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**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Area Agency on Aging Directors CHS SDA Managers  
CHS/AAA Field Managers and Staff CHS SDA Assistant Managers  
SPD Managers and Staff CHS Central Office Managers

**SUBJECT: Private Nursing Facility Care through Veterans Administration (VA)**

**INFORMATION:**

This is to let staff know that in certain circumstances, clients who receive VA Benefits may be eligible for their private nursing facility costs to be paid by the VA.

There are two types of veterans who can be covered by a VA nursing home contract with a private facility:

1. The VA may issue an indefinite (no time limit) nursing home contract for a veteran who is in the nursing home primarily because of a service-connected disability.

OR

2. The VA may issue a nursing home contract for up to 60 days for a veteran who is being discharged from a VA healthcare facility and needs nursing home care and who is not eligible under paragraph 1 above. The VA may extend a 60 day nursing home contract if public assistance or private payment was delayed for unforeseen reason(s) or the veteran is terminally ill. This extension can only be for a maximum of 45 additional days.

Please consider VA eligibility for private nursing facility care and access this resource for all VA clients who meet the above criteria.

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