



## HBPC Goals

1. Provide Primary Care to homebound veterans.
2. Facilitate a therapeutic and safe home environment.
3. Support the Veteran's caregiver.
4. Reduce the need for and provide an acceptable alternative to hospitalization, nursing home care, emergency room and/or other outpatient visits.



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**If interested in HBPC discuss with your primary care provider today.**

### TESTIMONIALS

From a veteran: "I am now on HBPC, and get the best care any money can pay for."

From a veteran and his daughter: "My nurse is extremely thorough, patient and kind during most recent visit. Made my heart happy!"

Veteran daughter called us "Angels" and very appreciative of everything we had done for her father.



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## Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)

- ◇ Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) is a unique home care program that provides comprehensive, interdisciplinary, and primary care in the home of Veterans with complex, chronic medical conditions for whom routine clinic-based care is not effective.

### Appropriate HBPC consult criteria:

- ◇ Veteran has a complex chronic, disabling disease that is not effectively managed in the clinic setting and requires care by an interdisciplinary team, including RN, NP, SW, RD, PhD/PsyD, OT/PT, PharmD
- ◇ The Veteran lives within 50 miles of the KCVA or Honor Annex, or within 50 miles of the Excelsior Springs CBOC
- ◇ Veteran has high risk for hospitalization and ER visits, or multiple missed clinic visits
- ◇ Veteran agrees to have Home Based Primary Care as Primary Care Provider. Veteran cannot have a clinic VA Primary Care provider or a Community Primary Care Provider (unless necessary in highly rural area).
- ◇ The Veteran is not currently on hospice
- ◇ Veteran understands that HBPC is NOT Home Health (HH) or Homemaker Home Health Aide (HHHA). If Veteran is eligible, these services can be provided in addition to HBPC.

### The following skilled services ARE provided in the home:

- ◇ Primary Care
- ◇ Medication Management/Education
- ◇ Addressing environmental and functional needs
- ◇ Care Coordination
- ◇ Chronic Disease Management
- ◇ Overall nutritional care
- ◇ Social Work interventions
- ◇ Psychological testing and interventions

### The following skilled services are NOT provided by HBPC staff:

- ◇ Wound Care
- ◇ Foley catheter change/removal/or placement
- ◇ Intravenous line management or IV medication administration
- ◇ Ventilator management
- ◇ Peritoneal dialysis
- ◇ Emergency services
- ◇ Frequent assessments (i.e. nursing)

### What is an Interdisciplinary Team?

- ◇ **Medical Director:** The Medical Director is a physician who oversees the care delivered by the HBPC team. S/he reviews Veteran treatment plans and provides guidance, suggestions, and support for the Veteran's HBPC team. They also do occasional home visits, if needed.
- ◇ **Nurse Practitioner (NP):** The primary care provider in charge of the Veteran's medical care. S/he replaces the Veteran's regular clinic provider. The Veteran will be able to contact the nurse practitioner to make appointments or ask questions about medical care.

- ◇ **Registered Nurse (RN):** Serves as care manager providing nursing services and organizing clinically recommended services. The Veteran can expect to have HBPC appointments scheduled according to clinical needs. Additional appointments can be made as the need arises.
- ◇ **Social Worker (SW):** Offers assistance with community resource planning, financial concerns, and assistance with maximizing VHA and non-VHA resources.
- ◇ **Occupational/Physical Therapist (OT/PT):** Evaluates the patient, family and home for special equipment needs that could assist the Veteran. S/he looks to improve the Veteran's function, comfort, and safety. S/he teaches and assists with exercises to increase or maintain mobility and independence.
- ◇ **Psychologist (PsyD/PhD):** Reviews mental status and behaviors which may be related to changes in the brain because of injuries or medical conditions. S/he confers with the family and provides education and support to help understand and manage behaviors.
- ◇ **Pharmacist (PharmD):** Assesses the Veteran's medications for correct dosing and possible harmful interactions. S/he provides guidance and support for the team in managing the Veteran's medications and chronic diseases.
- ◇ **Dietitian (RD):** Assess nutritional needs, identify nutritionally compromised or malnutrition, offer medical nutritional therapy to improve health & well-being and provide nutritional counseling and advice to veteran.

**Please enter a consult for Veterans in need of skilled services not provided by HBPC**