

Veterans Health Administration Office of Community Care

# State Home Per Diem (SHPD) Program Overview

## **Mission:**

Advocacy for Veteran's benefits by providing quality guidance, training, and support for State Home Per Diem payments.

## State Home Per Diem (SHPD) Overview:

The VHA Office of Community Care (OCC), Delivery Operations (DO) through its Claims Adjudication and Reimbursement Directorate (CAR), is responsible for management of the SHPD Program Office. The SHPD Office oversees program policy associated with the application, eligibility, and authorization for claims processing and provision of grant per diem funds associated with the use of State Veterans Homes (SVH).

- Provides grant per diem funding to VA Medical Centers of Jurisdiction to reimburse State Veterans Homes for Veteran care.
- Assists in establishing annual SHPD payment rates.
- Provides training on the SHPD Program.
- Responds to inquires pertaining to SHPD Improper Payment, Elimination, and Recovery Act (IPERA).
- Assists in the development and implementation of per diem payment regulations and legislation.
- Provides information and assistance to the VA Medical Centers of Jurisdiction, National Association of State Veteran Homes and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs on SHPD issues.

### **State Veterans Homes (SVH) Overview:**

The SVH program is available in 50 states and Puerto Rico. SVH is a grant program that includes a portion of the construction costs and a per diem for each Veteran. Each SVH has unique and specific eligibility and admission criteria.

- VA's SVH program plays a major role in delivering long term care to our nation's Veterans.
  - 146 nursing homes (NH)
  - 55 domiciliary (DOMs)
  - 3 adult day health care (ADHC) facilities
  - The program is expected to grow by approximately 10% over the next three fiscal years.
- Major expenditures in excess of \$1.3 billion are made in support of this program.
- State home program managers at CBOPC, GEC, VISNs and VA Medical Centers of Jurisdiction play important roles in assuring that program goals are met.

#### **Legal Authorities:**

VHA Directive 1601SH.01, Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 51 and 52, 38 USC §1710; and 38 USC§1741-1745.

## **Questions/Concerns:**

Questions can also be forwarded to the SHPD Program's e-mail at VHA10D1B4StateHomePerDiemInquiries@va.gov