



OREGON DEPARTMENT of VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Press Release issued by USDVA - Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs

VA now allows veterans in suicidal crisis to go to any VA or non-VA healthcare facility for free emergency healthcare

Veterans in acute suicidal crisis can now go to any VA or non-VA healthcare facility for emergency health care at **no cost** — including inpatient or crisis residential care for up to 30 days and outpatient care for up to 90 days.

Veterans do **not** need to be enrolled in VA health care to use this benefit. This expansion will increase access to acute suicide care for up to 9 million veterans who are not currently enrolled in the VA system.

The final policy, which took effect on Jan. 17, allows the VA to:

- Provide, pay for, or reimburse for treatment of eligible individuals' emergency suicide care, transportation costs, and follow-up care at a VA or non-VA facility for up to 30 days of inpatient care and 90 days of outpatient care.
- Make appropriate referrals for care following the period of emergency suicide care.
- Determine eligibility for other VA services and benefits.
- Refer eligible individuals for appropriate VA programs and benefits following the period of emergency suicide care.

Eligible individuals, regardless of VA enrollment status, are:

- Veterans who were discharged or released from active duty after more than 24 months of active service under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Former members of the armed forces, including reserve service members, who served more than 100 days under a combat exclusion or in support of a contingency operation either directly or by operating an unmanned aerial vehicle from another location who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Former members of the armed forces who were the victim of a physical assault of a sexual nature, a battery of a sexual nature, or sexual harassment while serving in the armed forces.

If you or someone you know is struggling: Don't wait. Reach out. Visit www.va.gov/REACH for resources and information, or call 988 (then press 1) to quickly connect with caring, qualified crisis support 24/7.



Established in 1945, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs is dedicated to serving Oregon's diverse veteran community that spans five eras of service members. ODVA administers programs and provides special advocacy and assistance in accessing earned veteran benefits across the state. Learn about veteran benefits and services, or locate a local county or tribal veteran service office online at www.oregon.gov/odva.



Stay connected with the latest veteran information **#oregonvet**

© Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs | All Rights Reserved

Disclaimer of Hyperlinks: The appearance of external hyperlinks does not constitute endorsement by the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs of the linked websites, or the information, products or services contained therein.

[Manage Preferences](#) | [Unsubscribe All](#) | [Help](#)

This email was sent to georgecarroll@molalla.net using GovDelivery Communications Cloud on behalf of: Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs - 700 Summer St NE - Salem, OR 97301

