

NASVH RESOLUTION 2015-2

SUPPORT FOR THE IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION OF ADULT DAY HEALTH AND DOMICILIARY CARE REGULATIONS BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) promotes the care and treatment of veterans in State Veterans Homes as an important means to attain its goal of developing, providing and maintaining the highest quality of care for eligible veterans; 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

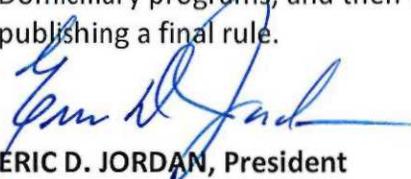
WHEREAS, State Veterans Homes provide 53 percent of the VA's long-term care workload at 16 percent of the VA total expenditures for long-term care¹; and

WHEREAS, Adult day health care is recognized as a crucial element in the continuum of providing safe, effective, and cost efficient long-term care to veterans; and

WHEREAS, over four years ago the VA in consultation with NASVH began working on modernizing regulations that govern Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) and Domiciliary Care programs for State Homes; however, the VA has yet to complete and publish these proposed regulations; and

WHEREAS, Without new regulations, State Homes with an interest in opening or expanding Adult Day Health Care or Domiciliary Care programs are hindered in moving forward due to uncertainty; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Veterans Homes (NASVH) urges the VA to expeditiously publish the proposed regulations for ADHC and Domiciliary programs, and then work with NASVH and State Homes to refine them before publishing a final rule.


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¹ GAO-1489, Report to the Ranking Member, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, House of Representatives, December 2013