

NASVH RESOLUTION 2015-3

SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW PER DIEM PROGRAM FOR FULL COST OF CARE FOR ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs 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, 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

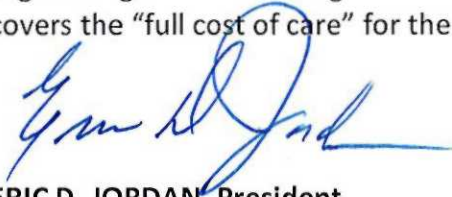
WHEREAS, the medical model Adult Day Health Care program provides comprehensive medical, nursing and personal care services, combined with engaging social activities for physically or cognitively impaired adults, staffed by a team of multi-disciplinary healthcare professionals; and

WHEREAS, Adult Day Health Care can allow veterans to remain in their homes and communities for additional months or years, and thereby lower the financial cost of caring for these heroes; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 109-461 created the full-cost-of-care program for service-connected disabled veterans with 70 percent or higher disability ratings receiving skilled nursing home care in a State Veterans Home, which has been successfully in place since 2011; and

WHEREAS, the current per diem rate makes it difficult for most states to consider a medical model Adult Day Health Care program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Veterans Homes urges Congress to enact legislation to create a new Adult Day Health Care per diem rate that covers the "full cost of care" for the most severely disabled veterans.



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