# CARING FOR OUR HEROES AT THE PENNSYLVANIA VETERANS HOMES

Pennsylvania operates six Veterans Homes for veterans and their eligible spouses. We deliver high quality care that is second to none. Our staff is fully licensed, carefully trained, and dedicated to treating our residents with the dignity and respect they deserve.

Our facilities provide a wide array of quality health care services including personal/ domiciliary care, skilled nursing care, and memory care.

We are committed to being the premier longterm care options for veterans and eligible spouses by consistently providing strong staffing levels and continuing to improve our physical environments through capital projects and renovations.

The Pennsylvania Veterans Homes (PVH) have earned the praise of our residents and their families. Our homes earned ratings well above national averages in many important categories due to resident and family satisfaction surveys conducted in recent years.

The PVH's provide quality care to eligible veterans and their eligible spouses. No applicant is denied admission to a PVH due to lack of income or assets.

### **CONTACT US**

To obtain an application for admission:

- Visit www.dmva.pa.gov/paveteranshomes, click on "Apply for Residency"; or,
- Call the Bureau of Veterans' Homes at (800) 547-2838 Option 1; or,
- Contact the home directly

#### **DELAWARE VALLEY VETERANS' HOME**

2701 Southampton Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154 215-856-2700 www.dvvh.pa.gov

#### **HOLLIDAYSBURG VETERANS' HOME**

138 Veterans Blvd., Duncansville, PA 16635 814-696-5201 www.hvh.pa.gov

#### **GINO J. MERLI VETERANS' CENTER**

401 Penn Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503 570-961-4300 www.gmvc.pa.gov

#### PA SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME

560 E. Third Street, Erie, PA 16507 814-871-4531 www.pssh.pa.gov

#### **SOUTHEASTERN VETERANS' CENTER**

One Veterans Drive, Spring City, PA 19475 610-948-2400 www.sevc.pa.gov

#### **SOUTHWESTERN VETERANS' CENTER**

7060 Highland Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15206 412-665-6706 www.swvc.pa.gov



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# COST OF CARE AT THE PENNSYLVANIA VETERANS HOMES

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# **COST OF CARE AT A PENNSYLVANIA VETERANS HOME (PVH)**

Residents of a PVH are required to contribute to their Cost of Care based upon ability to pay. Veterans and their spouses are eligible for admission regardless of their net worth. Fees will be based upon monthly available income and excess assets when applicable.

# **MONTHLY MAINTENANCE FEES**

Here's how the PVH's calculate monthly maintenance fees:

- The resident's income from all sources will be considered in calculating the monthly maintenance fees.
- Certain deductions are allowable, such as medical insurance premiums and spousal allowances.
- Monthly maintenance fees are set upon admission and are recalculated annually. The fees may also be adjusted whenever there are changes in a resident's financial situation.
- Assets owned by the resident of their spouse over limits set by the Federal VA for pensions will result in the resident paying the full Cost of Care until their assests are under the limit.

# **ESTATE RECOVERY PLAN**

Acceptance of a monthly maintenance fee based on income will result in the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) asserting a claim against a resident's estate:

- DMVA asserts a claim against the estate of a deceased resident for the difference between the full Cost of Care and any funds received during their stay, including Monthly Maintenance Fees. insurance payments, and VA per diem.
- Only the resident's estate is obligated to pay the claim, not surviving spouses of family members.
- Attorneys from the DMVA work with the representatives of the estate and next of kin to address the claim.

## **KEY TERMS**

**Per Diem** – The Federal VA's daily reimbursement rate for each night a veteran stays in a PVH.

Cost of Care - The daily cost to care for a veteran, as published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Maintenance Fee – A resident's monthly minimum payment towards the Cost of Care. This payment usually does not pay for the entire cost of care. This fee is based upon the resident's available income after health insurance and other allowable deductions.

Estate Recovery Plan - DMVA's practice of collecting the unpaid Cost of Care from available assets held in the deceased resident's estate.

