



Maximizing Veteran Independence with the Veteran Directed Home and Community Based Services Program

Home and Community Based Services Conference

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Agenda

- ▶ Provide an overview of the VD-HCBS Program
- ▶ Discuss the role of VD-HCBS with growing access to HCBS and serving Veterans
- ▶ Examine the impact of the Veterans Choice Program and non-VA care on growing VD-HCBS at existing and new VD-HCBS Programs
- ▶ Discuss the VD-HCBS evaluation

The Veteran Directed Home and Community Based Services Program (VD-HCBS)

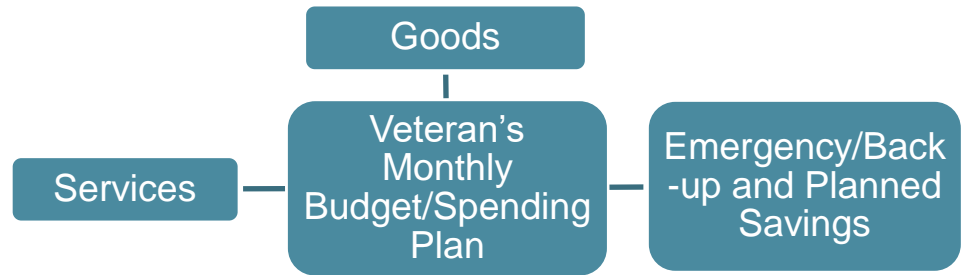
The VD-HCBS program serves Veterans of any age who are at risk of admission to an institution as well as their family caregivers.

- Veterans receive a flexible service budget they use to hire family, friends, and neighbors to provide long term services and supports (LTSS).
- Veterans also receive facilitation services from a Person Centered Counselor (Options Counselor) and financial management support from a Financial Management Services (FMS) organization.
- Veterans determine how to use their VD-HCBS budget and hire, schedule, direct, and fire their employees.

VD-HCBS Product Components

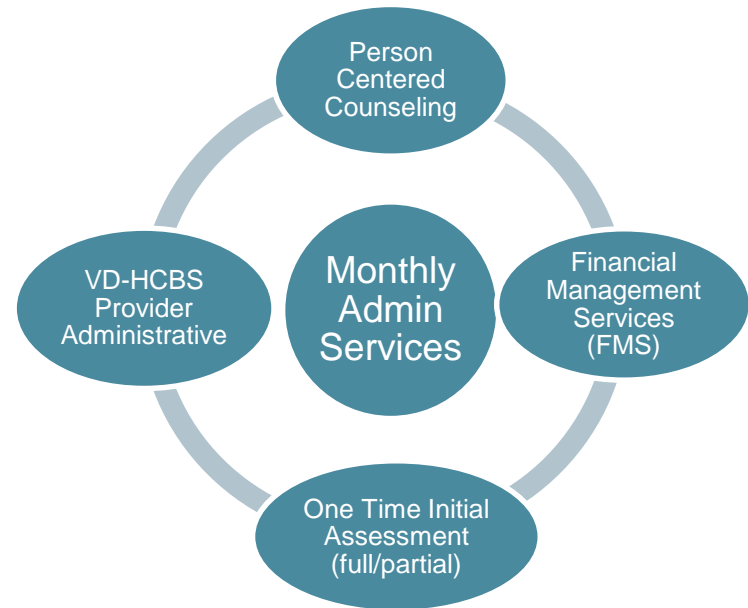
•Veteran’s Budget

- ▶ Spending Plan
- ▶ Emergency-Backup and Planned Savings Fund (Emergency/Respite Fund)



•Administration

- ▶ One-time:
 - ❑ Facilitate Veteran-centered Assessment
- ▶ Recurring:
 - ❑ Person Centered Counseling
 - ❑ Fiscal Management Service
 - ❑ Program Administration



VD-HCBS Framework

- VA Medical Centers (VAMCs) purchase the VD-HCBS program from Aging and Disability Network Agency (ADNA) Providers, including:
 - ❑ Area Agencies on Aging
 - ❑ Aging and Disability Resource Center/No Wrong Door Systems
 - ❑ Centers for Independent Living
 - ❑ State Units on Aging
- Before offering VD-HCBS, ADNAs complete a VA Readiness Review (RR), conducted by VA Central Office
 - Ensures ADNAs have demonstrated the skills and competencies to deliver VD-HCBS to Veterans

VD-HCBS Benefits

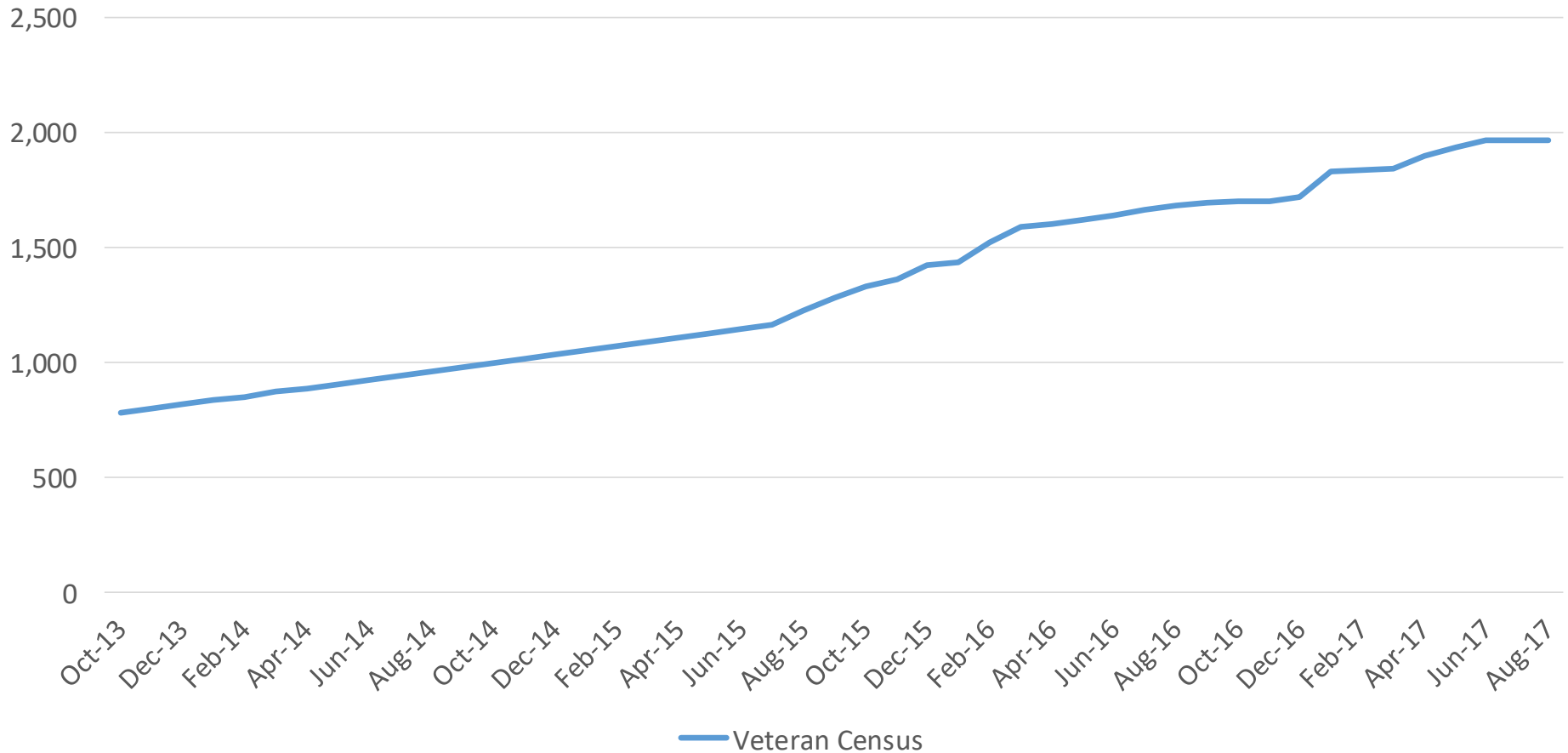
- Veterans and Caregivers
 - ▶ Higher levels of satisfaction with services
 - ▶ Flexibility to customize services to meet individualized needs
 - ▶ Reduction in Caregiver stress/burnout
- VAMCs
 - ▶ New community partner to increase access to non-VA services
 - ▶ VD-HCBS is covered under the Veterans Choice Program (VCP) and non-VA care
 - ▶ Cost-savings can be achieved through VD-HCBS enrollment

VD-HCBS Consumer Experience

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNtQEGUBIEY>

Veteran Census in VD-HCBS

Veteran Census



VD-HCBS Evaluation

- 5 year evaluation
- Phased rollout of VD-HCBS to all remaining VA Medical Centers
- VA team evaluating:
 - ▶ Implementation strategies
 - ▶ Impact of VD-HCBS on Veterans' health care use and costs
 - ▶ Impact of VD-HCBS on Veterans' satisfaction, unmet needs, quality of life and independence
 - ▶ Impact on Caregivers' well-being

Questions?

- If you would like to learn more about VD-HCBS:
 - ▶ https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICAL/Guide/LongTermCare/Veteran-Directed_Care.asp
 - ▶ <https://nwd.acl.gov/vd-hcbs.html>
 - ▶ <https://acl.gov/Programs/CIP/OCASD/VDHCBS/index.aspx>
- For questions or if you're interested in VD-HCBS, please email:
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