and address, to state and local public health authorities for disease and immunization reporting when not explicitly mandated by state law. Historically, 38 U.S.C. § 5701(f) has prevented VHA from providing or sharing patient information relating to communicable or infectious disease, immunization, and other public health and safety reporting with state and local public health authorities unless the reporting requirement is mandated by state law or the Veteran has provided individual signed, written consent. The restriction under title 38 U.S.C. poses barriers to the coordination of public health and safety of our Veterans and communities when compared to other confidentiality provisions, such as the Privacy Act and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule, that govern the sharing of health information.

**42.** Authorization for Appropriations Supportive Services for Very Low-Income Veterans' Families: This proposal would amend title 38 U.S.C. § 2044(e)(1)(H) to make permanent the appropriations authority due to expire September 30, 2024, in accordance with Sec. 303 P.L. 117-180. VA proposes to authorize appropriations at the necessary amounts for the Supportive Services for Very Low-Income Veteran' Families (SSVF) program beginning in FY 2025 and in perpetuity. The SSVF Program provides supportive services to very low-income Veteran families in or transitioning to permanent housing. Funds are granted to private non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives that assist very low-income Veteran families by providing a range of supportive services designed to promote housing stability.

**43.** Amendment to Expand Coverage for Nurse Executive Special Pay: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 7452(g)(1) allowing the Under Secretary for Health to authorize VHA nurse executives special pay. This amendment will provide the Under Secretary the authority to define the VHA nursing positions that will be eligible to receive nurse executive special pay.

**44. Expand Authority to Provide Bereavement Counseling and Support: "To Care...for his widow and his orphan.":** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 1783 to allow VA staff to offer and provide bereavement counseling and support services to grieving family or legal guardians of deceased Veterans who were enrolled in VA's health care system. This authority would remove current legal barriers that limit who is eligible for bereavement services. Generally stated, VA staff could provide bereavement counseling (up to four formal sessions) and customary bereavement support services (e.g., offerings of condolence, participation in memorial services, etc.) for up to 13 months after the death of any Veteran, often via a phone call or telehealth platform, to provide needed bereavement care for families of deceased enrolled Veterans. Similar to other authorities, the term "family" is defined here as "a person related to the Veteran by birth or marriage who lives with the veteran or has regular personal contact with the veteran; (2) the veteran's legal guardian or surrogate; (3) a primary or secondary family caregiver or a general caregiver; or (4) an individual in whose household the Veteran has certified an intention to live."

**45. Title 38 Compensation System for Medical Center Directors and Network Directors:** This proposal would establish a compensation system under title 38 for the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) occupations of Medical Center Director and Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) Director appointed under 38 U.S.C. § 7401(4). Under this system, the rates of pay for employees in these positions would be set and adjusted by the Secretary. Under the proposal pay would be determined through a methodology similar to the market pay authority currently in place for VHA physicians, dentists, and podiatrists under title 38 U.S.C. § 7431.

**46.** Authorize VA to provide comprehensive dental care to certain Veterans with service-connected dental conditions or disabilities: This proposal amends 38 U.S.C. § 1712 and permits VA to provide dental care to eligible Veterans to include authority to provide comprehensive dental care to Veterans who have a service-connected dental condition or disability that is compensable in degree and Veterans who have a service-connected dental condition or disability due to combat wounds or other service trauma (which corresponds to Class I and Class IIa Veterans, respectively, in 38 CFR 17.161(a) and (c)).

VA has historically provided comprehensive dental care to these groups of Veterans. However, VA reviewed its statutory authority to provide dental care and discovered further clarification of the statute is needed to allow VA to continue with their current practice.

**47. Increasing Pharmacist Executive Special Pay Limitation from \$40,000 to \$100,000 (previously \$75,000):** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 7410(b)(1) to increase the maximum amount of pharmacist executive special incentive pay that may be available to some VA Pharmacist Executives from \$40,000 to \$100,000. Executive pay at a competitive rate offers VA the ability to recruit senior pharmacist executive positions from within and outside VA. Improving the applicant pool would significantly impact the readiness to recruit and retain these key Pharmacy Benefit Manager positions by addressing the lack of competitiveness to private sector salaries with a long-term solution. Raising the limitation on pharmacist executive incentive pay to a more competitive maximum rate would provide VA with the leverage needed to recruit and retain pharmacist executives in any location across the United States where the VA provides health care.

**48.** Amend Pay Cap for Registered Pharmacists in Grade 15 and Grade 14: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 7455(c)(2) to change the annual salary limitation for GS-15 pharmacist leaders from EX Level IV, \$176,300 in 2022 to EX Level I, at \$226,300 in 2022, and that the limitation for GS-14 pharmacists be set at the EX Level II, at \$203,700 in 2022. The current pay limitation is resulting in an inability to remain competitive in most local labor markets. The recruitment and retention of pharmacist leaders at the GS-14 and GS-15 has been critically impacted, and VA is experiencing lower numbers of qualified applicants from internal and external advertisements. Unfortunately, VA has had highly qualified candidates turn down offers of employment due to pay, resulting in longer recruitment periods. Recruiting and retaining highly skilled and adept leaders for these critical pharmacy leadership positions is essential to VHA. The ten-year costs associated with this legislative proposal represent less than 0.4 percent of pharmacy budget dollars managed by these key pharmacy leaders.

**49.** Additional Physician Pay for Hours Worked in Excess of the Biweekly Work Requirement During a Declared Emergency: This proposal would create 38 U.S.C. § 7434 to authorize additional straight time pay for hours worked in excess of the biweekly work requirement for physicians for the duration of any emergency. Current statutory authorities do not provide for additional pay for VHA physicians working on a legal holiday, Saturday, or Sunday, at night, on overtime or for on-call duty. Currently, VA policy clearly states that full-time physicians "are employed on the basis of availability for duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week." The continuous provision of care during emergency operations requires physicians to work extended hours well beyond their normal schedules in emergent and potentially dangerous situations.

**50.** Treatment Authority for Infertility Counseling and Infertility Treatment using Assisted Reproductive Technology, Including In-Vitro Fertilization, for Certain Veterans and their Partners, and Authority to Provide Reimbursement for Adoption-Related Expenses for Certain Veterans: This legislative proposal would enhance equity by expanding access to Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART), including in vitro fertilization (IVF) and adoption reimbursement to single Veterans, those in same-sex relationships, and those who need donor gametes and/or embryos to build their families. This legislative proposal is necessary to fill the gap created by the legal requirements, exclusions, and limitations in VA's current program. It would also help VA comply with its statutory mission to provide a complete set of hospital and medical services for Veterans.

**51. Removal of Special Need Grant Authority:** This proposal would amend Section 2061 of Title 38, United States Code, by striking the entire section. 38 U.S.C. § 2061 established a grant program to encourage development of programs for homeless Veterans with special needs, including women, frail elderly, terminally ill, chronically mentally ill or individuals who have care of minor dependents. As required by the statute, the Grant and Per Diem office started the special need program in 2004. However, to tremendous advancements in the field, the specific needs of Veterans are being met by a wide variety

of programs. Grants under section 2061 "to encourage development" of these programs that already exist are no longer needed.

**52. Medical Student Support in Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences Leading to VA Service Obligation:** VA currently has over 1,000 physician vacancies and urgently needs a pipeline of well-trained physician providers and leaders. To fulfill this need, the VA requests the authority to implement a joint VA-United States Public Health Service (PHS) Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) for students enrolled in the Hébert School of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU). This new program and legislative authority would enable VA to expand its own HPSP program and fund the education of medical students enrolled in USU as commissioned junior PHS officers who will ultimately serve as VA physicians to fulfill their ten-year PHS service obligation. This program will provide VA with a committed cadre of Veteran-oriented, mission-focused physicians.

**53. Establish Office of Research and Development Hiring Authority Under Title 38:** This proposal would amend section 7405, title 38 United States Code to specifically cover employees appointed into the excepted service to support Office of Research and Development (ORD) research activities in the VHA. Moving to a single appointing authority using the title 38 personnel system will allow VHA to ensure continuity and support research projects that are funded by ORD, taking advantage of title 38 staffing and recruitment flexibilities to meet the unique staffing needs for research activities.

**54.** Appointments of Psychologists Pending License or Certification: This proposal would amend title 38 U.S.C. § 7402(b)(8)(C) to allow the VA Secretary to waive the licensure or certification requirement for an individual psychologist for a reasonable time recommended by the Under Secretary for Health.

**55.** Amend 38 U.S.C. § 7455 to Include Security Officers, Physical Security Specialists and Security Specialists: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 7455(a)(2)(C) to include Physical Security Specialists, Security Officers and Security Specialists to the list of positions eligible for increases in rates of basic pay. The proposed amendment is needed to eliminate the expansive pay disparity between the Security Officers, Physical Security Specialists, Security Specialists and Police Officers. VHA Police Officers are currently covered under 38 U.S.C. § 7455 and have established special rates across VHA. Expanding coverage to include Physical Security Specialists, Security Specialists and Security Officers, would allow Medical Centers to establish competitive rates and effectively address the pay disparities causing recruitment and retention challenges for critical Security Officers, Physical Security Specialists, and Security Specialists positions (i.e., Chiefs of Police, Deputy Chiefs of Police).

**56. Reimbursement of Continuing Professional and Medical Education for all full-time Board-Certified Physician Assistants and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses:** This proposal would amend 38 USC. § 7411 to include the authority to reimburse continuing professional education requirements for full-time board-certified physician assistants (PAs) and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs). The proposed legislative authority would extend the current nondiscretionary continuing education funding provided to physicians for \$1,000/year/physician to PAs and APRNs.

**57. Expand Eligibility for the Specialty Education Loan Repayment Program:** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 7693 and § 7696 to expand eligibility to include those individuals who are in an accredited fellowship program or have six months or more remaining in their training.

**58.** Amendments to Domiciliary Care Statute – Numerical Limit on Programs: VA proposes to amend 38 U.S.C. § 2043(a) to remove the numerical limit on the number of DCHV programs that may be established under 38 U.S.C. § 1710(b). In order to fully address Veterans' emergent mental health needs and accomplish VA's goal of preventing and ending homelessness, VA must have the flexibility to assess Veteran need when planning and implementing domiciliary facilities for homeless Veterans who are located throughout the Nation. Although VA's Enrollee Health Care Projection Model projects a need for

fewer residential beds, it does project the need for additional smaller MH RRTPs to be established throughout the country based on Veteran demographics and needs. Amending 38 U.S.C. § 2043 will give VA needed flexibility in providing domiciliary care under the DHCV program which is in line with VA's goal of seamless access and greater choice for Veterans requiring care as well as efforts to modernize systems to focus resources more efficiently.

**59.** Aggregate Pay Limitation for VHA Physicians, Podiatrists, and Dentists: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 7431 to eliminate the performance pay and the base and longevity pay components of the physician, podiatrist and dentist pay system under 38 U.S.C. § 7431(a)(3) and (d). In its place, VHA proposes to have a single market pay component, which will include enhanced market pay criteria that addresses productivity and performance measures.

**60. Eliminate the Maximum Allowable Special Rate Limitation:** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 7455 to eliminate the maximum allowable special rate limitation (percentage supplement) for all eligible title 38 professionals, hybrids, healthcare occupations, and VA Police Officers. Based on significant recruitment and retention difficulties attributed to soaring private sector rates for healthcare occupations, there is already a legislative exception in 38 U.S.C. § 7455(c)(1) to exceed the 69% special rate supplement limitation, but only for certified nurse anesthetists, licensed practical/vocational nurses, nursing positions otherwise covered by title 5, pharmacists, and licensed physical therapists. For other health care occupations and VHA Police Officers in various geographic areas across the country, the 69% special rate supplement limitation continues to restrict VA's ability to provide competitive rates of pay.

**61. Removal of Cap on Community Living Centers authorized beds established by Millennium Law:** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. 1710B(b) Section 1710B(b) which requires the VA Secretary to ensure that the staffing and level of extended care services provided during any fiscal year are not less than the staffing and level of such services at the level identified during the fiscal year 1998. Striking this section would allow VA to adjust staffing levels as needed in line with current clinical needs of our Veteran population.

**62.** Permit Veterans Affairs Mold Inspections to be Conducted by Any Qualified Inspector and Eliminate Reporting Requirement: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. Section 1701 to permit the inspections to be conducted by any qualified inspectors, and not limited to a non-profit entity. In addition, because mold inspections are and have been conducted under ongoing established programs, we are requesting that the reporting requirement to Congress be removed. Before the passage of this requirement, VHA had ongoing and established programs for conducting mold inspections at all VA medical facilities using VA inspection staff. We believe that these ongoing programs meet the intent of the law and we are requesting that the law be modified to permit the inspections to be conducted by any qualified inspectors, and not limited to a non-profit entity.

**63.** Assistant Under Secretary for Health Non-Physician Limitation: This proposal incorporates changes to sections of 38 U.S.C. 7306 to allow for greater organizational flexibility and administrative efficiency. Currently, Section 7306(a)(3) limits the number of Assistant Secretary for Health (ASUHs) to eight. Section 7306(b)(1) further provides that of those eight appointed under 7306(a)(3), not more than two may be persons qualified in the administration of health services who are not doctors of medicine, dental surgery, or dental medicines. While VHA recognizes the need for a clinical background for some AUSH roles, the requirements of those specific AUSH positions should be identified in the position itself as opposed to statute. VHA requests that the USH have discretion to designate the appropriate number of AUSH positions and to determine the appropriate makeup of clinical and non-clinical executives to fill those positions.

**64. Title 38 Staffing and Compensation for Sterile Processing Medical Supply Technicians:** This proposal would modify and amend title 38 to appoint Sterile Processing Medical Supply Technicians (MST/SPs) as full-time personnel under 38 U.S.C. § 7401(1). It would also establish the period of

appointment and promotions for MST/SPs under 38 U.S.C. § 7403, personnel administration and collective bargaining under § 7421 and for competitive and additional pay in §§ 7451 and 7454. The proposal would streamline the appointment authority for the occupation, establish the same general appointment, personnel administration and collective bargaining as other title 38 professionals appointed under § 7401(1), as well as realign compensation to ensure rates of pay are competitive to other private sector health care facilities in the same labor-market areas.

**65. Hiring Noncitizen Health Care Providers in VA under Title 38:** This proposal would modify and amend title 38 to eliminate the VA's requirement to make labor market determinations when appointing or extending the appointments of noncitizens in occupations under section 7401(1).

**66. Extend CHAMPVA Eligibility for Covered Children up to Age 26:** This proposal amends 38 U.S.C. § 1781(c) to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) up to age 26 regardless of student or marital status and to further define "child" for the purposes of this section.

**67. Waiver of 24-Month Requirement for Reimbursement of Emergency Treatment under 38 U.S.C. § 1725 for Recently Enrolled Veterans:** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C § 1725 subparagraph (B) to exempt recently enrolled Veterans who are still awaiting an initial VA appointment from the 24-month requirement as they are unable to satisfy that requirement. Currently, as a condition of reimbursement for the emergency treatment of a non-service-connected condition, section 1725 requires that Veterans must be enrolled in VA health care and must have received VA care within the 24-months preceding the emergency treatment.

**68. Elimination of Congressionally Mandated Report on the Use of Authorities to Enhance Retention of Experience Nurses:** This proposal would strike title. 38 U.S.C §7324. Preparation of the annual report requires extensive manual processes to gather data from electronic systems from several program areas. The report has historically revealed no remarkable findings and is not a source document used to make decisions regarding recruitment or retention of nurses. VA believes the report to review utilization of this flexibility will not provide Congress with any useful information to assess the effectiveness of the program, show any patterns for which action could be taken, nor facilitate congressional oversight of VA's utilization of the program. In addition, future efforts to align VA nursing qualifications with community standards are underway with changes to education waivers being proposed based on the 2011 Institute of Medicine report "The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health."

**69.** Increasing the Expenditure Cap to Provide Non-Institutional Care Alternatives to Nursing Home Care: This proposal will amend 38 U.S.C. § 1720C(d). Under the current statute, the total cost of non-institutional care for a Veteran may not exceed 65 percent of the cost for nursing home care. This proposal would replace the current cap of 65 percent with a 100 percent cap.

**70. Remove the requirement for the VA's Office of the Inspector General to conduct their annual assessment of staffing shortages and replace with Veterans Health Administration:** This proposal would modify 38 U.S.C. § 7412 to remove the requirement for OIG to conduct their annual assessment of Staffing Shortages and replace with VHA.

**71. Amendments to Domiciliary Care Statutes – Income Limitation:** This legislative proposal would amend title 38 U.S.C. § 1710(b) to facilitate modernization of the delivery of domiciliary care under VA's) Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation and Treatment Programs (MH RRTP). This modernization is part of an enterprise-wide effort to align the program's outdated domiciliary care statutory authority with MH RRTP's state of the art clinical care model. The proposed amendments also clarified that domiciliary care provides temporary, not permanent, residence to veterans. While VA has updated its domiciliary care regulations, a statutory change is necessary to fully modernize the program.

**72.** Appointments of Unlicensed Licensed Professional Mental Health Counselors: This proposal would modify 38 U.S.C § 7402(b)(11)(B) to allow the VA Secretary to waive the licensure requirement for an individual licensed professional mental health counselor (LPMHC) and to allow an LPMHC a reasonable time period to obtain their license, as recommended by the Under Secretary for Health. This proposal seeks to ensure that the statute found in 38 U.S.C. § 7402 is consistent for all mental health occupations in VHA. This proposal would provide LPMHCs the same waiver to obtain the required credentials as a social worker and marriage and family therapist.

**73. Schedule A: Temporary Appointments for Title 5 Occupations:** During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of Personnel Management granted VA the authority to use Schedule A hiring authority under 5 CFR 213.3102(i)(3), which allows for appointment of title 5 staff on a temporary basis without regard to competitive procedures. This legislative proposal would grant VA a similar authority to make temporary excepted service appointments during a period of emergency or crisis in Veterans' health care, or other operational impediment significantly affecting VA health care, as declared by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs

74. Increase the Maximum Per Diem Rate for Services to Homeless Veterans under the Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program: The current statutory authority requires that, when the COVID-19 public health emergency declaration ends (currently announced as expected to terminate on May 11, 2023), the maximum rate for per diem payments under the GPD program may not exceed the rate that is 115% or 150% of the authorized State Home domiciliary rate. This amendment will allow VA to increase per diem payments under the GPD program so that grantees may request up to 200% of the State Home domiciliary rate. Also, it will allow the Secretary to nimbly make adjustments to per diem limits in response to emergent community needs, including a public health emergency. Although not expected under typical operating circumstances, authorizing the Secretary to make adjustments to per diem rates above 200% would enable the Department to act quickly to provide funding for emergent operational needs (e.g., alternate sites of care, additional staff, infection control supplies) should another public health or similar emergency occur.

75. Flexibility in the provision of assistance to Homeless Veterans: This proposal allows VA to secure critically essential resources and services for homeless Veterans, including assistance required for safety and survival (such as food, shelter, clothing, blankets and hygiene items), transportation required to support stability and health (such as for appointments with service providers, conducting housing searches, and obtaining food and supplies), communications equipment and services (such as tablets, smartphones, disposable phones, and related service plans) required to support stability and health (such as maintain contact with service providers, prospective landlords and family), and such other assistance as the Secretary determines is needed. The barriers that this proposal addresses existed before the COVID-19 public health emergency and will persist after the declaration has ended, increasing risks to Veteran's safety, survival and wellbeing and negatively impacting living conditions. VA providers need the continued flexibility and access to critical resources provided by this authority to carry out the mission of making Veteran homelessness rare, brief, and non-reoccurring. Use of Department land allows for the flexibility to use designated areas on VA medical center campuses to offer temporary housing, food, access to health care, case management, peer support, and a clean environment to vulnerable unsheltered homeless Veterans. This is needed to address the continuing high number of unsheltered homeless Veterans nationally, and the need for low barrier safe haven settings that can provide 24 hours per day, 7 days per week immediate access to shelter and services for Veterans.

**76. Technical corrections to legislation pertaining to the querying of and disclosing information to State prescription drug monitoring programs:** This proposal would amend title 38 U.S.C. §1730B, Access to State prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMP), to correct uncertainties in the language of the original text, and to 38 U.S.C. 5701(l) (Confidential nature of claims) to allow VA to disclose information about our patients to State PDMPs, all of which are required to receive information about that

patient from the PDMPs. The suggested changes if enacted would, (1) Amend 38 U.S.C. § 1730B(a)(1) to clarify the purposes for which a licensed health care provider or delegate may query the PDMPs under the statute; (2) Amend 38 U.S.C. § 1730B(b) to amend the definition of the term 'covered patient' by eliminating the current hospice/palliative care exception and by not limiting to only patients who are receiving a controlled substance prescription; (3) Amend 38 U.S.C. § 1730B(c)(3) to specify that licensed health care providers that are covered within this provision includes both VA employees and contractors. VA wants to ensure that it can fully meet the mission of promoting the safe and effective prescribing of controlled substances, as § 1730B requires, and to conduct PDMP queries at any time there is a verifiable clinical need, by any staff that are deemed by VA as qualified to do the query, and for any patient that is clinically determined to require a PDMP query for the broader purpose of properly diagnosing or treating covered patients.

### **VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Compensation Service**

**77. Extend the authority for operations of the Manila VA Regional Office:** This proposal would extend the authority currently provided by 38 U.S.C. § 315(b) to maintain the operations of the Manila RO from October 1, 2022, to December 31, 2025.

**78. Remove matches performed to prevent duplication of benefits in accordance with the prohibitions specified in 38 U.S.C. § 5304 from the Privacy Act definition of "matching agreement":** This proposal would amend the Privacy Act statute to include as an exception matches of information between VA and the Department of Defense for purposes of preventing, reducing, or ameliorating any duplication of benefits, in accordance with the prohibitions specified by 38 U.S.C. § 5304. The Privacy Act, under 5 U.S.C. § 552a, generally requires government entities to provide individualized notice before acting on information received from a data "matching agreement." However, the Privacy Act also contains certain exceptions to what is considered a matching agreement.

**79. Eliminate the direct payment of fees from VA to accredited agents and attorneys:** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. §§ 5904(a)(6) and (d) to eliminate the authority for VA to make direct payments of fees to agents or attorneys.

**80. Eliminate sunset date on the licensure requirements (portability) for contractor medical professionals to perform medical disability examinations and expand the definition of a health care professional:** This proposal would amend P.L. 116-315 § 2002 to remove the sunset date and redefine "health care professional." The expansion of license portability to any health care professional deemed appropriate by VA to conduct medical disability examinations would provide it with greater flexibility to complete such examinations. The removal of the sunset date and expansion of how a health care professional is defined are critical to ensure continuous completion of thorough, accurate, and timely compensation and pension examinations to veterans, thereby leading to timely and accurate rating decisions associated with VA benefit entitlement.

**81.** Allow electronic decision notification and other communications: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. §§ 5100, 5104, 5104B, 5112(b)(6), 7104, 7105, 7105A and 7266 to specifically allow for electronic notification of benefit decisions and other communications in the course of adjudicating claims.

#### Insurance

**82.** Amend to allow faster payment of government life insurance benefits: This proposal would amend title 38 U.S.C. §§ 1917, 1922B, 1950, and 1952 to align the order of precedence and the time

periods under which VA will pay alternate beneficiaries when a designated beneficiary does not file a claim for life insurance proceeds.

**83.** Include all veterans under 81 years of age for Veterans' Affairs Life Insurance coverage eligibility: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 1922B to include all Veterans under 81 years of age for Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALife) coverage eligibility.

**84.** Make technical amendment to allow VA to contest insurance policies issued due to administrative error: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 1910 to allow VA to contest erroneously issued or duplicate insurance policies above the statutory maximum.

**85. Make amendment to reimburse Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance administrative costs from life insurance program funds:** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 2106 to reimburse Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance (VMLI) administrative expenses from VMLI program collections under the mandatory Veterans Insurance and Indemnities account, rather than from discretionary budget appropriations.

**86. Make technical amendment to add Space Force to definition of Uniformed Service for Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance:** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 1910 to allow VA to contest erroneously issued or duplicate insurance policies above the statutory maximum.

#### **Pension and Fiduciary**

**87.** Allow VA contractors and vendors access to federal tax return information for purposes of assisting in the administration of certain VA benefit programs and maintaining the systems that VA uses to administer these programs: This proposal would amend 26 U.S.C. § 6103(1)(7)(D)(viii) to permit VA contractors and vendors access to tax return information disclosed to VA pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6103(1)(7)(D)(viii). VA administers income-based programs using information technology systems that are generally maintained by the Department's contractors and would continue to make determinations of entitlement and other discretionary decisions based upon the federal tax information (FTI). This proposal would allow VA authorized contract personnel access to return information to assist in the administration of the programs. Additionally, this proposal would enhance VA's automation initiative, which is dependent on contractors and vendors having access.

**88.** Pay accrued benefits to reimburse the person(s) who bore the expense on a first-to-file basis: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 5121 to alter language to transition to pay accrued benefits to reimburse the person(s) who bore the expense on first-to-file basis. The process would be changed to require all expenses for a Veteran to be filed in a single application to be eligible for reimbursement of the lesser of the total amount of the expenses paid or the amount of the accrued monies due the Veteran. If multiple people contributed toward expenses of the Veteran's last sickness and burial, one co-applicant would be allowed to be included on the application; however, the claimant(s) would submit expense documentation from everyone who contributed to the single application. That is, if there are no living persons who are entitled on the basis of relationship, accrued benefits in their entirety would be available to the first eligible individual to file a claim for the benefits based upon reimbursement.

**89.** Authorize VA to pay a flat rate for the cost of domestic transportation of a deceased veteran to a national cemetery or covered veterans' cemetery: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 2308 to authorize VA to pay a one-time, inflation-indexed, flat-rate benefit for the domestic transportation of a deceased Veteran to a national cemetery or covered veterans' cemetery, or upon the qualifying death of a Veteran.

**90. Improve repayment of VA benefits payments for misused benefits:** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 6107, which authorizes VA to reissue benefits to a beneficiary or the beneficiary's successor fiduciary if the beneficiary's VA-appointed fiduciary misuses the beneficiary's benefits, to eliminate the

requirement that, prior to reissuing misused funds, the Secretary determine whether the misuse resulted from the negligent failure of the Secretary to investigate or monitor a fiduciary. As Section 7005 of Public Law 116-315 requires VA to reissue benefits in every case of misuse and no longer relies on the question of negligence, this amendment would allow VA to utilize program oversight as a tool for monitoring misuse determinations and remove the requirement of VA to conduct a negligence determination prior to the distribution of the misused funds.

#### 91. Amend 38 U.S.C. § 5502(a)(1) to preempt the applicability of state laws to VA-appointed

**fiduciaries:** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 5502(a)(1) to preempt the applicability of State law regarding guardianships and other matters to ensure a national standard of practice for payment of benefits to or on behalf of VA beneficiaries who cannot manage their benefits. This proposal as written, will clarify the statutes impacting VA beneficiaries who may be subject to State guardianship laws, create a concise national standard of practice for VA beneficiaries, and reduce the challenges to VA's authority in State courts forcing VA to defend Congress' intent to preempt State laws in guardianship matters as they relate to VA benefits.

92. Extend the statutory marriage delimiting date for surviving spouses of Gulf War veterans: This proposal would amend the statutory marriage delimiting date in 38 U.S.C. § 1541(f)(1)(E) for surviving spouses of Gulf War Veterans for purposes of determining entitlement to survivors' pension. Due to the ongoing Gulf War, VA proposes to replace the outdated prescribed delimiting date of January 1, 2001, with a date that is 10 years and 1 day following the future prescribed ending date of the Gulf War.

**93. Eliminate entitlement to additional pension for veterans who are permanently and totally disabled and have additional disability or disabilities rated 60 percent or more and eliminate the requirement for a permanent and total disability rating for entitlement to a higher maximum annual pension rate for veterans who are permanently housebound:** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 1521(e) by: (1) eliminating entitlement to additional pension for Veterans who are permanently and totally disabled and have additional disability or disabilities rated 60 percent or more; and (2) removing the requirement that Veterans who are permanently housebound be rated permanently and totally disabled to be eligible for increased pension.

**94.** Codify correct rate of Medal of Honor special pension: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 1562(a) to correct the Medal of Honor rate enacted in P.L. 116-315.

**95. Modernize VA's processing of survivors' benefits claims:** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 5101(b)(1) to eliminate the requirement to consider a claim by a surviving spouse or child for compensation or dependency and indemnity compensation to be considered a claim for death pension and accrued benefits.

#### Education

**96. Require State Approving Agency training:** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 3674A to add a requirement for new State Approving Agencies to complete a training requirement prior to carrying out approval responsibilities.

**97.** Authorize digital email notification of disapproval of courses to educational institutions: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 3679 to authorize digital email notification of disapproval of courses to education institutions.

**98.** Create One GI Bill: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. chapters 30, 32, 33, 35, and 36, and chapter 1606 of title 10 U.S.C., to consolidate the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty, Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserves, Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program, and Dependents' Educational Assistance programs into one education program—the Post-9/11 GI Bill program.

**99.** Prevent improper payments by barring payment to any approved programs of education which fails to meet any statutory requirements: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C §§ 3523 and 3680A to state that the Secretary of VA shall not approve the enrollment of an eligible person in any course that fails to meet any requirements of chapters 35 or 36.

**100.** Restore faith in the Post-9/11 GI Bill to limit debts on veterans and their dependents when an obligated service period is not met: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 3319(i)(2) by adding new subsection (C) to establish that when a separation occurs not more than 30 days before the end of the obligated service period, the Secretary of VA shall treat the separation as a revocation of transferred benefits effective the date of separation. No overpayment or debt will be created for the individual transferring or receiving the transfer as a result, but the entitlement of the individual transferring benefits will be reduced by the amount of benefits previously used by the individual receiving the transfer, and dependents will no longer be eligible for transferred benefits.

**101. Eliminate change of program requirement in 38 U.S.C. § 3691:** This proposal would remove 38 U.S.C. § 3691 relating to change of program. Currently, 38 U.S.C. § 3691 requires VA to conduct a determination assessment each time a Veteran or beneficiary changes the educational, professional, or vocational objective for which the student entered training. Under this proposal, VA proposes to eliminate the separate determination made solely by VA as it is unnecessary and inefficient and expressly require a decision by the educational institutions. Educational institutions and their enrolled students are in a better position to make these types of determinations and the current process encumbers the ability of students to resume training in a timely manner because they must first apply to VA and await adjudication of the change of program before they can begin using GI Bill benefits. In each of the last three fiscal years, VA conducted approximately 120,000 reviews, each one requiring extensive manual review by an education claims processor. Ultimately, VA granted every request.

**102.** Permit full allocation of State Approving Agency funding including the cost-of-living adjustment at the beginning of the fiscal year: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 3674(a)(5)(B) to authorize the Secretary of VA to increase the amount made available for reimbursement to State Approving Agencies by the same percentage as the annual increase in the benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act that was in effect the preceding calendar year.

**103.** Forfeit GI Bill benefits after veteran/beneficiary colludes in fraud: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C § 6103 to authorize the Secretary of VA to view GI Bill education benefits as forfeited when the veteran or beneficiary has been convicted of fraud while using their GI Bill benefits.

**104.** Authorize VA to approve interstate commerce carrier apprenticeship programs: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C § 3672 to authorize the Secretary of VA to approve apprenticeship programs operated by interstate commerce carriers that operate in more than one state.

**105.** Allow VA to contract with another State Approving Agency to fulfill duties: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 3674 to authorize VA to contract with another State Approving Agency (SAA) in order to fulfill SAA duties when VA is unable to use the SAA with an agency in the state to perform the duties of title 38.

**106.** Allow reallocation of State Approving Agency funds: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 3674 to include the provision/option to reallocate to VA a portion of the fiscal year funding authorization available to State Approving Agencies when VA is not contracting with an agency in the state to perform the duties of title 38.

**107.** Eliminate requirement to submit a signed training agreement for on-the-job training **programs:** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 3677(c)(8) to eliminate the requirement for a training facility to submit a signed training agreement for on-the-job training and apprenticeship programs to VA.

**108.** Prevent VA from providing unlimited amounts of payment for flight training at public schools: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 3313(c) and add new section (m) to impose tuition and fee payment caps at Institutions of Higher Learning with flight training programs and establish a maximum allowable fee structure for all VA-funded flight programs.

109. Bar to approval and disapproval of new enrollments in programs of education at accredited schools which are financially unstable: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 3672 and 3675 to state that both deemed approved and other accredited programs must also comply with the requirements of section 3676(c)(9). Amend section 3679 to state that the disapproval of the program only applies to students not already enrolled in the program of education.

**110.** Improve VA's "85/15 rule" (38 U.S.C. § 3680A(d)) to better align with the Department of Education's "90/10 rule": This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 3680A(d) to state that the ratio of tuition and fees collected for a program of education through GI Bill, federal financial student aid, and military tuition assistance shall not exceed 90 percent of all tuition and fees collected. Retain the waiver authority granted in section 3680A(d). Remove the exception granted to programs with less than 35 percent of its students in receipt of covered educational assistance.

**111. Require State Approving Agencies to review and reapprove programs every two years:** This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 3672 to require State Approving Agencies to reapprove programs every 2 years.

112. Improve safeguards against the use of erroneous, deceptive, or misleading advertising or the use of commissions, bonus, or other incentive payments: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 3675(b) to include a new paragraph imposing the limitations on accredited programs that are currently placed on nonaccredited programs (found at section 3676(c)(10)) explicitly prohibiting a State Approving Agency from approving an institution that has utilized any erroneous or misleading advertising. Also, amend 38 U.S.C. § 3672(b)(2)(A) to make all newly added provisions apply likewise to "deemed approved programs". VA also proposes to amend sections 3676(c)(10) and 3696(d) to make clear that State Approving Agencies may refuse to approve or may disapprove courses offered by institutions utilizing prohibited recruitment practices, while VA may refuse to approve or may disapprove enrollments in such courses. Furthermore, amend sections 3676(c)(10) and 3696(a) to replace "utilizes" with "utilizes or has utilized" and use the same language in the newly added section 3675(b). Lastly, amend sections 3675, 3676, and 3696 to state that a program is barred from program approval and approval of enrollments for at least 18 months following the implementation of the approval sanctions.

**113.** Create entitlement charge parity between degree programs and non-degree programs: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 3313(g)(5), to authorize the Secretary of VA to determine the entitlement charge calculation for benefits paid under section 3313(g) in the same manner as section 3313(d)(3).

### Veteran Readiness and Employment

**114. Update subsistence allowance rate tables:** This proposal would

amend 38 U.S.C. § 3108(b)(1) to adjust the rate table which specifies subsistence allowance payment amounts so that the monthly rates are calculated consistently. Additionally, amend 38 U.S.C. § 3108(b)(2) and (3) to update the dates specified in these sections for yearly increases in the subsistence allowance amounts.

**115. Update the nomenclature used in Chapter 31:** This proposal would amend every instance in title 38 U.S.C. Chapter 31 and 38 U.S.C. § 4211 to replace the term "employment handicap" with "employment barrier" and the term "serious employment handicap" with "serious employment barrier" while leaving the definitions unchanged.

**116.** Revise criteria for additional subsistence allowance payments for claimants who are displaced by a natural or other disaster: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 3108(a)(2)(B) by removing the restrictive language governing the payment of up to two additional subsistence allowance payments if the claimant is displaced by a natural or other disaster.

**117.** Remove Veteran Readiness and Employment from the "rounding out" authority in 38 U.S.C. § 3680(a)(3): This proposal would amend title 38 U.S.C. § 3680(a)(3), to remove the Veteran Readiness and Employment program from the statute authorizing the "rounding out" provision.

#### **Loan Guaranty**

**118.** Extend authority for the Specially Adapted Housing temporary residence adaptation grant: This proposal would extend the authority of the Secretary of VA to award Specially Adapted Housing Temporary Residence Adaptation grants through September 30, 2032. Section 101 of the Veterans' Housing Opportunity and Benefits Improvement Act of 2006, codified at 38 U.S.C. § 2102A, established the Temporary Residence Adaptation grant with a sunset date of 5 years from enactment. P.L. 109-233, section 101, 120 Stat. 397 (2006). Congress has since extended the sunset date three times. Most recently, Congress extended the program authority through December 31, 2024, via the Continuing Appropriations and Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 117-180), Division E, Title II, section 204.

**119. Extend authority for the Specially Adapted Housing Assistive Technology grant program:** This proposal would extend the authority of the Secretary of VA to award Specially Adapted Housing Assistive Technology grants and administer the program through September 30, 2027. Section 203 of P.L. 111-275 (Veterans' Benefits Act of 2010), codified at 38 U.S.C. § 2108, established the Specially Adapted Housing Assistive Technology grant program with a sunset date of September 30, 2016. Congress has since extended the sunset date five times. Most recently, Congress extended the program authority through September 30, 2024, via the Continuing Appropriations and Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 117-180), Division E, Title II, section 205.

**120. Expand federal civil monetary penalties:** This proposal would add a new section to chapter 37 of title 38 U.S.C. to expand VA's existing civil monetary penalty authority (currently codified at 38 U.S.C. § 3710(g)) to include all program participants (except Veterans who are using their benefits) and to align the scope of violations with other federal housing agencies.

**121.** Increase in amounts for energy efficiency improvements of certain VA-guaranteed loans: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 3710(d) to increase guaranteed loan amounts available for the costs of certain energy efficiency improvements.

### **Office of Administrative Review**

**122.** Provide paid representation for non-continuously pursued supplemental claims under the Appeals Modernization Act: This proposal would amend 38 U.S.C. § 5904(c)(1) to preclude attorneys and agents from charging fees for any work on supplemental claims filed more than one year after a prior decision on the matter until the supplemental claim itself is decided.

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# Total Legislative Proposal Summary Table

Count	Legislative Proposal Title (\$ in thousands)	Office/ Admin	Program	Discretionary/ Mandatory	2024	Five-Year Total (2024-2028)	Ten-Year Total (2024-2033)
1	Change definition of "reasons or bases" for Board of Veterans Appeals decisions		BVA	DISC	0	0	0
2	Allow use of the VA Franchise Fund to sell law enforcement training to state and local law enforcement partners receiving federal grants	Other	HRA	DISC	0	0	0
3	Except retention of parking receipts from VA Central Office parking facilities from the Miscellaneous Receipts Statute	Other	HRA	DISC	-300	-1,500	-3,000
4	Adjust annual report submission date to on the performance awards and bonuses awarded to certain high-level employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs report	Other	HRA	DISC	0	0	0
5	Change the title of the VA appropriation account "General Administration" to "Mission Support"	Other	HRA	DISC	0	0	0
6	Authorize appointment of guardianship	Other	OGC	DISC	0	0	0
7	Increase assessment amount and limited transfer authority for funding for the Accreditation, Discipline, and Fees Program	Other	OGC	DISC	-627	-3,135	-6,270
8	Reinstate penalty for certain acts	Other	OGC	DISC	0	0	0
9	Revise authority to accredit individuals as claims agents	Other	OGC	DISC	0	0	0
10	Provide equal benefits access based on marriage	Other	OGC	DISC	0	0	0
11	Forfeiture of Benefits for Convictions of Subservice Activities	Other	OGC	DISC	0	0	0
12	Provide authority for VA to enter into cooperative agreements and grant- making	Other	OIT	DISC	0	0	0
13	Expand funding flexibility of the Pershing Hall Revolving Fund	Other	OM	DISC	-400	-2,000	· · · · · ·
14	Eliminate requirement for quarterly conference reporting	Other	OM	DISC	-10	-53	
15	Improve VA healthcare facilities infrastructure	Other	OM	MAND	1,930,000	1,930,000	1,930,000
16	Recognize the Women-Owned Small Business Program in VA's procurement hierarchy of small business preferences	Other	OSDBU	DISC	0	0	0
17	Establish customer experience as a permanent capability in VA through a Veterans Experience Office	Other	VEO	DISC	0	0	0
18	Eliminate submission of military documentation, photograph and fee requirements from the Veterans Identification Card Act 2015, 38 U.S.C. § 5706	Other	VEO	DISC	0	0	0
19	Update statute for Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans and Center for Minority Veterans	Other	OSVA	DISC	0	0	0
	Other Total				1,928,663	1,923,312	1,916,615
20	Authorize use of VA nonprofit research and education corporations to support the Veterans Legacy Program	NCA	NCA	DISC	0	0	0
21-a	Provide permanent authority for burial of spouses and dependent children who predecease active duty servicemembers	NCA	VBA	MAND	0	116	261
21-ь	Provide permanent authority for burial of spouses and dependent children who predecease active duty servicemembers	NCA	NCA	DISC	0	196	458
22	Expand eligibility for government-furnished headstone, marker, or medallion for Medal of Honor recipients	NCA	NCA	MAND	53	276	586
23	Authorize designation of eligibility for a flag	NCA	NCA	MAND	-1	-5	-10
24	Provide group burial markers	NCA	NCA	DISC	0	0	0
25	Change burial benefit eligibility requirement for other-than-dishonorable service for deaths in active service	NCA	NCA	DISC	0	0	0
26	Require use of dignified burial containers for interments in VA national cemeteries	NCA	NCA	DISC	0	0	0
27	Require funeral homes to inform Veteran families of VA programs	NCA	NCA	DISC	0	0	0
28	Allow interment of certain persons in cemeteries that receive plot allowance for Veteran burials	NCA	NCA	DISC	0	0	0
	NCA Total				52	583	1,295

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29	Eliminate Veteran cost-share for contraception	VHA	MCCF	DISC	745	3,452	6,187
30	Treat VA as a participating provider by third-party payers	VHA	MCCF	DISC	-91,640	-492,275	-1,052,181
31	Extend VA's authority to collect first party copayments for hospital care	VHA	MCCF	DISC	-2,030	-10,323	-20,598
32	Third-Party Payer Enforcement Provision	VHA	MCCF	DISC	0	-10,503	-41,744
33 34	Update definition of Medical Care Collection Fund Collection of Other Health Information	VHA VHA	MCCF MCCF	DISC	-7,215	-38,755	-82,830
35	Behavioral Recovery Outreach	VHA	VHA	DISC	-7,213	-38,733	-02,030
36	VA Payment for Medical Foster Home *	VHA	VIIA	DISC	-14,861	-155,255	-598,481
37	Transportation of Individuals to and from Department of Veterans Affairs Facilities *	VHA	VHA	DISC	-120,322	-656,912	-1,470,225
38	Maintaining Consistent Access to Critical Treatments Through Telehealth	VHA	VHA	DISC	0	0	(
39	Grants for Transportation of Rural Veterans *	VHA	VHA	DISC	10,000	50,000	100,000
40	Update and Extension of Authority for the Monthly Assistance Allowance for Disabled Veterans Training in Paralympic and Olympic Sports Program	VHA	VHA	DISC	2,500	12,907	26,897
41	Reporting to Public Health Authorities	VHA	VHA	DISC	0	0	(
42	Authorization for Appropriations Supportive Services for Very Low-Income	VHA	VHA	DISC	0	0	(
	Veterans' Families				2.025	1.5.005	
43	Amendment to Expand Coverage for Nurse Executive Special Pay *	VHA	VHA	DISC	2,925	15,685	34,314
44 45	Expand Authority to Provide Bereavement Counseling and Support * Title 38 Compensation System for Medical Center Directors and Network	VHA VHA	VHA VHA	DISC	914 13,558	5,361	13,239
	Directors *				- ,	,	- ,
46	Authorize VA to provide comprehensive dental care to certain Veterans with service-connected dental conditions or disabilities	VHA	VHA	DISC	0	0	(
47	Increasing Pharmacist Executive Special Pay Limitation from \$40,000 to \$100,000 (previously \$75,000) *	VHA	VHA	DISC	702	4,914	13,338
48	Amend Pay Cap for Registered Pharmacists in Grade 15 and Grade 14 *	VHA	VHA	DISC	702	13,577	49,964
49	Additional Physician Pay for Hours Worked in Excess of the Biweekly Work Requirement During a Declared Emergency *	VHA	VHA	DISC	54,362	205,360	304,282
50	Treatment Authority for Infertility Counseling and Infertility Treatment using Assisted Reproductive Technology, Including In-Vitro Fertilization, for Certain Veterans and their Partners, and Authority to Provide Reimbursement for Adaptive Baltad Evenance for Cartia Veterans.	VHA	VHA	DISC	11,141	57,283	123,356
51	for Adoption-Related Expenses for Certain Veterans * Removal of Special Need Grant Authority	VHA	VHA	DISC	0	0	(
52	Medical Student Support in Uniformed Services University of the Health	VHA	VHA	DISC	387	13,975	59,314
53	Sciences Leading to VA Service Obligation Establish Office of Research and Development Hiring Authority Under	VHA	VHA	DISC	0	0	(
54	Title 38 Appointments of Psychologists Pending License or Certification	VHA	VHA	DISC	0	0	(
55	Amend 38 U.S.C. § 7455 to Include Security Officers, Physical Security	VHA	VHA	DISC	32,060	166,571	349,794
56	Specialists and Security Specialists * Reimbursement of Continuing Professional and Medical Education for all full-time Board-Certified Physician Assistants and Advanced Practice	VHA	VHA	DISC	10,387	52,985	98,673
67	Registered Nurses *	3.77.1	3.77.4	DIGG	1.200	0.071	10.570
57	Expand Eligibility for the Specialty Education Loan Repayment Program *	VHA VHA	VHA VHA	DISC	1,306	8,971	19,579
58 59	Amendments to Domiciliary Care Statute – Numerical Limit on Programs Aggregate Pay Limitation for VHA Physicians, Podiatrists, and Dentists *	VHA VHA	VHA VHA	DISC	3,551	58,326	269,283
60	Eliminate the Maximum Allowable Special Rate Limitation *	VHA	VIIA	DISC	19,712	101,978	213,021
61	Removal of Cap on Community Living Centers authorized beds established by Millennium Law	VHA	VHA	DISC	0	0	(
62	Permit Veterans Affairs Mold Inspections to be Conducted by Any Qualified Inspector and Eliminate Reporting Requirement	VHA	VHA	DISC	-12	-60	-120
63	Assistant Under Secretary for Health Non-Physician Limitation	VHA	VHA	DISC	0	0	(
64	Title 38 Staffing and Compensation for Sterile Processing Medical Supply Technicians *	VHA	VHA	DISC	4,465	24,144	53,392
65	Hiring Noncitizen Health Care Providers in VA under Title 38	VHA	VHA	DISC	0	0	(
66	Extend CHAMPVA Eligibility for Covered Children up to Age 26	VHA	VHA	DISC	87,921	490,509	1,130,208
67	Waiver of 24-Month Requirement for Reimbursement of Emergency Treatment under 38 U.S.C. § 1725 for Recently Enrolled Veterans	VHA	VHA	DISC	5,156		
68	Elimination of Congressionally Mandated Report on the Use of Authorities to Enhance Retention of Experience Nurses	VHA	VHA	DISC	0	0	(
69	Alternatives to Nursing Home Care	VHA	VHA	DISC	0	0	(
70	Remove the requirement for the VA's Office of the Inspector General to	VHA	VHA	DISC	0	0	(
	conduct their annual assessment of staffing shortages and replace with Veterans Health Administration						
71 72	Amendments to Domiciliary Care Statutes – Income Limitation Appointments of Unlicensed Licensed Professional Mental Health	VHA VHA	VHA VHA	DISC	0	0	(
73	Counselors Schedule A: Temporary Appointments for Title 5 Occupations	VHA		DISC	0	0	(
	Schedule A: Temporary Appointments for Title 5 Occupations Increase the Maximum Per Diem Rate for Services to Homeless Veterans		VHA			0	
74	under the Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program	VHA	VHA	DISC	304,208	1,513,588	3,382,357
75	Flexibility in the provision of assistance to Homeless Veterans	VHA	VHA	DISC	12,869	69,564	153,794
76	Technical corrections to legislation pertaining to the querying of and	VHA	VHA	DISC	0	0	
	disclosing information to State prescription drug monitoring programs			+ +	343,491	1,605,660	

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77	Extend the authority for operations of the Manila VA Regional Office	VBA	CS	DISC	0	0	0
78	Remove matches performed to prevent duplication of benefits in accordance with the prohibitions specified in 38 U.S.C. § 5304 from the Privacy Act definition of "matching agreement"	VBA	CS	MAND	-74,612	-436,178	-1,038,107
79	Eliminate the direct payment of fees from VA to accredited agents and attorneys	VBA	CS	MAND	0	0	0
80	Eliminate sunset date on the licensure requirements (portability) for contractor medical professionals to perform medical disability examinations and expand the definition of a health care professional	VBA	CS	MAND	0	0	0
81	Allow electronic decision notification and other communications	VBA	CS	DISC	0	0	0
82	Amend to allow faster payment of government life insurance benefits	VBA	INS	MAND	0	0	0
83	Include all veterans under 81 years of age for Veterans' Affairs Life Insurance coverage eligibility	VBA	INS	MAND	0	0	0
84	Make technical amendment to allow VA to contest insurance policies issued due to administrative error	VBA	INS	MAND	-1,645	-4,845	-8,845
85	Make amendment to reimburse Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance administrative costs from life insurance program funds	VBA	INS	MAND	0	0	0
86	Make technical amendment to add Space Force to definition of Uniformed Service for Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance	VBA	INS	MAND	0	0	0
87	Allow VA contractors and vendors access to federal tax return information for purposes of assisting in the administration of certain VA benefit programs and maintaining the systems that VA uses to administer these programs	VBA	PF	DISC	0	0	0
88	Pay accrued benefits to reimburse the person(s) who bore the expense on a first-to-file basis	VBA	PF	MAND	0	0	0
89	Authorize VA to pay a flat rate for the cost of domestic transportation of a deceased veteran to a national cemetery or covered veterans' cemetery	VBA	PF	MAND	0	0	0
90	Improve repayment of VA benefits payments for misused benefits	VBA	PF	MAND	0	0	0
91	Amend 38 U.S.C. § 5502(a)(1) to preempt the applicability of state laws to VA-appointed fiduciaries	VBA	PF	MAND	0	0	0
92	Extend the statutory marriage delimiting date for surviving spouses of Gulf War veterans	VBA	PF	MAND	0	0	0
93	Eliminate entitlement to additional pension for veterans who are permanently and totally disabled and have additional disability or disabilities rated 60 percent or more and eliminate the requirement for a permanent and total disability rating for entitlement to a higher maximum annual pension rate for veterans who are permanently housebound	VBA	PF	MAND	339	1,375	2,165
94	Codify correct rate of Medal of Honor special pension	VBA	PF	MAND	0	0	0
95	Modernize VA's processing of survivors' benefits claims	VBA	PF	MAND	0	0	0
96	Require State Approving Agency training	VBA	EDU	MAND	0	0	0
97	Authorize digital email notification of disapproval of courses to educational institutions	VBA	EDU	DISC	0	0	0
98-a	Create One GI Bill	VBA	RB	MAND	15,980	293,882	2,575,322
98-b	Create One GI Bill	VBA	OIT	DISC	6,398	3,065	-96,935
99	Prevent improper payments by barring payment to any approved programs of education which fails to meet any statutory requirements	VBA	EDU	MAND	0	0	0
100	Restore faith in the Post-9/11 GI Bill to limit debts on veterans and their dependents when an obligated service period is not met	VBA	EDU	MAND	18	97	212

Count	Legislative Proposal Title (\$ in thousands)	Office/ Admin	Program	Discretionary/ Mandatory	2024	Five-Year Total (2024-2028)	Ten-Year Total (2024-2033)
101	Eliminate change of program requirement in 38 U.S.C. § 3691	VBA	EDU	MAND	0	0	0
102	Permit full allocation of State Approving Agency funding including the cost- of-living adjustment at the beginning of the fiscal year	VBA	EDU	MAND	538	2,816	5,969
103	Forfeit GI Bill benefits after veteran/beneficiary colludes in fraud	VBA	EDU	MAND	0	0	0
104	Authorize VA to approve interstate commerce carrier apprenticeship programs	VBA	EDU	MAND	0	0	0
105	Allow VA to contract with another State Approving Agency to fulfill duties	VBA	EDU	MAND	0	0	0
106	Allow reallocation of State Approving Agency funds	VBA	EDU	MAND	0	0	0
107	Eliminate requirement to submit a signed training agreement for on-the-job training programs	VBA	EDU	DISC	0	0	0
108	Prevent VA from providing unlimited amounts of payment for flight training at public schools	VBA	EDU	MAND	-12,684	-67,873	-148,801
109	Bar to approval and disapproval of new enrollments in programs of education at accredited schools which are financially unstable	VBA	EDU	MAND	0	0	0
110	Improve VA's "85/15 rule" (38 U.S.C. § 3680A(d)) to better align with the Department of Education's "90/10 rule"	VBA	EDU	MAND	0	0	0
111	Require State Approving Agencies to review and reapprove programs every two years	VBA	EDU	DISC	0	0	0
112	Improve safeguards against the use of erroneous, deceptive, or misleading advertising or the use of commissions, bonus, or other incentive payments	VBA	EDU	MAND	0	0	0
113	Create entitlement charge parity between degree programs and non-degree programs	VBA	EDU	MAND	-891	-4,823	-10,635
114	Update subsistence allowance rate tables	VBA	VRE	MAND	-401	-2,132	-3,649
115	Update the nomenclature used in Chapter 31	VBA	VRE	MAND	0	0	0
116	Revise criteria for additional subsistence allowance payments for claimants who are displaced by a natural or other disaster	VBA	VRE	MAND	17	94	203
117	Remove Veteran Readiness and Employment from the "rounding out" authority in 38 U.S.C. § 3680(a)(3)	VBA	VRE	MAND	0	0	0
118	Extend authority for the Specially Adapted Housing temporary residence adaptation grant	VBA	LGY	MAND	792	4,027	8,228
119	Extend authority for the Specially Adapted Housing Assistive Technology grant program	VBA	LGY	MAND	1,000	4,000	4,000
120	Expand federal civil monetary penalties	VBA	LGY	MAND	-502	-2,510	-5,020
121	Increase in amounts for energy efficiency improvements of certain VA- guaranteed loans	VBA	LGY	MAND	-43	-225	-390
122	Provide paid representation for non-continuously pursued supplemental claims under the Appeals Modernization Act	VBA	OAR	MAND	0	0	0
	VBA Total				-65,696	-209,230	1,283,717
	Grand Total				2,206,510	3,320,325	6,557,229

\* The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-168; PACT Act) authorized the Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund (TEF) to provide mandatory funding to VA for the increased costs above 2021 funding levels for healthcare and benefits delivery for veterans exposed to a number of environmental hazards to ensure there is sufficient funding available to cover these costs, without shortchanging other elements of veteran medical care and benefit delivery. The Budget includes legislative proposals affecting VA healthcare programs, for which a portion of the estimated costs may be paid from the TEF and the remaining portion from discretionary appropriations. In 2024, the total estimated



# Legislative Authorization of Programs

The authorizations for VA's programs are contained in title 38 of the U.S. Code. With the exception of major medical construction projects and certain leases, annual authorization by the legislative committees and the Congress is not required. However, title 38 does provide for certain multiple-year authorizations for specific purposes. The authorization of the following items is limited by title 38 in regard to the time and/or amount as indicated:

Section of U.S.C- Citation	Public Law- Citation	Public Law Citation Most Recent Extension	Title	Description	Expiration Date
Compensation and Pen	sion	-		-	
38 USC 5503(d)(7)	P.L. 101-508, § 8003(a)	P.L. 116-315, § 2013	Pension Limitations Regarding Medicaid (Medicaid Offset)	Reduction of pension to certain Medicaid-eligible veterans and surviving spouses receiving care in nursing homes.	10/30/2028
38 USC 5317(g); 26 USC 6103(l)(7)(D)(viii)	P.L. 101-508 § 8051	P.L. 116-315, § 2012	IRS Data Matching	Access to IRS data for purposes of verifying eligibility for pension (Use of Income Information from IRS and SSA)	9/30/2030
38 USC 503(c)	PL 102-83 § 2(a)	P.L. 117-180, § 203	Administrative Error for Equitable Relief	Required reports on dispositions of recommendations for equitable relief	12/31/2024
Readjustment Benefits	1				
10 U.S.C. 1071 note	P.L. 110-181 § 1631 (b)(2)	P.L. 115-251 § 126	Voc Rehab for Seriously Disabled Servicemembers	Vocational rehabilitation for certain seriously disabled servicemembers	N/A (PL 115-251 made this authority permanent)
38 USC 3485(a)(5)(A), (C), and (F)	P.L. 107-103	P.L. 115-48, § 201	Enhanced Work- Study Allowance	Enhanced Work Study Allowance	N/A (PL 115-48 made this authority permanent)

Section of U.S.C-	Public Law- Citation	Public Law Citation	Title	Description	Expiration Date
Citation		Most Recent Extension			
Housing 38 U.S.C. 3729(b)(2)(A)(ii), (B)(ii), (C)(ii), (D)(ii)	P.L. 108-183, § 405	P.L. 116-154, §7	Housing Loans- Collection of Increased Fees	Loan Fees Collections [adjusts the loan fee for certain loans]	4/6/2023
38 U.S.C. 3729(b)(2)(A)(iii), (B)(iii), (C)(iii), (D)(iii)	P.L. 108-183, § 405	P.L. 117-328, § 204	Housing Loans- Collection of Increased Fees	Loan Fees Collections [adjusts the loan fee for certain loans]	11/13/2031
38 U.S.C. 3729(b)(2)(A)(iv), (B)(iv), (C)(iv), (D)(iv)	P.L. 108-183, § 405	P.L. 117-328, § 204	Housing Loans- Collection of Increased Fees	Loan Fees Collections [adjusts the loan fee for certain loans]	11/13/2031
38 U.S.C. 2102A	P.L. 109-233, § 101(a)	P.L. 117-180, § 204	SAH for Veterans Temporarily Residing w/Family	Specially-Adapted Housing Assistance (SAH) for Veterans temporarily residing with family members.	12/31/2024
38 U.S.C. 3733(a)(7)	P.L. 108-183, § 404	P.L. 116-61, § 2	Vendee Loans- Change in Program Requirements	Change Vendee Loan Program	9/30/2020
38 U.S.C. 3733(a)(8)	P.L. 116-159, § 5405	P.L. 116-159, § 5405	Vendee Loans- Change in Program Requirements	Change Vendee Loan Program	9/30/2025
38 U.S.C. 2041(c)	P.L. 102-54, § 9(a)	P.L. 117-328, § 304	Homeless Veterans Housing Assistance	Housing assistance for homeless veterans	9/30/2026
38 U.S.C. 2108	P.L. 111-275, § 203(a)	P.L. 117-180, § 205	SAH Assistive Technology Grant	Specially Adapted Housing Assistive Technology Grant	9/30/2024
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38 USC 2044(e)(1)(H)	P.L. 110-387 §606	P.L. 117-180, DIV. E. SEC 304	Homeless Veterans- Financial Assistance for Supportive Services (for very low income veterans in permanent housing)	Financial assistance for supportive services for very low- income veteran families in permanent housing	9/30/2024
38 USC 2061(d)(1)	P.L. 107-95 § 5(a)(1)	<u>P.L. 117-180, DIV. E. SEC 305</u>	Homeless Veterans- Grant Program for Homeless Veterans with Special Needs	Grant Program for Homeless Veterans with Special Needs	9/30/2024
38 USC 2021(e)(1)(F)	PL 107-95 § 5(a)(1)	<u>P.L. 117-180, DIV. E. SEC 301</u>	Homeless Veterans- Reintegration Programs	Homeless Veterans reintegration programs	9/30/2024
38 USC 8118(a)(5)	P.L. 102-54 §9(a)	<u>P.L. 117-180, DIV. E. SEC 405</u>	Homeless Veterans- Assistance through Real Property Transfers	Real Property Transfers for Homeless Veterans Assistance (Housing Assistance for Homeless Veterans)	9/30/2024

Section of U.S.C- Citation Medical Care	Public Law- Citation	Public Law Citation Most Recent Extension	Title	Description	Expiration Date
38 USC 2066(d)	P.L. 107-95 § 5(a)(1)	P.L. 117-180, DIV. E. SEC 306	Homeless Veterans-	Advisory Committee on Homeless	9/30/2026
38 USC 2031(b)	P.L. 105-114 § 202(a)	P.L. 117-180, DIV. E. SEC 303(a)	Advisory Committee Homeless & Seriously Ill Veterans- Treatment/Rehab	Veterans Treatment and Rehabilitation for Seriously Mentally III and Homeless Veterans- General treatment	9/30/2024
38 USC 2033(d)	P.L. 105-114 § 202(a)	P.L. 117-180, DIV. E. SEC <u>303(b)</u>	Homeless & Mentally Ill Veterans- Additional Services	Treatment and Rehabilitation for Seriously Mentally III and Homeless Veterans-Additional services at certain locations	9/30/2024
38 USC 1710A(d)	P.L. 106-117 § 101(a)	P.L. 117-180, DIV. E. SEC 102	Nursing Home Care for Certain Service- Connected Veterans	Required nursing home care for certain service-connected veterans	9/30/2024
38 USC 1712A, Note	P.L. 116-315 § 5107(b)	P.L. 116-315 § 5107(b)	Child Care Assitance for Certain Veterans Receiving Readjustment Counseling (Pilot)	Pilot Program on Assistance for Child Care for Certain Veterans Receiving Readjustment Counseling and Related Mental Health Services	undetermined (pilot progam will last for two years after it starts, which is determined by VA)
38 USC 111A(a)(2)	P.L. 112-260 section 202	P.L. 117-180, DIV. E. SEC 201	Transportation of Beneficiaries	Transportation of beneficiaries to and from facilities of Department of Veterans Affairs.	9/30/2024
38 U.S.C. 7619	P.L. 113-146	P.L. 115-182	Health Professionals Educational Assistance Scholarship Program	Health Professionals Educational Assistance Scholarship Program	12/31/2033
38 USC 322(d)(4)	P.L. 110-389 § 703	P.L. 117-180, DIV. E. SEC 401	Monthly Assistance Allowance for Disabled American Veterans	Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events - Monthly Assistance Allowance	9/30/2026
38 USC 521A(l)	P.L. 110-389 §§ 701-702	<u>P.L. 117-180, DIV. F. SEC 402</u>	Grants for Adaptive Sports Assistance Program (formerly limited to Paralympics)	VA/VHA initiatives in support of disabled Veterans and disabled Servicemembers participating in adaptive sports.	9/30/2026

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Co-Payments and Med	ical Care Cost Recovery				
38 USC 1710(f)(2)(B)	P.L. 111-163, section 517	P.L. 116-159 § 5101	Co-pays for Hospital and Nursing Home Care	Copayments for Hospital Care and Nursing Home Care	9/30/2022
38 USC 1729(a)(2)(E)	P.L. 111-163 §518	P.L. 115–251, §104 removed (a)(2)(E)	Medical Care Cost Recovery	Medical care cost recovery authority (Third-party Billing)	No Expiration Date- authority was made permanent by P.L. 115- 251 in 2018.
38 USC§ 1703(d)(4)	P.L. 108-422 § 601	P.L. 115-182, \$101	Recovery Audits	Recovery Audits for certain contracts under 38 USC 1703	The Mission Act did not contain continued auth. for the 1703(d)(4) recovery audit. This row should therefore be deleted. To date, efforts to have Congress reauthorize the 1703(d)(4) recovery audit have been unsuccessful.
VA/DoD Joint Sharing	Funds				
38 USC 8111(d)		P.L. 117-180, div. E, sec. 103	VA-DOD Joint Incentives for Sharing Initiatives	VA-DOD Joint Incentive Fund for Sharing Initiatives	9/30/2026
	P.L. 111-84 § 1704 , as amended	P.L. 117-180, div. E, sec. 104	VA -DoD Joint Funding for Medical Facility Demonstration Fund	VA-DoD Joint funding authority for Medical facility demonstration fund	9/30/2024

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38 USC 315(b)	P.L. 102-83, § 2 (a)	P.L. 117-180, § 202	Manila, Philippines Regional Office	Philippines Regional Office	9/30/2024
38 USC 3692(c)	P.L. 89-358, sec.	P.L. 117-180, sec. 404	Advisory Committee on Education	Advisory Committee on Education	12/31/2026
38 USC 544(e)	P.L. 103-446 § 510(a)	P.L. 117-180, div. E, sec. 403	Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans	Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans	9/30/2026
Information Technol	logy				
38 USC 7907	P.L 109-461, sec. 903	P.L 109-461, sec. 903	VA Information Security Education Assistance Program	Provides educational assistance to IT professionals who then work for the Department.	7/31/2017
Construction					
38 USC 8161-8169	P.L. 102-86, Title IV, Section 401(a)	P.L. 112-154 §211(j)	Enhanced Use Leasing	Authority to outlease VA property for selected Lessees to provide Supportive Housing for Veterans on a priority basis, and provide VA with negotiated monetary consideration.	12/31/2023

Section of U.S.C- Citation	Public Law- Citation	Public Law Citation Most Recent Extension	Title	Description	Expiration Date
EXPIRED 38 U.S.C. 3703 (note)	P.L. 110-389, § 504(a)	P.L. 112-154, § 702(c)	Housing Loans- Temporary Increase to Maximum Guaranty Amount	Temporary Increase to Maximum Guaranty Amount	12/31/2014
38 USC 1117(c)(2); 38 USC 1118(e)	P.L. 105-277 § 1602(a), (c)	P.L. 107-103 § 202(d)(1)	Gulf War- Presumption of Service Connection	Provisions governing creation or removal of Presumptions of service- connection for Gulf War Illness	9/30/2011
38 U.S.C. 3710(a)(12)	P.L. 109-461, § 501	N/A	Loan Guarantees for Residential Co-op	Loan Guarantees for Residential Cooperative Housing Units (CO-OP loan guarantees)	12/21/2011
38 USC 1303(a)	P.L. 105-33, § 8031(b)(1)	P.L. 108-183 § 706	COLA Adjustment for DIC for Service Connected Deaths	Rounding Down of Cost-of-Living Adjustments for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation for Service- Connected Deaths	9/30/2013
38 USC 1104 (a)	P.L. 105-33, § 8031(a)(1)	P.L. 108-183 § 706	COLA Adjustment for Comp for Service Connected Deaths	Rounding Down of Cost-of-Living Adjustments for Compensation for Service-Connected Disability or Death	9/30/2013
38 USC 3015(h) & 38 USC 3564(b)	P.L. 105-178 § 8201	P.L. 108-183 § 304	COLA Adjustment in Chapters 30 & 35	Rounding down of Cost-of-Living Adjustments in chapters 30 and 35 rates through FY 2013	9/30/2013
38 USC 4100 (Note)	P.L 112-56 § 211	N/A	Veterans Retraining Assistance Program	Authority for up to 12 months of retraining assistance for unemployed Veterans ages 35-60	3/31/2014
38 USC 1116(e)	P.L. 102-4, § 2(a)(1)	P.L. 107-103 § 201(d)(1)	Agent Orange- Presumptions of Service Connection	Presumptions of Service Connection for Diseases Associated with Exposure to Certain Herbicide Agents: Presumption of Exposure for Veterans who Served in the Republic of Vietnam	9/30/2015
38 U.S.C. 5110(b)(2)	P.L. 112-154, sec. 506	N/A	Disabilty Comp- Retroactive Effective Date for Fully Developed Claims	Authority for retroactive effective date for awards of disability compensation in connection with applications that are fully-developed at submittal	8/6/2015
38 USC 5101, Note	P.L. 108-183, § 704	P.L. 115-91, Div. A, sec. 529	Contract Disability Claims	Contract medical Disability Exams - (Temporary authority for performance of medical disability examinations by contract physicians)	12/31/2018
38 USC 1116, note	P.L. 102-4, § 3	P.L. 116-159, § 5404	Agent Orange - Agreement with National Academy of Sciences	Requires VA to contract with National Academies of Sciences for biennial review of literature on health effects of Agent Orange exposure	9/30/2030
38 USC 5317A(d); 42USC 653 (j) (11)	P.L 110-157 § 301	P.L. 113-37, § 3	NDNH Income Verification	Authority to use National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes for certain veterans benefits	3/29/2014

Note 2: "Mandatory" means budget authority and outlays controlled by permanent laws. "Discretionary" means budget authority controlled by annual appropriations acts and the outlays that result from that budget authority.

Note 3: "YES" means that, although the appropriations authorization expires, the program could continue to operate without an extension of the appropriations authorization should the Congress appropriate funds for that program. "NO" means it could not.

Note 4: Entries signify the best available prediction of VA's initial positions, obtained from discussions between OGC attorneys and Administration and Staff Officials at the policymaking level, but are subject to final determinations by VA Executive Board and/or the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. "TBD" means such initial decisions have not yet been made. O means no objection.

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The reports are identified by title and are presented in GAO report number order. The links provided direct the reader to the specific report's location on GAO's website. This information may also be found by going to GAO's main site and searching by GAO report number. <u>https://www.gao.gov/</u>

On GAO's site each report is summarized to include the responsible organization, GAO recommendations, and VA's "actions taken". The "actions taken" portion of the report follows closely from VA's comments that are represented in the draft reports VA provides for all GAO reports. The narrative summarizes the instances where VA has incorporated GAO recommendations into current operations (e.g., where VA has employed a different approach in the budgeting process, or where specific steps have been utilized to improve forecasting results). Budget implications, if any, are presented to emphasize the need to recognize the impact of the recommendations on VA resources.

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# High-Risk Areas Identified by GAO

In March 2021, GAO issued an update to its High-Risk Series (GAO-21-119SP) and identified three High-Risk Areas (HRAs) that are specific to VA:

- Managing Risks and Improving VA Health Care,
- Improving and Modernizing Federal Disability Programs, and
- VA Acquisition Management.

Details on each issue can be found here: <u>https://www.gao.gov/high-risk-list</u>.



## Major Management Challenges Identified by the OIG

The Department's Office of Inspector General (OIG), an independent entity, evaluates VA's programs and operations. The OIG submitted a list of the most serious major management challenges facing VA, which was incorporated in the Department's 2022 Agency Financial Report published in November 2022. The full text of the OIG's findings can be found at <a href="https://www.va.gov/finance/afr/index.asp#one">https://www.va.gov/finance/afr/index.asp#one</a> starting on page 156.

	Major Management Challenge				
No.	Торіс				
OIG 1	Health Care Services				
OIG 2	Benefits for Veterans				
OIG 3	Stewardship of Taxpayer Dollars				
OIG 4	Information Systems and Innovation				
OIG 5	Leadership and Governance				



# Expenditures by State

### Part 4

Expenditures by State	
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### Expenditures by State

### **Expenditures by State**

The tables below provide actual FY 2022 expenditures by state (dollars in thousands).

	2022	
State	Expenditures	State
Alabama	5,476,328	Montana
Alaska	946,787	Nebraska
Arizona	6,257,673	Nevada
Arkansas	3,248,283	New Hamp
California	22,214,324	New Jersey
colorado	4,821,943	New Mexico
onnecticut	1,730,656	New York
elaware	732,547	North Caroli
strict of Columbia	5,736,762	North Dakota
orida	20,637,343	Ohio
orgia	9,999,329	Oklahoma
ıam	157,844	Oregon
awaii	1,392,925	Pennsylvania
aho	1,621,749	Puerto Rico
nois	6,353,843	Rhode Island
liana	4,200,759	South Carolina
wa	2,065,929	South Dakota
ansas	2,146,239	Tennessee
entucky	3,632,496	Texas
ouisiana	3,808,713	Utah
laine	1,563,882	Vermont
aryland	4,454,721	Virginia
lassachusetts	3,695,744	Washington
lichigan	5,791,425	West Virginia
linnesota	3,857,789	Wisconsin
lississippi	2,707,998	Wyoming
		Total

Sources:

Financial Management System Veterans Benefits Administration Data Systems Allocation Resource Center Prepared by the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics



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Discretionary and Mandatory Net Budget Authority, Outlays and FTE

#### **Net Budget Authority**

The following table reflects net budget authority calculations by Treasury Account Symbol in alignment with the President's Budget Appendix. Appendix F of Office of Management and Budget's Circular A-11 provides the business rules: <u>https://www.whitehouse.gov</u>

	2022	2023	2024
(\$s in thousands)	Actual	Estimate	Request & Transmit 4
Mandatory Net Budget Authority by Account			
Veterans Health Administration			
Medical Facilities (036-0162)	275,000	1,880,000	100.000
General Post Fund, National Homes (036-8180)	275,000	21,000	23,000
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Subtotal, Veterans Health Administration	295,733	1,901,000	123,000
Benefits Programs			
Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund (036-1119M)	1,906,533	795,187	4,123
Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program Account (036-1120M)	3,084	4,145	
Veterans Insurance and Indemnities (036-0120)	136,950	109,865	133,827
National Service Life Insurance Fund (036-8132)	360,790	314,672	222,736
Compensation and Pensions (036-0102)	139,183,014	152,016,542	151,434,015
Legislative Proposal Compensation and Pensions (036-0102)		, ,	(75,000)
Readjustment Benefits (036-0137)	14,946,618	8,906,851	8,452,500
Legislative Proposal Readjustment Benefits (036-0137)	-	-	11,000
Housing Liquidating Account (036-4025)	(3,911)	(2,822)	(2,559)
Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund (036-1126)	500,000	5,000,000	20,284,000
Subtotal, Benefits Programs	157,033,078	167,144,440	180,464,642
Departmental Administration			
Construction, Major Projects (036-0110)	58,000		
Legislative ProposalConstruction, Major Projects (036-0110)			1,530,000
Construction, Minor Projects (036-0111)	570,000		
Legislative Proposal Construction, Minor Projects (036-0111)			400,000
General Administration (036-0142)	18,034		
Subtotal, Departmental Administration	646,034	-	1,930,000
Contributions from Military Personnel, Veterans Educational Act (247300)	(81,000)	(19,405)	(2,415)
Housing Downward Reestimates (273330)	(336,879)	(565,000)	(,110)
Native American Veteran Housing Loans, Negative Subsidies (275110)	(2,074)	(2,109)	(2,551)
Housing Negative Subsidies (275510)	(191,904)	(17,791)	(166,401)
All Other General Fund Proprietary Receipts (3220000)	(57,000)	(54,000)	(55,000)
Undistributed Intragovernmental Payments and Receivables from Cancelled Accounts (3885000)	(65,000)	(8,000)	(9,000)
NSLI Fund, Premium and Other Receipts (813210)	(24,866)	(25,110)	(18,200)
General Post Fund, National Homes, Deposits (8180001)	(19,000)	(19,000)	(21,000)
Native American Direct Loans, Downward Reestimate of Subsidies (275130)	(7)	(658)	
General Fund Proprietary Interest Receipts, not Otherwise Classified (1435000)	(3,000)	(7,000)	(8,000)
Subtotal, Mandatory Collections	(780,729)	(718,073)	(282,568)
Subtotal, Mandatory Net Budget Authority	157,194,116	168,327,367	182,235,074
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(\$s in thousands)	2022 Actual	2023 Estimate	2024 Request & Transmit 4
Discretionary Net Budget Authority by Account			
Department of Veterans Affairs			
Veterans Health Administration			
Medical Community Care (036-0140)	23,955,645	30,280,234	27,993,894
Medical Support and Compliance (036-0152)	8,372,504	10,111,265	11,416,249
Medical Services (036-0160)	61,462,331	72,931,400	72,149,450
Medical and Prosthetic Research (036-0161)	882,000	916,000	938,00
Medical Facilities (036-0162)	6,792,055	8,787,000	13,263,48
DOD-VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund (036-0165)	30,000	30,000	30,000
Joint DOD-VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund (036-0169)	532,331	643,596	622,52
Veterans Choice Fund (036-0172)	-	-	, í
Canteen Service Revolving Fund (036-4014)	-	-	
Emergency Department of Veterans Affairs Employee Leave Fund (036-0131)	-	-	
Veterans Medical Care and Health Fund (036-0173)	-	-	
Subtotal, Veterans Health Administration	102,026,866	123,699,495	126,413,608
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Benefits Programs			
General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration (036-0151)	3,542,813	3,863,000	3,899,000
Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund (036-1119D)	229,500	282,361	316,742
Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program Account (036-1120D)	1,832	1,853	3,25
Subtotal, Benefits Programs	3,774,145	4,147,214	4,219,00
Subtotal, Denents i rograms	3,774,143	4,147,214	4,219,000
Departmental Administration			
Construction, Major Projects (036-0110)	1,611,307	1,371,890	881,00
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Construction, Minor Projects (036-0111)	553,454	626,110	
National Cemetery Administration (036-0129)	394,000	431,000	
General Administration (036-0142)	401,200	433,000	· · · ·
Information Technology Systems (036-0167)	5,514,385	5,773,965	6,392,91
Information Technology Systems (036-0167)	(76,105)	272.000	20.000
Office of Inspector General (036-0170)	239,000	273,000	
Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities (036-0181)	50,000	150,000	
Grants for Construction of Veterans Cemeteries (036-0183)	48,500	50,000	
Board of Veterans Appeals (036-1122)	233,800	285,000	· · · ·
Electronic Health Care Record Modernization (036-1123)	2,300,000	1,609,000	1,863,000
Asset Infrastructure Review Commission (036-1130)	5,000	(5,000)	
Recurring Expenses Transformation Fund (036-1124)	(820,000)	(90,874)	
Subtotal, Departmental Administration	10,454,540	10,907,091	11,580,20
Department of Veterans Affairs Discretionary Receipt Accounts			
MCCF Pharmaceutical Co-Payments (528710)	(327,439)	(331,314)	
MCCF Third Part Prescription Claims (528711)	(148,498)	(150,976)	
MCCF Enhanced-use Lease Proceeds (528712)	(905)	(756)	(672
MCCF Fee Basis 3rd Party MCCF (528713)	(753,371)	(770,531)	(861,133
MCCF First Party Collections (528730)	(125,468)	(154,848)	
MCCF Third Party Collections (528740)	(2,463,691)	(2,382,874)	(2,710,516
MCCF Parking Fees (528760)	(3,972)	(2,180)	
MCCF Compensated Work Therapy (528770)	(32,125)	(35,974)	(24,622
MCCF Payments from Compensation and Pension (528780)	(1,969)	(1,090)	(1,506
MCCF Long-term Care Copayments (528790)	(1,163)	(791)	(1,761
MCCF Fee Based First Party Collections (528714)	(27,799)	(13,557)	(23,515
Subtotal, Department of Veterans Affairs Discretonary Receipt Accounts	(3,886,400)	(3,844,891)	(4,269,198
Subtotal, Discretionary Net Budget Authority	112,369,151	134,908,909	137,943,60
Total Department of Veterans Afairs NET Budget Authority	269,563,268	303,236,276	320,178,68
Undistributed Offsetting Receipts			
NSLI Fund, Interest (813220)	(40,282)	(34,440)	(23,010
General Post Fund, National Homes, Interest on Investments (8180002)	(2,000)	(3,000)	(3,000
Subtotal, Department of Veterans Affairs Discretonary Receipt Accounts	(42,282)	(37,440)	(26,010
Total NET Budget Authority	269,520,986	303,198,836	320,152,67

Notes:

- The President's Budget Appendix combines the Native American and Vocational Rehabilitation Direct Loan Program Accounts into one account; the National Cemetery Administration, Cemetery Operations and Maintenance and Cemetery Gift Fund into one account; and the Pershing Hall Revolving Fund and General Administration Account into one account.
- FY 2022 MCCF receipts align with amounts identified and apportioned in the year and total to the amount made available in an appropriation to 36-5287, but Treasury recognizes collections which occur later in the month, so receipt figures here do differ from those recorded at the individual receipt accounts in the 2024 President's Budget Appendix.

#### **Net Outlays**

The following table reflects net budget authority calculations by Treasury Account Symbol in alignment with the President's Budget Appendix. Appendix F of Office of Management and Budget's Circular A-11 provides the business rules: <u>https://www.whitehouse.gov</u>

(\$s in thousands)	2022 Actual	2023 Estimate	2024 Request &
Mandatan Net Ordens by Assessed			Transmit 4
Mandatory Net Outlays by Account			
Veterans Health Administration			
Medical Services (036-0160)	646,000	61,000	9,000
Medical Community Care (036-0140)	81,000	7,000	1,000
Medical Facilities (036-0162)	11,000	54,000	738,000
Medical Support and Compliance (036-0152)	3,000	2,000	1,000
Veterans Choice Fund (036-0172)	8,000	_,	-,
General Post Fund, National Homes (036-8180)	15,000	21,000	17,000
Canteen Service Revolving Fund (036-4014)	42,000	28,000	32,000
Emergency Department of Veterans Affairs Employee Leave Fund (036-0131)	8,000	20,000	52,000
Veterans Medical Care and Health Fund (036-0173)	7,233,000	6,030,000	1,215,000
Medical Care Collections Fund (036-5287)	5,000	16,000	1,215,000
Subtotal, Veterans Health Administration	8,052,000	6,219,000	2,013,000
Subtotal, veteralis realth Administration	0,052,000	0,219,000	2,015,000
Benefits Programs			
General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration (036-0151)	121,000	624,000	1,000
Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund (036-1119M)	1,907,000	998,000	4,000
Legislative Proposal Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund (036-1119M)	1,207,000	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	(1,000)
Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program Account (036-1120M)	3,000	5,000	(1,000)
Veterans Insurance and Indemnities (036-0120)	135,000	116,000	140,000
National Service Life Insurance Fund (036-8132)	453,000	408,000	285,000
United States Government Life Insurance Fund (036-8150)		1,000	200,000
Compensation and Pensions (036-0102)	139,732,000	150,129,000	155,768,000
Legislative Proposal Compensation and Pensions (036-0102)	139,732,000	150,129,000	(75,000)
Readjustment Benefits (036-0137)	11,862,000	11,724,000	11,717,000
Legislative Proposal Readjustment Benefits (036-0137)	11,002,000	11,724,000	11,000
Servicemembers Group Life Insurance Fund (036-4009)	(565,000)	(685,000)	(456,000)
Veterans Reopened Insurance Fund (036-4010)	10,000	7,000	(450,000)
Service-disabled Veterans Insurance Fund (036-4012)	(11,000)	38,000	4,000
Legislative Proposal Service-disabled Veterans Insurance Fund (036-4012)	(11,000)	58,000	(2,000)
	(5,000)	(2,000)	(3,000)
Housing Liquidating Account (036-4025)	(3,000)	146,000	(3,000)
Veterans Special Life Insurance Fund (036-8455)	149,000		
Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (036-4379)	-	(7,000)	(33,000)
Post-Vietnam Era Veterans Education Account (036-8133)	8,000	8,000	4,000
Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund	-	4,773,000	16,359,000
Legislative Proposal Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund	153 700 000	168,283,000	16,000
Subtotal, Benefits Programs	153,799,000	108,283,000	183,884,000
Departmental Administration			
Construction, Major Projects (036-0110)		2,000	3,000
Legislative Proposal Construction, Major Projects (036-0110)		2,000	49,000
Construction, Minor Projects (036-0111)	2,000	8,000	32,000
Legislative Proposal Construction, Minor Projects (036-0111)	2,000	0,000	13,000
National Cemetery Administration National Gift Fund and Operations and Maintenance	_	1 000	
General Administration (036-0142)		1,000	1,000 2,000
Information Technology Systems (036-0167)		10.000	2,000
Office of Inspector General (036-0170)	- - 000	10,000	-
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	6,000 5,000	1,000	170.000
Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities (036-0181)	5,000	150,000	170,000
Board of Veterans Appeals (036-1122)	4,000	-	-
Supply Fund (036-4537)	(113,000)	43,000	89,000
Subtotal, Departmental Administration	(96,000)	215,000	359,000

(\$s in thousands)	2022 Actual	2023 Estimate	2024 Request & Transmit 4
Mandatory Receipt Accounts			
Contributions from Military Personnel, Veterans Educational Act (247300)	(81,000)	(19,000)	(2,000)
Housing Downward Reestimates (273330)	(337,000)	(565,000)	-
Native American Veteran Housing Loans, Negative Subsidies (275110)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Housing Negative Subsidies (275510)	(192,000)	(18,000)	(167,000)
All Other General Fund Proprietary Receipts Including Budget Clearing Accounts (3220000)	(57,000)	(54,000)	(55,000)
Undistributed Intragovernmental Payments and Receivables from Cancelled Accounts (3885000)	(65,000)	(8,000)	(9,000)
NSLI Fund, Premium and Other Receipts (813210)	(25,000)	(25,000)	(18,000)
General Post Fund, National Homes, Deposits (8180001)	(19,000)	(19,000)	(21,000)
General Fund Proprietary Interest Receipts, not Otherwise Classified (1435000)	(3,000)	(7,000)	(8,000)
Native American Direct Loans, Downward Reestimate of Subsidies (036-2751.003)	-	(1,000)	-
Subtotal, Mandatory Receipt Accounts	(781,000)	(718,000)	(282,000)
Subtotal, Mandatory Net Outlays	160,974,000	173,999,000	185,974,000
Discretionary Net Outlays by Account			
Department of Veterans Affairs			
Veterans Health Administration			
Medical Community Care (036-0140)	25,179,000	23,245,000	25,307,000
Medical Support and Compliance (036-0152)	8,525,000	9,135,000	11,409,000
Medical Services (036-0160)	61,432,000	71,388,000	71,986,000
Medical and Prosthetic Research (036-0161)	871,000	845,000	905,000
Medical Facilities (036-0162)	6,863,000	9,115,000	12,551,000
DOD-VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund (036-0165)	23,000	16,000	30,000
Joint DOD-VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund (036-0169)	531,000	635,000	623,000
Subtotal, Veterans Health Administration	103,424,000	114,379,000	122,811,000
Benefits Programs			
General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration (036-0151)	3,364,000	3,708,000	3,774,000
Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund (036-1119D)	215,000	282,000	317,000
Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program Account (036-1120D)	2,000	2,000	3,000
Subtotal, Benefits Programs	3,581,000	3,992,000	4,094,000
Departmental Administration			
Construction, Major Projects (036-0110)	766,000	2,226,000	925,000
Construction, Minor Projects (036-0111)	575,000	627,000	913,000
National Cemetery Administration (036-0129)	377,000	463,000	462,000
General Administration (036-0142)	413,000	551,000	451,000
Information Technology Systems (036-0167)	5,429,000	7,227,000	6,257,000
Office of Inspector General (036-0170)	244,000	237,000	282,000
Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities (036-0181)	212,000	180,000	163,000
Grants for Construction of Veterans Cemeteries (036-0183)	29,000	114,000	49,000
Board of Veterans Appeals (036-1122)	221,000	250,000	285,000
Franchise Fund (036-4539)	(109,000)	(37,000)	(248,000)
Electronic Health Care Record Modernization (036-1123)	1,670,000	3,869,000	1,731,000
Recurring Expenses Transformation Fund (036-1124)	-	296,000	611,000
Subtotal, Departmental Administration	9,827,000	16,003,000	11,881,000
Discretionary Receipt Accounts			
MCCF Pharmaceutical Co-Payments (528710)	(364,000)	(330,000)	(336,000)
MCCF Third Part Prescription Claims (528711)	(147,000)	(151,000)	(173,000)
MCCF Enhanced-use Lease Proceeds (528712)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
MCCF Fee Basis 3rd Party MCCF (528713)	(757,000)	(771,000)	(861,000)
Fee Basis First Party Collections, Medical Care Collections Fund (036-5287.014)	(31,000)	(14,000)	(24,000)
MCCF First Party Collections (528730)	(137,000)	(155,000)	(133,000)
MCCF Third Party Collections (528740)	(2,466,000)	(2,382,000)	(2,709,000)
MCCF Parking Fees (528760)	(4,000)	(2,000)	(3,000)
MCCF Compensated Work Therapy (528770)	(32,000)	(36,000)	(25,000)
MCCF Payments from Compensation and Pension (528780)	(2,000)	(1,000)	(2,000)
MCCF Long-term Care Copayments (528790)	(2,000)	(1,000)	(2,000)
Subtotal, Discretionary Receipt Accounts	(3,943,000)	(3,844,000)	(4,269,000)
	112,889,000	130,530,000	134,517,000
Subtotal, Discretionary Net Outlays			320,491,000
Subtotal, Discretionary Net Outlays Total Department of Veterans Affairs NET Outlays	273,863,000	304,529,000	520,491,000
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Note:

• The President's Budget Appendix combines the Native American and Vocational Rehabilitation Direct Loan Program Accounts into one account; the National Cemetery Administration, Cemetery Operations and Maintenance and Cemetery Gift Fund into one account; and the Pershing Hall Revolving Fund and General Administration Account into one account.

#### Full-Time Equivalent Employees (FTE)

The following table reflects funded FTE from all sources by administration and office. Sources of funding include discretionary appropriations (emergency and non-emergency) and enacted mandatory appropriations (including the American Rescue Plan and PACT Act).

A 11 Gen 1's a service a	2022	2023	2024	2024 vs. 20	23 Change
All funding sources	Enacted	Enacted	Request	#	%
Medical Services	260,498	277,588	293,574	15,986	5.8%
Medical Support & Compliance	58,394	62,859	66,558	3,699	5.9%
Medical Facilities (Includes NRM)	25,195	25,668	26,501	833	3.2%
Veterans Medical Care and Health Fund	15,443	3,630		(3,630)	-100.0%
Subtotal, Medical Care	359,530	369,745	386,633	16,888	4.6%
DoD-VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund	31	34	34	0	0.0%
Joint DoD/VA Demonstration Fund	2,285	2,440	2,490	50	2.0%
Medical Research	4,237	4,601	4,829	228	5.0%
Canteen Service	2,250	2,075	2,065	(10)	-0.5%
Subtotal Veterans Health Administration FTE	368,333	378,895	396,051	17,156	4.5%
Electronic Health Record Modernization	172	227	313	86	37.9%
Information Technology	8,048	9,144	9,583	439	4.8%
Board of Veterans Appeals	1,182	1,341	1,618	277	20.7%
Veterans Benefits Administration	24,794	33,214	34,228	1,014	3.1%
National Cemetery Administration	2,114	2,281	2,331	50	2.2%
General Administration	2,873	3,666	4,508	842	23.0%
Inspector General	1,107	1,131	1,155	24	2.1%
Franchise Fund	1,992	2,537	2,585	48	1.9%
Supply Fund	1,023	1,452	1,452	0	0.0%
Total FTE	411,638	433,888	453,824	19,936	4.6%

General Administration differs from the President's Budget Appendix in 2023 and 2024 due to a data entry error 60 FTE funded in 2024 through a legislative proposal within the Toxic Exposures Fund is not included in the total

### FTE funded within the Toxic Exposures Fund, included in the table above

All funding sources	2022	2023	2024	2024 vs. 20	23 Change
All funding sources	Enacted	Enacted	Request	#	%
Cost of War Toxic Exposure Fund					
Medical Care		13	13	-	-
Medical and Prosthetic Research		11	113	102	927.3%
Information Technology Systems		139	341	202	145.3%
Board of Veterans' Appeals		-	153	153	-
General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits		6,733	8,466	1,733	25.7%
Administration		0,755	6,400		
General Administration		238	238	-	-
Subtotal, Cost of War Toxic Exposure Fund	-	7,134	9,324	2,190	30.7%

### **Departmental General Administration FTE by Office**

Office	20222023ActualRequest		2023 Enacted	2024	2024 Request vs 2023 Enacted	
	Actual	Request	Епастей	Request	FTE	%
Direct						
Office of the Secretary	75	82	82	83	1	1.2%
Office of General Counsel	689	721	715	757	42	5.9%
Office of Management	260	319	300	334	34	11.3%
Office of Human Resources & Administration/	321	364	364	377	13	3.6%
Operations, Security & Preparedness						
Office of Enterprise Integration	72	102	85	109	24	28.2%
Office of Public & Intergovernmental Affairs	77	76	76	81	5	6.6%
Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs	42	51	51	51	-	0.0%
Office of Accountability & Whistleblower	118	141	141	146	5	3.5%
Protection						
Subtotal. direct	1,654	1,856	1,814	1,938	124	6.8%
Reimbursable						
Office of the Secretary	27	36	36	36	-	0.0%
Office of General Counsel	146	152	159	169	10	6.3%
Office of Management	5	5	5	5	-	0.0%
Office of Human Resources & Administration/	368	486	486	1,054	568	116.9%
Operations, Security & Preparedness						
Office of Public & Intergovernmental Affairs	-	1	3	5	2	66.7%
Office of Acquisition, Logistics & Construction	433	573	573	618	45	7.9%
Veterans Experience Office	240	343	352	445	93	26.4%
Subtotal. reimbursable	1,219	1,596	1,614	2,332	718	44.5%
Total	2,873	3,452	3,428	4,270	842	24.6%

Note: Total FTE include carryover FTE



# Appropriation Reconciliation

### Appropriations, Collections, and DoD Transfers

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	2022	2023	2024			
Appropriation/Fund Account	Enacted	Enacted	Request			
Mandatory Funds						
Benefit programs:						
Disability Compensation Mandatory Benefits	135,092,977	148,035,913	147,623,850			
Burial Mandatory Benefits	3,767,073	3,570,768	3,383,745			
Pensions Mandatory Benefits	322,964	409,861	426,420			
Subtotal, Compensation and Pension	139,183,014	152,016,542	151,434,015			
Readjustment Benefits	14,946,618	8,906,851	8,452,500			
Insurance Mandatory Benefits	136,950	109,865	133,827			
Voc Rehab Mandatory Upward Reestimates	-	-	-			
Veterans Housing Mandatory Subsidy and Upward Reestimates	1,906,533	795,187	4,123			
Native American Veterans Housing Mandatory Upward Reestimates	3,078	4,135	-			
Housing Liquidating Account	(3,911)	(2,822)	(2,559)			
Subtotal, Mandatory Benefits	156,172,283	161,829,758	160,021,906			
Construction, Major Projects			1,530,000			
Construction, Minor Projects			400,000			
Subtotal, Construction	-	-	1,930,000			
Enhanced Use Leases, Sec. 705 of PACT Act						
Medical Facilities	275,205					
General Administration	18,034					
Construction, Major Projects	58,307					
Construction, Minor Projects	570,454					
Subtotal, Enhanced Use Leases	922,000	-	-			
Major Medical Facility Leases, Sec. 707 of PACT Act	-	1,880,000	100,000			
Toxic Exposures Fund, Sec. 806 of PACT Act						
Medical Care	34,124	3,822,377	17,115,692			
Medical and Prosthetic Research	650	1,830	46,000			
Information Technology Systems	123,053	656,000	1,243,000			
Board of Veterans' Appeals	10,328	700	4,000			
General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration	302,018	482,362	1,769,000			
General Administration	29,827	36,731	90,000			
Subtotal, Toxic Exposures Fund	500,000	5,000,000	20,267,692			
Subtotal, Mandatory	157,594,283	168,709,758	182,319,598			

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	2022	2023	2024			
Appropriation/Fund Account	Enacted	Enacted	Request			
Discretionary Funds Medical and Prosthetic Research	882,000	916,000	938,000			
Medical Services (Advance Appropriation)	58,897,219	70,323,116	74,004,000			
Annual Appropriation	56,697,219	261,000	/4,004,000			
Rescission P.L. 117-43	(200,000)	,				
Rescission of balances from prior year appropriations			(4,933,113			
Transfer to Joint DoD/VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund	(203,805)	(233,005)				
Transfer to VA/DoD Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000			
Transfer to Medical Community Care (0140)		(170,000)	(263,141			
Transfer tot Medical Facilities (0162)		(270,000)				
Medical Care Collections Fund	3,088,295	3,035,289	3,356,710			
Subtotal, Medical Services with Collections	61,566,709	72,931,400	72,149,456			
Medical Community Care (Advance Appropriation)	20,148,244	24,156,659	33,000,000			
Annual Appropriation	3,269,000	4,300,000				
Rescission P.L. 117-43	(200,000)					
Rescission of balances from prior year appropriations			(1,909,069			
Transfer to Joint DoD/VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund	(43,768)	(67,500)	(70,000			
Transfer to Medical Facilities (0162)			(3,919,081			
Transfer from Medical Services (0160)		170,000				
Transfer from Medical Support & Compliance		930,000				
Medical Care Collections Fund to Medical Community Care	782,169	791,075	892,044			
Subtotal, Medical Community Care with Collections	23,955,645	30,280,234	27,993,894			
Medical Support and Compliance (Advance Appropriation)	8,403,117	9,673,409	12,300,000			
Annual Appropriation		1,400,000				
Transfer to Joint DoD/VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund	(30,613)	(32,144)	(33,751			
Transfer to Medical Community Care (0140)		(930,000)	(050.000			
Transfer to Medical Facilities (0162)	8 272 504	10 111 265	(850,000			
Subtotal, Medical Support and Compliance	8,372,504	10,111,265	11,416,249			
Medical Facilities (Advance Appropriation)	6,734,680	7,133,816	8,800,000			
Annual Appropriation	150.000	1,500,000				
Sec. 253 PL 117-103	150,000		(250 51 5			
Rescission of balances from prior year appropriations	(02.820)	(116 991)	(250,515			
Transfer to Joint DoD/VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund Transfer from Medical Services (0160)	(92,830)	(116,881) 270,000	(55,452			
Transfer from Medical Community Care (0140)		270,000	3,919,081			
Transfer from Medical Support and Compliance (0152)			850,000			
Subtotal, Medical Facilities	6,791,850	8,786,935	13,263,114			
VA/DoD Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund						
Transfer from Medical Services	15,000	15,000	15,000			
Transfer from DoD	15,000	15,000	15,000			
Subtotal, VA/DoD Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund	30,000	30,000	30,000			
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Joint DoD/VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund Transfer from DoD	137,000	167,610	172,000			
Transfer from Medical Services						
Transfer from Medical Support and Compliance	203,805 30,613	233,005 32,144	263,141 33,751			
Transfer from Medical Support and Compliance	92,830	116,881	55,452			
Transfer from Medical Community Care	43,768	67,500	70,000			
Transfer from Medical Care Collections Fund	16,322	18,257	20,444			
Transfer from Information Technology	7,993	8,085	8,188			
Subtotal, Joint DoD/VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund	532,331	643,482	622,976			
Grants for State Extended Care	50,000	150.000	164 000			
Grants for State Extended Care Subtotal, Veterans Health Administration	102,181,039	150,000 123,849,316	164,000 <b>126,577,689</b>			
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	2022	2023	2024
Appropriation/Fund Account	Enacted	Enacted	Request
Electronic Health Records Modernization (EHRM)	2,663,000	1,759,000	1,863,000
Rescission of prior year appropriation balances	(200,000)	(150,000)	-
Subtotal, EHRM	2,463,000	1,609,000	1,863,000
Information Technology Systems	4,842,800	5,782,000	6,401,000
Rescission P.L. 117-43	(76,105)		
Sec. 253 PL 117-103	670,000		
Transfer to Joint DoD/VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund	(7,993)	(8,085)	(8,188)
Subtotal, Information Technology	5,428,702	5,773,915	6,392,812
Board of Veterans' Appeals	228,000	285,000	287,000
VBA-GOE	3,423,000	3,863,000	3,899,000
National Cemetery Administration	394,000	430,000	480,000
General Administration	401,200	433,000	475,000
Construction Major	1,611,000	1,372,000	881,000
Construction Minor	553,000	626,110	680,000
Grants for State Cemeteries	45,000	50,000	60,000
Office of Inspector General	239,000	273,000	296,000
Asset and Infrastructure Review Commission	5,000	(5,000)	-
Vocational Rehabilitation Direct Loan Admin and Subsidy	432	453	539
Native American Direct Loan Admin	1,400	1,400	2,719
Veterans Housing Benefits Admin	229,500	282,361	316,742
Recurring Expense Transformational Fund	(820,000)	-	-
Subtotal, Discretionary Appropriations net of rescission w/MCCF	116,383,273	138,843,555	142,211,501
Total VA with MCCF	273,977,556	307,553,313	324,531,099



Net Appropriation: Requested and Enacted Appropriations

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Department of Veterans Affairs 8 - 2023 Historical Appropriations: Requested and En



### Functional Distribution of Budget Authority (Net)

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Function and Program	2022 Actual	2023 Estimate	2024 Request & Transmit 4
701: Income Security for Veterans			
Compensation and Pensions (036-0102)	139,183,014	152,016,542	151,434,015
Legislative Proposal Compensation and Pensions (036-0102)	-	-	(75,000)
Veterans Insurance and Indemnities (036-0120)	136,950	109,865	133,827
National Service Life Insurance Fund (036-8132)	360,790	314,672	222,736
NSLI Fund, Premium and Other Receipts (813210)	(24,866)	(25,110)	(18,200)
Subtotal, Income Security for Veterans	\$139,655,888	\$152,415,969	\$151,697,378
702: Veterans education, training and rehabilitation			
Readjustment Benefits (036-0137)	14,946,618	8,906,851	8,452,500
Legislative Proposal Readjustment Benefits (036-0137)	-	-	11,000
Contributions from Military Personnel, Veterans Educational Act (247300)	(81,000)	(19,405)	(2,415)
Subtotal, Veterans education, training and rehabilitation	\$14,865,618	\$8,887,446	\$8,461,085
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703: Hospital and medical care for veterans	50.000		
Construction, Major Projects (036-0110)	58,000	1 271 900	-
Legislative Proposal Construction, Major Projects (036-0110)	1,611,307	1,371,890	881,000
Construction, Major Projects (036-0110)	-	-	1,530,000
Construction, Minor Projects (036-0111)	570,000	-	-
Legislative Proposal Construction, Minor Projects (036-0111) Construction, Minor Projects (036-0111)	553,454	626,110	680,000 400,000
Emergency Department of Veterans Affairs Employee Leave Fund (036-0131)	-	_	,
Medical Community Care (036-0140)	23,955,645	30,280,234	27,993,894
Medical Support and Compliance (036-0152)	8,372,504	10,111,265	11,416,249
Medical Services (036-0160)	61,462,331	72,931,400	72,149,456
Medical and Prosthetic Research (036-0161)	882,000	916,000	938,000
Medical Facilities (036-0162)	275,000	1,880,000	100,000
Medical Facilities (036-0162)	6,792,055	8,787,000	13,263,485
DOD-VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund (036-0165)	30,000	30,000	30,000
Joint DOD-VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund (036-0169)	532,331	643,596	622,524
Veterans Choice Fund (036-0172)		-	- ,
Veterans Medical Care and Health Fund (036-0173)	-	_	-
Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities (036-0181)	50,000	150,000	164,000
Grants for Construction of Veterans Cemeteries (036-0183)	48,500	50,000	60,000
Electronic Health Care Record Modernization (036-1123)	2,300,000	1,609,000	1,863,000
Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund (036-1126)	500,000	5,000,000	20,284,000
MCCF Pharmaceutical Co-Payments (528710)	(327,439)	(331,314)	(335,858)
MCCF Third Part Prescription Claims (528711)	(148,498)	(150,976)	(173,176)
MCCF Enhanced-use Lease Proceeds (528712)	(905)	(756)	(672)
MCCF Fee Basis 3rd Party MCCF (528713)	(753,371)	(770,531)	(861,133)
MCCF Fee Based First Party Collections (528714)	(27,799)	(13,557)	(23,515)
MCCF First Party Collections (528730)	(125,468)	(154,848)	(133,239)
MCCF Third Party Collections (528740)	(2,463,691)	(2,382,874)	(2,710,516)
MCCF Parking Fees (528760)	(3,972)	(2,180)	(3,200)
MCCF Compensated Work Therapy (528770)	(32,125)	(35,974)	(24,622)
MCCF Payments from Compensation and Pension (528780)	(1,969)	(1,090)	(1,506)
MCCF Long-term Care Copayments (528790)	(1,163)	(1,090)	(1,761)
Subtotal, Hospital and medical care for veterans	\$104,106,727	\$130.541.604	\$148,106,410

Function and Program	2022 Actual	2023 Estimate	2024 Request & Transmit 4
704: Veterans housing			
Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund (036-1119D)	229,500	282,361	316,742
Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund (036-1119M)	1,906,533	795,187	4,123
Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program Account (036-1120D)	1,832	1,853	3,258
Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program Account (036-1120M)	3,084	4,145	-
Housing Liquidating Account (036-4025)	(3,911)	(2,822)	(2,559)
Housing Downward Reestimates (273330)	(336,879)	(565,000)	-
Native American Veteran Housing Loans, Negative Subsidies (275110)	(2,074)	(2,109)	(2,551)
Housing Negative Subsidies (275510)	(191,904)	(17,791)	(166,401)
Subtotal, Veterans housing	\$1,606,182	\$495,824	\$152,612
705: Other veterans benefits and services			
National Cemetery Administration (036-0129)	394,000	431,000	481,285
General Administration (036-0142)	419,234	433,000	475,000
General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration (036-0151)	3,542,813	3,863,000	3,899,000
Information Technology Systems (036-0167)	5,438,280	5,773,965	6,392,915
Office of Inspector General (036-0170)	239,000	273,000	296,000
Board of Veterans Appeals (036-1122)	233,800	285,000	287,000
Recurring Expenses Transformation Fund (036-1124)	(820,000)	(90,874)	-
Asset Infrastructure Review Commission (036-1130)	5,000	(5,000)	-
General Post Fund, National Homes (036-8180)	20,733	21,000	23,000
General Post Fund, National Homes, Deposits (8180001)	(19,000)	(19,000)	(21,000)
Subtotal, Other veterans benefits and services	\$9,453,860	\$10,965,091	\$11,833,200
809: Deductions for offsetting receipts			
All Other General Fund Proprietary Receipts Including Budget Clearing Accounts (3220000)	(57,000)	(54,000)	(55,000)
Native American Direct Loans, Downward Reestimate of Subsidies (275130)	(37,000)	(658)	(55,000)
Undistributed Intragovernmental Payments and Receivables from Cancelled Accounts (3885000)	(65,000)	(8,000)	(9,000)
Subtotal, Deductions for offsetting receipts	(\$122,007)	(\$62,658)	(\$64,000)
902: Interest received by on-budget trust funds			
NSLI Fund, Interest (813220)	(40,282)	(34,440)	(23,010)
General Post Fund, National Homes, Interest on Investments (8180002)	(40,282) (2,000)	(34,440) (3,000)	(23,010) (3,000)
Subtotal, Interest received by on-budget trust funds	(\$42,282)	(\$37,440)	(\$26,010)
908: Other interest			
	(2.000)	(7.000)	(0.000)
General Fund Proprietary Interest Receipts, not Otherwise Classified (1435000)	(3,000)	(7,000)	(8,000)
Total Department of Veterans Affairs NET Budget Authority	\$269,520,986	\$303,198,836	\$320,152,673

<u>Functional Categories of the Federal Budget</u> <u>https://www.everycrsreport.com/reports/98-280.html</u>



# Functional Distribution of Outlays (Net)

Function and Program	2022 Actual	2023 Estimate	2024 Request & Transmit 4
701: Income Security for Veterans			
Compensation and Pensions (036-0102)	139,732,000	150,129,000	155,768,000
Legislative Proposal Compensation and Pensions (036-0102)	-	-	(75,000)
Veterans Insurance and Indemnities (036-0120)	135,000	116,000	140,000
Servicemembers Group Life Insurance Fund (036-4009)	(565,000)	(685,000)	(456,000)
Veterans Reopened Insurance Fund (036-4010)	10,000	7,000	5,000
Service-disabled Veterans Insurance Fund (036-4012)	(11,000)	38,000	4,000
National Service Life Insurance Fund (036-8132)	453,000	408,000	285,000
United States Government Life Insurance Fund (036-8150)	-	1,000	-
Veterans Special Life Insurance Fund (036-8455)	149,000	146,000	140,000
NSLI Fund, Premium and Other Receipts (813210)	(25,000)	(25,000)	(18,000)
Subtotal, Income Security for Veterans	\$139,878,000	\$150,135,000	\$155,793,000
702: Veterans education, training and rehabilitation			
Readjustment Benefits (036-0137)	11,862,000	11,724,000	11,717,000
Legislative Proposal Readjustment Benefits (036-0137)	-	-	11,000
Post-Vietnam Era Veterans Education Account (036-8133)	8,000	8,000	4,000
Contributions from Military Personnel, Veterans Educational	(81,000)	(19,000)	(2,000)
Act (247300)			× · · /
Subtotal, Veterans education, training and rehabilitation	\$11,789,000	\$11,713,000	\$11,730,000

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Function and Program	2022 Actual	2023 Estimate	2024 Request & Transmit 4
703: Hospital and medical care for veterans			
Construction, Major Projects (036-0110)	766,000	2,226,000	925,000
Construction, Major Projects (036-0110)	-	2,000	3,000
Legislative Proposal Construction, Major Projects (036-0110)	-	-	49,000
Construction, Minor Projects (036-0111)	575,000	627,000	913,000
Construction, Minor Projects (036-0111)	2,000	8,000	32,000
Legislative Proposal Construction, Minor Projects (036-0111)	-	-	13,000
Emergency Department of Veterans Affairs Employee Leave Fund (036-0131)	8,000	-	-
Medical Community Care (036-0140)	25,179,000	23,245,000	25,307,000
Medical Community Care (036-0140)	81,000	7,000	1,000
Medical Support and Compliance (036-0152)	8,525,000	9,135,000	11,409,000
Medical Support and Compliance (036-0152)	3,000	2,000	1,000
Medical Services (036-0160)	61,432,000	71,388,000	71,986,000
Medical Services (036-0160)	646,000	61,000	9,000
Medical and Prosthetic Research (036-0161)	871,000	845,000	905,000
Medical Facilities (036-0162)	6,863,000	9,115,000	12,551,000
Medical Facilities (036-0162)	11,000	54,000	738,000
DOD-VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund (036-0165)	23,000	16,000	30,000
Joint DOD-VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund (036-0169)	531,000	635,000	623,000
Veterans Choice Fund (036-0172)	8,000	-	-
Veterans Medical Care and Health Fund (036-0173)	7,233,000	6,030,000	1,215,000
Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities (036-0181)	212,000	180,000	163,000
Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities (036-0181)	5,000	150,000	170,000
Grants for Construction of Veterans Cemeteries (036-0183)	29,000	114,000	49,000
Electronic Health Care Record Modernization (036-1123)	1,670,000	3,869,000	1,731,000
Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund (036-1126)	-	4,773,000	16,359,000
Legislative Proposal Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund (036-1126)	-	-	16,000
Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (036-4379)	-	-	(2,000)
Medical Care Collections Fund (036-5287)	5,000	16,000	-
MCCF Pharmaceutical Co-Payments (528710)	(364,000)	(330,000)	(336,000)
MCCF Third Part Prescription Claims (528711)	(147,000)	(151,000)	(173,000)
MCCF Enhanced-use Lease Proceeds (528712)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
MCCF Fee Basis 3rd Party MCCF (528713)	(757,000)	(771,000)	(861,000)
MCCF Fee Based First Party Collections (528714)	(31,000)	(14,000)	(24,000)
MCCF First Party Collections (528730)	(137,000)	(155,000)	(133,000)
MCCF Third Party Collections (528740)	(2,466,000)	(2,382,000)	(2,709,000)
MCCF Parking Fees (528760)	(4,000)	(2,000)	(3,000)
MCCF Compensated Work Therapy (528770)	(32,000)	(36,000)	(25,000)
MCCF Payments from Compensation and Pension (528780)	(2,000)	(1,000)	(2,000)
MCCF Long-term Care Copayments (528790)	(2,000)	(1,000)	(2,000)
Subtotal, Hospital and medical care for veterans	\$110,735,000	\$128,654,000	\$140,927,000

Function and Program	2022 Actual	2023 Estimate	2024 Request & Transmit 4
704: Veterans housing			
Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund (036-1119D)	215,000	282,000	317,000
Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund (036-1119M)	1,907,000	998,000	4,000
Legislative Proposal Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund (036-1119M)	-	-	(1,000)
Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program Account (036-1120D)	2,000	2,000	3,000
Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program Account (036-1120M)	3,000	5,000	-
Housing Liquidating Account (036-4025)	(5,000)	(2,000)	(3,000)
Housing Downward Reestimates (273330)	(337,000)	(565,000)	-
Native American Veteran Housing Loans, Negative Subsidies (275110)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Native American Direct Loans, Downward Reestimate of Subsidies (275130)	-	(1,000)	-
Housing Negative Subsidies (275510)	(192,000)	(18,000)	(167,000)
Subtotal, Veterans housing	\$1,591,000	\$699,000	\$151,000
705: Other veterans benefits and services			
National Cemetery Administration (036-0129)	377,000	463,000	462,000
General Administration (036-0142)	413,000	551,000	451,000
General Administration (036-0142)	415,000	551,000	2,000
General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration (036-0151)	3,364,000	3,708,000	3,774,000
General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration (036-0151)	121,000	624,000	1,000
Information Technology Systems (036-0167)	5,429,000	7,227,000	6,257,000
	5,429,000	10.000	0,237,000
Information Technology Systems (036-0167)	244.000	- ,	-
Office of Inspector General (036-0170)	244,000	237,000	282,000
Office of Inspector General (036-0170)	6,000	1,000	-
Board of Veterans Appeals (036-1122)	221,000	250,000	285,000
Board of Veterans Appeals (036-1122)	4,000	-	-
Recurring Expenses Transformation Fund (036-1124)	-	296,000	611,000
Canteen Service Revolving Fund (036-4014)	42,000	28,000	32,000
Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (036-4379)	-	(7,000)	(33,000)
Supply Fund (036-4537)	(113,000)	43,000	89,000
Franchise Fund (036-4539)	(109,000)	(37,000)	(248,000)
General Post Fund, National Homes (036-8180)	15,000	21,000	17,000
General Post Fund, National Homes, Deposits (8180001)	(19,000)	(19,000)	(21,000)
National Cemetery Administration National Gift Fund and Operations and Maintenance (036- 5392/8129)	-	1,000	1,000
Subtotal, Other veterans benefits and services	\$9,995,000	\$13,397,000	\$11,962,000
809: Deductions for offsetting receipts			
All Other General Fund Proprietary Receipts Including Budget Clearing Accounts (3220000)	(57,000)	(54,000)	(55,000)
Undistributed Intragovernmental Payments and Receivables from Cancelled Accounts (322000)	(65,000)	(8,000)	(9,000)
Subtotal, Deductions for offsetting receipts	(\$122,000)	(\$62,000)	(\$64,000)
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902: Interest received by on-budget trust funds	(40.000)	(24.000)	(22.000)
NSLI Fund, Interest (813220)	(40,000)	(34,000)	(23,000)
General Post Fund, National Homes, Interest on Investments (8180002)	(2,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)
Subtotal, Interest received by on-budget trust funds	(\$42,000)	(\$37,000)	(\$26,000)
908: Other interest			
General Fund Proprietary Interest Receipts, not Otherwise Classified (1435000)	(3,000)	(7,000)	(8,000)
Total Department of Veterans Affairs NET Budget Authority	\$273,821,000	\$304,492,000	\$320,463,000



# Total Average Employment 2013-2022

#### Total Average Employment 2013 - 2022 Actuals

Appropriation/Fund Account	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Medical Programs							•			
Medical Services	195,679	205,003	216,337	224,846	229,600	239,148	247,942	256,897	268,152	260,498
Medical Support and Compliance	48,610	50,323	49,479	50,554	50,939	52,443	54,517	55,548	57,204	58,394
Medical Facilities	23,641	23,023	23,644	23,924	24,151	24,522	25,135	25,644	25,803	25,195
Veterans Medical Care and Health Fund									40	15,443
Subtotal, Medical Care Programs	267,930	278,349	289,460	299,324	304,690	316,113	327,594	338,089	351,199	359,530
Medical and Prosthetic Research	3,445	3,446	3,521	3,138	3,071	3,085	3,248	3,418	4,135	4,237
DoD-VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund	165	44	57	47	33	23	7	11	29	31
Joint DoD-VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund	2,016	2,082	2,127	2,038	2,096	2,113	2,108	2,178	2,275	2,285
Veterans Choice			30	58	159	1	-	-	-	-
Canteen Service Revolving Fund	3,307	3,258	3,351	3,410	3,455	3,420	3,285	2,977	2,267	2,250
Subtotal, Medical Programs	276,863	287,179	298,546	308,015	313,504	324,755	336,242	346,673	359,905	368,333
Electronic Health Record Modernization	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	114	175	172
Information Technology	7,362	7,291	7,309	7,387	7,241	7,152	7,469	7,828	8,186	8,048
Board of Veterans' Appeals			646	660	840	849	1,077	1,157	1,182	1,182
Veterans Benefits Administration	21,130	20,822	21,522	21,558	22,408	22,961	23,147	24,758	24,639	24,794
National Cemetery Administration	1,690	1,712	1,730	1,814	1,851	1,865	1,947	2,026	2,078	2,114
General Administration	3,117	3,205	2,586	2,559	2,524	2,526	2,524	2,612	2,749	2,873
Office of Inspector General	633	641	676	706	745	849	908	1,001	1,032	1,107
Asset & Infrastructure Review Commission									-	0
Franchise Fund	1,089	1,153	1,217	1,397	1,314	1,383	1,473	1,821	1,875	1,992
Supply Fund	957	1,013	1,048	1,045	1,145	957	1,002	981	1,002	1,023
General Post	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-
Total Department of Veterans Affairs	312,841	323,016	335,280	345,141	351,580	363,297	375,813	388,971	402,823	411,638

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