

MEDICAL FOSTER HOME Program Criteria:

- Caregivers must be at least 21 years old, financially stable, have some formal or informal care-giving experience. He/she will be physically able to provide the care needed.
- Caregivers must communicate effectively with the Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) Team and help with carrying out the Veteran's plan of care.
- The home must be owned or rented by the caregiver; and the caregiver must live in the home.
- The home must be equipped and maintained to provide a home-like environment, as well as safety and supervision for the MFH Veteran.
- The home must be located within 50 miles of the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center.
- Homes must be approved by the VA Inspection Team for compliance with VA standards.

Mission Statement of Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center

*To improve the health and
well being of the Veterans
we are honored to serve.*

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**MEDICAL FOSTER HOME
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MEDICAL FOSTER HOME Program:

A Dynamic Alternative to Long Term Care

- The Medical Foster Home Program, an alternative to nursing home placement, offers a community-based living arrangement for adults who cannot live independently due to physical or mental difficulties or disabilities.
- Medical Foster Homes are owned by caregivers in the community, who provide 24-hour supervision and care to veterans.
- Veterans residing in a **MFH** receive primary care in the home from the VA Home Based Primary Care team.

MEDICAL FOSTER HOME Environment:

- The Medical Foster Home (**MFH**) Coordinator and the Home Based Primary Care (**HBPC**) Team are available to provide guidance, training, and assistance to the caregiver, as well as oversight and medical care to the Veterans.
- Medical Foster Homes are approved to care for up to three Veterans. It is our hope that Veterans will be cared for like family and provided a permanent home.

What the MEDICAL FOSTER HOME Program Provides to Veterans:

- An option for dependent, frail or chronically ill Veterans who cannot live independently due to physical or mental limitations or disabilities.
- Personal attention and care in a family setting.
- An affordable option to long term nursing home care. Cost per month is dependent on the care needs of the Veteran.
- Quality care that includes room and board, 24-hour supervision, medication management and assistance with daily tasks and personal care needs.
- A negotiated yearly agreement between the caregiver, the Veteran, and/or responsible party, outlining the cost to the Veteran and the care to be provided.



MEDICAL FOSTER HOME Benefits:

- The Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center's Home Based Primary Care (**HBPC**) Team provides primary medical care in the home with the goal of stabilizing the Veteran's health and avoiding hospitalizations.
- Medical Foster Home (**MFH**) provides long-term care and companionship for Veterans and the opportunity for caregivers to give back to America's heroes.
- Eliminates or delays the need for institutionalization when Veterans do not have family or caregivers able to meet their needs.
- Provides our Veterans and their families with a new option for long-term care services.
- Caregivers receive continuous training and support from the Medical Foster Home (**MFH**) Coordinator and Home Based Primary Care (**HBPC**) Team.
- Caregivers can earn income at home caring for Veterans.

