



Medical Foster Home Program

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs continues to develop the Medical Foster Home Program and is now available across all VA medical centers in Michigan! This initiative is designed to offer a compassionate and supportive living environment for those who need personalized medical care and attention.

A Medical Foster Home (MFH) works in conjunction with a VA interdisciplinary Home-Based Primary Care team to provide a safe, home-like environment and an economical long-term care alternative for Veterans who are unable to live independently. The MFH program helps match eligible Veterans with inspected and approved homes ran by experienced caregivers. Medical Foster Homes in Michigan are required to have a State of Michigan license for an Adult Foster Care Home if caring for more than two veterans. Medical Foster Homes will be subject to inspections by VA and the Home Based Primary Care team will make routine visits to ensure Veterans are receiving quality care.

As a MFH caregiver, you will be asked to provide the Veteran with personal care assistance and support with their activities of daily living in **your primary home in which you reside**. You will also help support their medical care by collaborating with the VA Home Based Primary care team that will treat the Veteran at the medical foster home. In return for the care, the Veteran compensates the caregiver out of his/her own funds. A formal contract of payment is made between the caregiver and the veteran, The Department of Veterans Affairs is not responsible for any form of payment.

Our primary goal with The Medical Foster Home Program is to ensure that veterans receive high-quality care while maintaining their independence and dignity, and to offer a supportive, compassionate environment tailored to their specific need. This approach not only enhances their quality of life but also the veteran's sense of community. We invite you to learn more about this program and explore how you can get involved, whether that's supporting our efforts, or spreading the word. Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of those who have served our country.

***VA is actively recruiting experienced caregivers for this program who are willing and able to care for 1-3 Veterans in their home. Caregivers must be at least 18 years of age and be willing to complete a VA background check. The caregiver must also live within the service area of a VA Medical Center. ***

For more information, please contact the following VA MFH Coordinators:

- Ann Arbor: Melissa Laird 734-905-4853
- Battle Creek: Julie Anderson 269-966-5600 EXT: 31625
- Detroit: Dashawnda Lindsey 313-576-1000
- Iron Mountain: Alyssa Maki 906-396-9762
- Saginaw: Adrianna Cooper 989-497-2500 EXT:13049

https://www.va.gov/Geriatrics/pages/Medical_Foster_Homes.asp