

2. Nursing home care will be furnished to veterans for whom such care is specifically authorized by the Veterans Administration. It is understood that the type of patient to be cared for under this agreement will normally not require more than occasional visits by physicians or more than minimal laboratory, X-ray and other special services. The care provided will include room, meals, nursing care and any other services or supplies normally provided other patients in the nursing home without extra charge. In addition, the per diem rate established in this agreement will include the cost of medical care, emergency dental care, drugs, laboratory, X-ray and other necessary services, unless specifically excepted in paragraph 9 of this Agreement. It is further agreed that patients receiving care under this agreement who begin to require more than occasional care of the United States in trust, in these cases the nursing home will forward an inventory of any such property and funds in its possession to the appropriate Veterans Administration office and will hold them (except articles of clothing necessary for proper burial) under safeguard until instructions are received from the Veterans Administration concerning disposition.

5. It is agreed that the Veterans Administration will have the right to inspection of the nursing home and all appurtenances by an authorized representative(s) designated by the Veterans Administration, to determine whether acceptable standards are maintained and that adequate care is being rendered. Minimum standards for nursing home care are listed in Appendix "A" hereof, and become a part of this agreement.

6. It is impossible to determine the exact or estimated amount which will be expended under this agreement. It is understood that no obligation will be incurred by the Veterans Administration under this agreement until authorizations are issued for nursing home care of specific veterans. The Veterans Administration agrees to make payment on a timely basis for services rendered in accordance with such authorizations upon receipt of billings submitted by the nursing home at the completion of each month's service. The per diem rate will be paid for either the first or last day of nursing home care, but not both. If a veteran is admitted to and discharged from the nursing home on the same calendar day, payment will be made for one day.

7. It is agreed that the Veterans Administration may readily have access to all medical records concerning the veteran's care in the nursing home.

8. It is understood that the veteran may be provided nursing home care at the expense of the Veterans Administration for a period not in excess of that stated in the nursing care and treatment plan received from the Veterans Administration, unless an extension of the authorization is provided in writing by the appropriate Veterans Administration station.

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APPENDIX A MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR NURSING HOME CARE FOR VETERANS ADMINISTRATION PATIENTS

1. A nursing home is defined as a facility or unit operated for the accommodation of convalescents or other persons who are not acutely ill and not in need of hospital care but who require skilled nursing care and related medical services, if such nursing care and medical services are prescribed by, or are performed under the general direction of, persons duly licensed to provide such care.