Medical Foster Home Information for Caregivers

- Home must be within 30-mile radius of the Robley Rex VA Medical Center or a Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) staffed with Home Based Primary Care personnel.
- Home must be owned or rented by the caregiver, and actual residence of the caregiver.
- Must meet all state and local licensure requirements and regulation, including construction, fire and sanitation regulation.
- Must be inspected by VA inspection team.
- Must have formal or informal experience with patient care.
- Must be physically able to provide the needed care, and have a written backup plan with relief caregivers if unable to provide care.
- Must undergo criminal background check and provide three references.
Information for the Veteran Regarding Medical Foster Homes

- An alternate to nursing home placement and long-term care.
- Care is provided at the expense of the Veteran and his or her family or legal representative.
- Veteran receives medical services through Home Based Primary Care.
- Alternative care placement for Veterans who prefer a home atmosphere vs. an institutional setting.
- Community-based living arrangement for adults who cannot live independently due to physical or mental problems or disabilities.
- Protection, personal care, and room and board with one-on-one attention in a family setting.

Medical Foster Home Environment

- Private / semi private room
- Variety of relationships
- 24-hour supervision
- Flexibility in daily routine
- Choice
- Permanent home
- Safeguards against abuse
- Signed contract between Medical Foster Home Caregiver and the Veteran, family or legal representative

Support for the Caregiver

- Veterans receive Home Based Primary Care Services
- Emotional support from Medical Foster Home program coordinator
- Ongoing educational opportunities

Financial Information

Medical Foster Homes are a private pay option for Veterans. The Veteran compensates the caregiver by paying a monthly fee. The financial agreement between the Veteran and caregiver is finalized prior to placement in a Medical Foster Home.

Benefits

- Keeps the Veteran in a safe and healing home setting.
- Provides long-term healthcare.
- Offers personal care in the community.
- Offers assisted living that is more affordable to Veterans.
- Meets the increasing demand for long-term care services.
- Offers access to the Home Based Primary Care Team, including a physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, nurse, social worker, dietician, and psychologist.

For More Information

Contact the Medical Foster Home Coordinator at 1-800-827–8244 ext. 5995, or at 502-287-5995.