



Veteran Directed Care Program Newsletter

Friday, September 8, 2023

Missouri Veteran Directed Care Newsflash: *Helping people remain living at home*

Ozark Independent Living was recently highlighted in [The Licking News](#) for serving Veterans through the Veteran Directed Care (VDC) program. Ozark Independent Living passed the VA VDC Readiness Review in June 2021 and enrolled their first Veteran from the Poplar Bluff Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) in October 2021. The program has since grown to serve 72 Veterans as of June 2023. Congratulations, Ozark Independent Living and Poplar Bluff VAMC on a successful partnership to support Veterans in remaining in their homes and communities.

VDC Budget Reminder and Upcoming Policy and Document Releases

Reminder about Leap Year VDC budgets:

- The 2023 and 2024 VDC Budget Calculators are designed to account for the extra day in February 2024 due to Leap Year. The “Number of Months in SEOC” in the VDC Budget Calculator will display accordingly if the Veteran’s budget crosses February 29, 2024. For example, the “Number of Months in SEOC” will display as 12.03 for a VDC budget effective from 4/19/2023 to 4/18/2024 and likewise wise for a budget effective 1/5/2024 to 1/4/2025.

Upcoming VA policy and document releases:

- Veteran Directed Care Temporarily Traveling Veteran Guidance
- Veteran Directed Care Case Mix V Request form
- Veteran Directed Care Inpatient Hospital Support Request form

VDC Monthly Reporting Tool Reminder

This is a friendly reminder to please report Veteran census for your VDC program on a monthly basis using the [VDC Monthly Reporting Tool](#). The VDC Monthly Reporting Tool is a portal for VDC providers to enter their Veteran census data, ensuring an opportunity to accurately account for availability and growth of the program. 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. We look forward to hearing from you!

VDC Email Distribution List

If you or other VDC program staff are not already on the VDC email distribution list, [please enter your information using this link](#) to make sure you don't miss out on important news!