VA Long-Term Care Services
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VHA Philosophy for LTC

- Provide Care in the least restrictive environment and whenever possible in home & community based settings
- Nursing home care should be reserved for situations in which the Veteran can no longer be safely maintained in the home

Institutional Programs

- VA Community Living Centers
- Community Nursing Home
- State Home Nursing
- State Home Domiciliary
- Total Expenditures FY11: $4.8 billion

HCBS Programs

- VA
  - VA Adult Day Health Care
  - Home-Based Primary Care
- Purchased
  - Home Health Care
  - Veteran-Directed Home & Community Based Services
  - Program of All-Inclusive Care of the Elderly
  - Community Adult Day Health Care
  - Home Respite
  - Home Hospice
- State
  - State Adult Day Health Care
- Total HCBS Expenditures FY11: $1.1 billion

Nursing Home Investment

- Nursing Home Expenditures FY11
  - VA Community Living Centers: $3.4 billion
  - Community Nursing Homes: $615 million
  - State Home Nursing: $775 million

- Nursing Home Enrollment FY11
  - VA Community Living Centers: 10,278 ADC
  - Community Nursing Homes: 6,634 ADC
  - State Home Nursing: 19,661 ADC

HCBS Investment

- HCBS Expenditures FY11
  - Home Based Primary Care: $500 million
  - Comprehensive Purchased HCBS: $359 million
- HCBS Enrollment FY11
  - Home Based Primary Care: 27,442 ADC
  - Comprehensive Purchased HCBS: 18,866 ADC

LTC Enrollment, 1995-2011

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LTC Spending Review, 1995-2011

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State Veterans Departments

- Services and eligibility determined by state law, local policy
- Services and programs vary across states
- Basic Services:
  - Health Services
  - Financial Services
  - Burial Services
  - Advocacy
  - Benefits Services

State Veterans Departments Cont'd…

- State governments spend more than $5 billion to support veterans and their families
- VA - State grant and per diem program provides 52% of all VA authorized long-term care beds
- 140 State Veteran Homes in 50 states and Puerto Rico provide:
  - 30,400 operational beds (7M days of Nursing Care)
  - 1.5 million days of Domiciliary Care
  - 10,000 Adult Day Care visits
- VA-State Cemetery Program
  - 45 states 101 cemeteries
  - 28,000 burials 2010

Eligibility for LTC

- Mandatory Eligibility – VA & Community Nursing Home
  - Veterans requiring nursing home care for a service-connected (SC) condition, or a veteran rated 70% or more, have mandatory eligibility.
- Mandatory Eligibility - HCBS
  - Veterans enrolled in VA Healthcare
  - Meets "In Need of NH Care" criteria

HCBS Options & Direction

- Target Services
  - "Nursing Home Level"
- Enhance Veteran Choice
- Standardize Assessment
  - Authorized Level of Service ($$)
- Person-Centered Planning

Veteran-Directed Home & Community Based Services

- Partnership between AoA and VA
- Meets goals of AoA to increase access and availability of person centered/participant-directed service systems to all
- Assists VA to meet increasing demand for LTC and their goal to help Veterans stay in their own homes

Veterans Receive

- An assessment and care planning assistance
- Decide for themselves, or with a participant representative, what mix of goods and services will best meet their, and their family caregiver's care needs
- Manage a flexible, individual budget
- Hire and supervise their own workers, including family or friends
- Purchase items or services needed to live independently in the community
- Have financial management and support services which facilitate service delivery

Section Q / Money Follows the Person

- Investment and collaboration with federal and state partners
- Committed to assisting enrolled Veterans in this process
- Points of contact available

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