Medical Foster Home (MFH) A Dynamic Alternative to Long-Term Care

When living at home becomes difficult, most people would rather remain in a home-like setting. In moments like this, the VA Medical Foster Home team is here to help.

MFH is a voluntary care option. We can help you find a MFH that meets high standards of quality care and safety. A home that is warm and caring. We will ask that, you and your family or other support people tour homes before making a decision.

Am I Eligible for a Medical Foster Home?

If you are enrolled at the Kansas City VA Medical Center and have needs that can no longer be met in your home, you may be eligible.

Care needed may include:
- Physical care
- Medication management
- Mental health support
- Memory

Common health concerns include heart disease, diabetes, substance abuse, Parkinson’s disease, dementia, spinal cord injury, brain injury and mental health.

There is a monthly rate for MFHs. The cost may be paid using a combination of private income, social security, savings, VA income, or county funding. The rate is based on your care needs and financial resources.

You and the caregiver will sign a private care agreement covering care provided, rate, rights, and responsibilities.

Living in a Medical Foster Home

Our Home Based Primary Care Program (HBPC) will visit you regularly. The team includes a doctor, nurse practitioner, nurse, social worker, occupational therapist, recreational therapist, psychologist, dietitian, and pharmacist. Team members provide case management and support to you and the caregiver.

Medical Foster Homes provide:
- Private rooms
- Medication management
- Personal care
- Supervised setting
- Personalized care
- Consistent caregiver
- Three meals/snacks daily
- Housekeeping
- Home-like family living
- Flexibility and choice
- Socialization/recreation
- Other care support, as needed
Medical Foster Home Caregivers

Caregivers must:
- Own/rent and live in the home.
- Be at least 21 years old.
- Complete the VA MFH application/annual inspection process.
- Help plan and follow the treatment plan with the Veteran and the home care team.
- Have a written crisis and respite plan.
- Receive ongoing training.
- Care for no more than 3 residents.
- Have a smoke detector

If you are interested in the Kansas City VA Medical Foster Home as a resident

or a caregiver
Call:
816-922-2009 or
1-800-525-1483

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