

VHA TALKING POINTS

Topic: VISN 19 HEALTHCARE DELIVERY MODEL

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEW VA HEALTHCARE MODEL

1. Care is Veteran-centric: The fundamental basis of this concept is to move services as close to the veteran as possible.
2. There is a need for Outpatient Care to be extended and expanded.
3. Moving services closer to veterans may result in smaller VA Medical Centers.
4. The provision of increased support to local care providers will be extended and expanded through new models such as Home Care.
5. Telemedicine and Rural Health initiatives will be expanded
6. VA will buy rather than own when consistent with principles

VISN 19 is moving care to where veterans live. Veterans are often required to travel hundreds of miles to obtain care. The VISN 19 model will expand services in Cheyenne, Grand Junction, Billings, and Helena and reduce travel requirements for veterans in those areas.

This approach reduces the demands on the Denver hospital and provides greater flexibility in providing care and services throughout VISN 19.

This model will expand and enhance rural health, home care programs and telemedicine programs throughout the Network.

Because this plan includes expansion in a variety of sites, the roll out will occur over several years. This will require construction, leasing and program development at multiple sites (3 different states and at least 6 different locations)

MAJOR CHANGES FROM THE ORIGINAL PLAN:

- Expand Colorado Springs CBOC to include specialty services and ambulatory surgery as an Health Care Center
- Expand/Enhance services at Grand Junction VAMC, Cheyenne VAMC, Ft. Harrison VAMC and Billings CBOC
- Lease space at University for VA dedicated and staffed Acute and SCI Beds in a newly constructed bed tower on the University campus. Creating a "Hospital within a hospital" concept
- Joint research space in a newly constructed tower
- Construct a VA new outpatient Health Care Center at Fitzsimons with parking structure
- The Health Care Center will provide all primary, specialty and diagnostic services as well as ambulatory surgery
- Construction of a 30 bed Community Living Center

-Advance new models for LTC and Non-acute care(PRRTP); and establish an SCI service and center of excellence.

-Include 30,000 sq. ft. of outpatient and administrative space for Buckley and include DoD inpatient beds in the VA tower.