

**RESOLUTION 2013-3  
ADVOCATING FOR INCLUSION OF ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE FOR VETERANS WITH SERVICE-  
CONNECTED DISABILITIES UNDER EXISTING PROVIDER AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND STATE VETERANS HOMES**

**WHEREAS**, State Veterans Homes were founded for soldiers and sailors following the American Civil War, and have ably served veterans and some of their immediate dependents and survivors for nearly 150 years; and

**WHEREAS**, there are 142 State Veterans Homes in all 50 States that on a daily basis serve approximately 28,500 veterans and dependents; and

**WHEREAS**, The State Veterans Home program has proven itself to be the most cost-effective source of high quality long-term health care services for the nation's veterans who need skilled nursing, domiciliary, adult day health care and other specialized programs to meet their needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012 authorized the VA to enter into contracts or agreements with State homes, to pay for nursing home care provided to certain veterans with service-connected disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, adult day health care services are an integral part of the continuum of care and can significantly reduce the cost of care while helping to preserve individuals' choice and independence; and

**WHEREAS**, three States currently have adult day health care programs within their State homes, and more States are developing plans to provide adult day health care services in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the VA is already reimbursing community nursing homes for adult day health care to service-connected disabled veterans nationally; and

**WHEREAS**, the VA has established a prevailing rate for skilled nursing care at all State Veterans Homes; we recommend that the VA reimburse all State Veterans Homes providing adult day health care at 65 percent of the prevailing rate for a daily visit; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we urge the Veterans Administration to include adult day health care under the existing VA-SVH provider agreements, and thereby, provide full cost of care to veterans with service-connected disabilities.

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**Dated this 26th Day of February, 2013**