



# Veteran Directed Care Program Newsletter

Friday, February 9, 2024

## Temporary Traveling Veteran Guidance

It is possible in certain situations and under certain conditions to continue providing Veteran Directed Care (VDC) program coverage for a Veteran *temporarily* traveling in the United States for under 180 days. The guidance differs depending on whether the VDC program operates under the Joint-Employer - Agency with Choice (AwC) Financial Management Service (FMS) model or the Common Law Employer-Vendor Fiscal/Employer Agency (VF/EA) FMS model. Please review the attached Temporary Traveling Veteran Guidance for additional information.

## Authorized Representative Background Check Policy

Direct care workers and, effective February 1, 2024, new authorized representative (AR) candidates of VDC-enrolled Veterans are required to undergo and pass a background check in accordance with policies as outlined in the [VDC Operations Manual](#) and state policies and as specified by the VDC provider to be hired as a worker or designated as a Veteran's AR. This guidance does not apply to ARs previously approved. For additional information, please see the attached policy guidance document.

## February VDC Educational Webinar

Save the date for the February VDC Educational Webinar on Wednesday, February 28 from 12-1pm ET. The webinar will feature updates from the Administration for Community Living and the Veterans Health Administration, updated and new resources, and offer time for question and answer. We look forward to your participation!

## VDC Monthly Reporting Tool Update

This is a friendly reminder to please report Veteran census for your VDC program on a monthly basis using the [VDC Monthly Reporting Tool](#). In response to provider feedback and in order to ease data reporting during the expansion of the VDC program, the Monthly Reporting Tool now includes an option for Hubs and Sole Proprietors to report their census for multiple partnering Veterans Affairs Medical Centers (VAMC). We ask that all VDC providers please continue to report your program's data to the VDC Monthly Reporting Tool to help us accurately capture the VDC program's reach.

## Technical Assistance

Have a question? Need guidance? Want to share good news about your VDC program? Reach out to the VDC Federal Technical Assistance Team at [veterandirected@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:veterandirected@acl.hhs.gov). We look forward to hearing from you!

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