

## Community Care Reform

### The VFW's Concern:

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) community care must operate as a unified and veteran-centric system rather than a collection of disconnected programs with different rules and access pathways. While the Community Care Network has become a structured, accountable model under the *VA MISSION Act of 2018*, other VA community care programs—most notably the Foreign Medical Program and CHAMPVA—remain largely unstructured, paper-based, and disconnected from modern health care delivery. This fragmentation creates confusion, delays care, burdens families, and undermines confidence in VA. It needs to establish consistency across all community care programs by applying common standards for eligibility verification, provider networks, care coordination, and claims processing, regardless of where care is delivered or who receives it.

As part of this effort, the VFW supports modernizing the Foreign Medical Program to enable predictable, coordinated care for both service-connected and non-service-connected conditions, and exploring responsible structural reforms to CHAMPVA, including options to expand access beyond families of veterans who are 100 percent permanent and total, while preserving program integrity. A consistent, modern community care ecosystem would reduce administrative burden, improve access, strengthen oversight, and better reflect the nation's obligation to veterans and their families. The VFW also believes that Congress must ensure that VA builds on recent CHAMPVA modernization efforts by expanding digital access, streamlining eligibility and claim processing, and ensuring timely, transparent care for all beneficiaries.

### The VFW Urges Congress to:

Pass H.R.740 / S.275, *Veterans' ACCESS Act of 2025*, to ensure veterans receive clear information and timely health care by improving the efficiency, oversight, and coordination of VA's community care program.

Pass H.R.467, *Foreign Medical Program Modernization Act of 2025*, to expand access to health care for veterans living abroad by modernizing reimbursement systems and strengthening global care options.

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