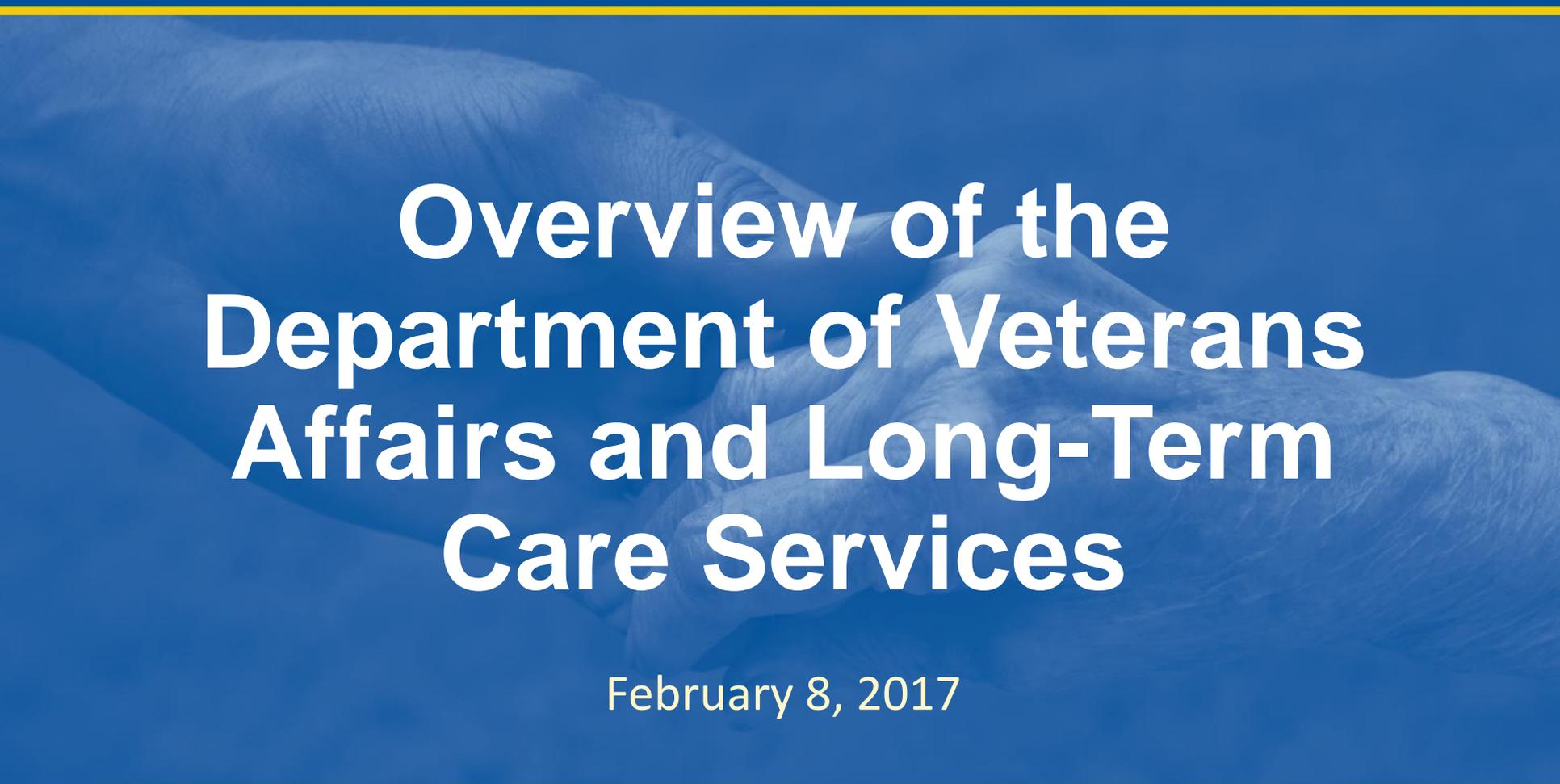




Long-Term Services and Supports

WEBINAR

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Overview of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Long-Term Care Services

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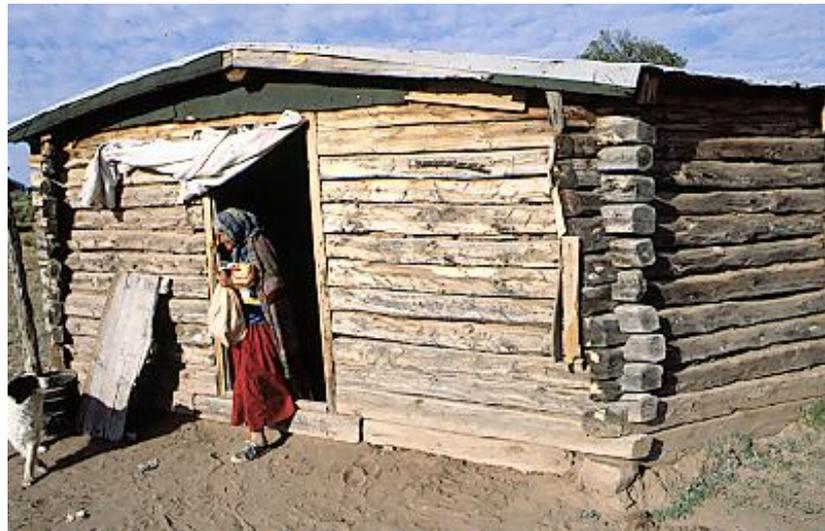
Native American Veterans

- ▶ Code Talkers
- ▶ Many Native Americans join the service



Objectives

- ▶ Overview of the VA
- ▶ Eligibility for VA Services
- ▶ VHA Long-Term Care Services

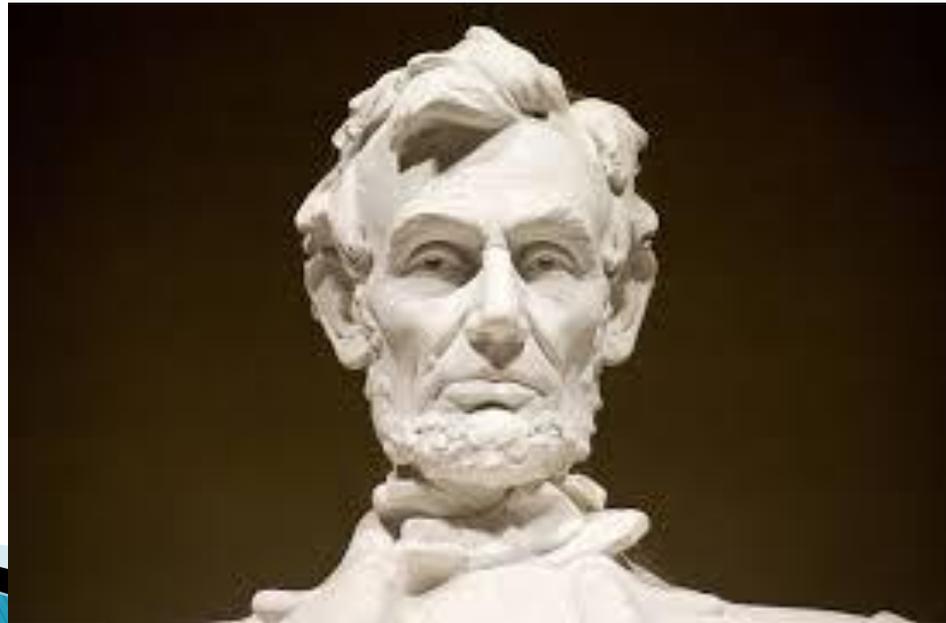


U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

▶ MISSION

“ to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan.”

—Abraham Lincoln



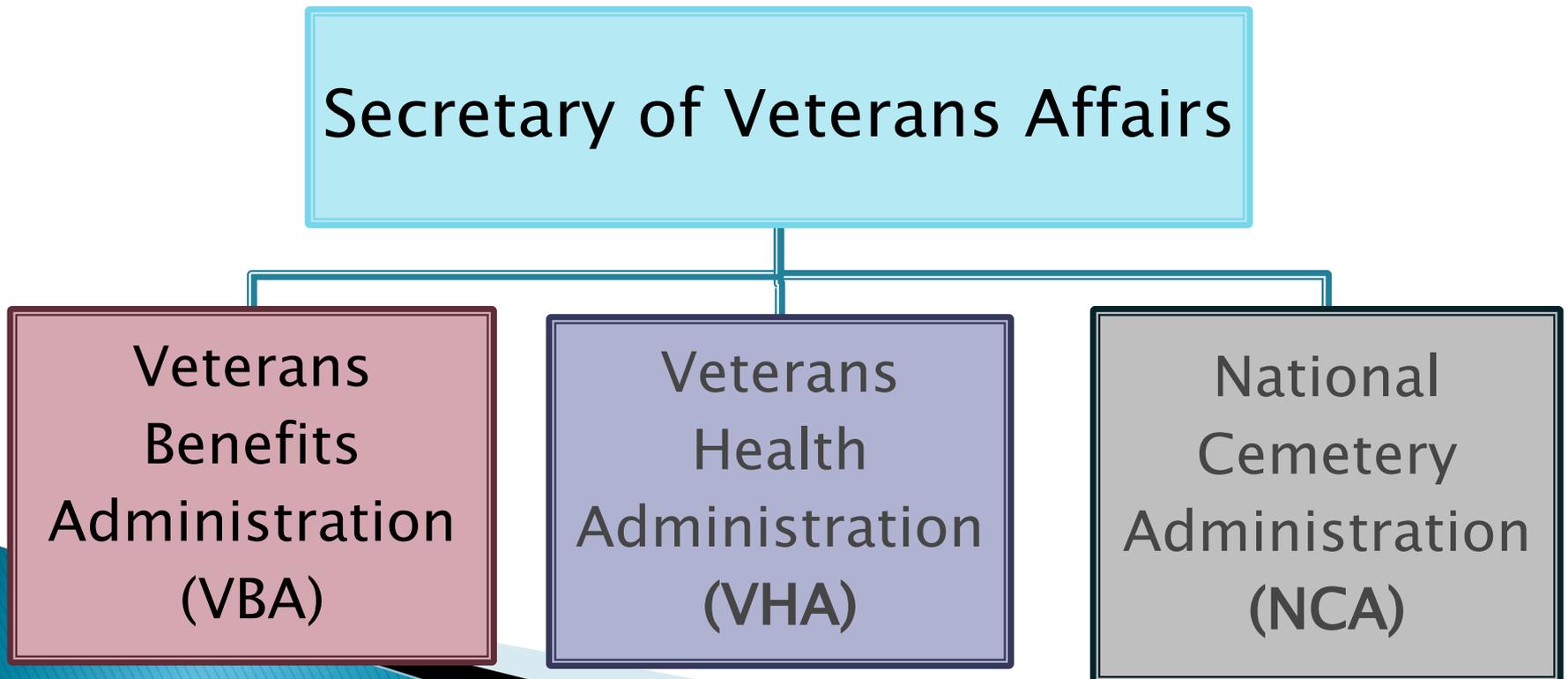
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

- ▶ Established in 1930
- ▶ Elevated to Cabinet level in 1989
- ▶ Federal Government's 2nd largest department after the Department of Defense



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

- ▶ Three Administrations
 - Veterans Health Administration (VHA)
 - Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)
 - National Cemetery Administration (NCA)



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

▶ VHA:

- is one of the largest integrated healthcare systems in the world: **150** VA Medical Centers (VAMCs); **819** Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs); **135** Community Living Centers (nursing homes); **47** Residential Rehabilitation Programs; **300** Readjustment Counseling Centers (Vet Centers)
- Employs over 300,000 employees (2nd largest cabinet agency) and 21,000 mental health professionals
- 9.11 M Veterans enrolled in VA healthcare

▶ VBA: 56 VBA Regional Offices

▶ NCA: 131 VA National Cemeteries / 9 Tribal Cemeteries

VHA MISSION STATEMENT

To honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being.



Eligibility for VHA Services

“A Veteran is a person who served in the active military, naval or air service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.”



Basic Eligibility Criteria

- ▶ **Must be Active Duty for 24 months or more (after 9/7/80 – Enlisted, or 10/16/81 – Officers)**
 - If not active duty, must have be activated by Title 10 orders and have completed the period for which activated
 - If discharged with less than 24 months due to convenience of the government, hardship or for medical reasons, the time in service requirement is waived
- ▶ **Must have a discharge that is Honorable or General Under Honorable Conditions**
 - If **Other Than Honorable**, must be adjudicated by sending VA Form 7131 to VBA
 - If **Bad Conduct** or **Dishonorable**, Veteran is barred from receiving Federal Benefits.

Basic Eligibility Criteria

- ▶ Non-Service Connected Veterans Eligibility is based on income
 - We **ALWAYS** consider income from the previous year.
 - **EXCEPT** when the Veteran has a hardship. Hardship Applications take into account **THIS** year's projected income
 - There are two thresholds (MT & GMT) Means Test and Geographical Means Test. MT is a national threshold. GMT is based on zip code. The higher of the two is the one that usually applies.
 - The threshold varies based on the number of dependents in the household (restrictions apply on who is considered a dependent)
 - When a Veteran is made eligible based on low income they are placed in PG5. Additional income thresholds apply that determine if PG5 Veterans may or may not be eligible to receive travel reimbursement.
- ▶ Once enrolled, a Veteran is placed into a Priority Group based on their individual status.
 - Priority Groups range from 1 to 8
 - Groups 7 and 8 have multiple subgroupings
 - All Subgroups are defined on the following pages

Copayments

- ▶ **Outpatient Medical (only one per day, whichever is the highest)**
 - Primary Care: \$15 / Visit
 - Specialty Care: \$50 / Visit
 - No copayment for preventative services such as screenings and immunizations
- **Pharmacy***
 - PG 2–6: \$8/30–day supply (\$960 Annual Cap) only for treatment of nonservice-connected conditions
 - PG 7–8: \$9/30–day supply (No Annual Cap)
- ▶ **Inpatient Service (During a 365–day period)**
 - PG 7: \$2/Day Per Diem plus (\$257.60 during 1st 90 Days) (\$128.80 Each Additional 90 Day period)
 - PG 8: \$10/Day Per Diem plus \$1,288
- ▶ **Long–Term Care (Copayment starts on the 22nd day of care during any 12–month period)**
 - Nursing Home/Inpatient Respite/Geriatric Eval – max \$97/day
 - Adult Day Health Care/Outpatient Geriatric Eval / Outpatient Respite Care – max \$15/day
 - Domiciliary Care – max \$5/day

* On 2/27/2017, the VA Pharmacy copayments goes to a 3 tier system.

Tier 1 – \$5

Tier depends on specific medication

Tier 2 – \$8

Tier 3 – \$11

Do NOT Refer To Enrollment...

These are tasks that the Veterans must go somewhere else for

Question or Issue	Appropriate Contact	Contact Info
Decedent Affairs	Chaplain	May differ at some facilities
Healthcare for Family of 100% SC Veterans	CHAMP-VA	(800) 733-8387
In-Person Authentication, secured messaging	My Healthy Vet	Check your facility for locations
Military ID's (NOT VA Health ID Card) - ID's for 20(+) years retired or 100% SC veterans	Nearest Military DEERS Office	
DD214's (if not scanned into CPRS), other old military records, medals, dog tags	National Personnel Records Center	www.archives.gov http://www.archives.gov/veterans/replace-medals.html
Ambulance bills, Emergency bills from non-VA hospitals	Network Payment Center	
VA medical records	Release of Information	
Social Security/Medicare Questions	Local State Medicare Office	

VA Medical Home

Must have a VA primary care provider

Definitions to navigate the system:

PCP – Primary Care Provider

PACT – Patient Aligned Care Teams

CBOC – Community Based Outpatient Clinic



VHA Long-Term Care Services

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Home & Community Based Services

Purchased Care

HBPC

NVCC

Community Home Health
Contract Nursing Home
Contract Adult Day
Health Care

CHOICE

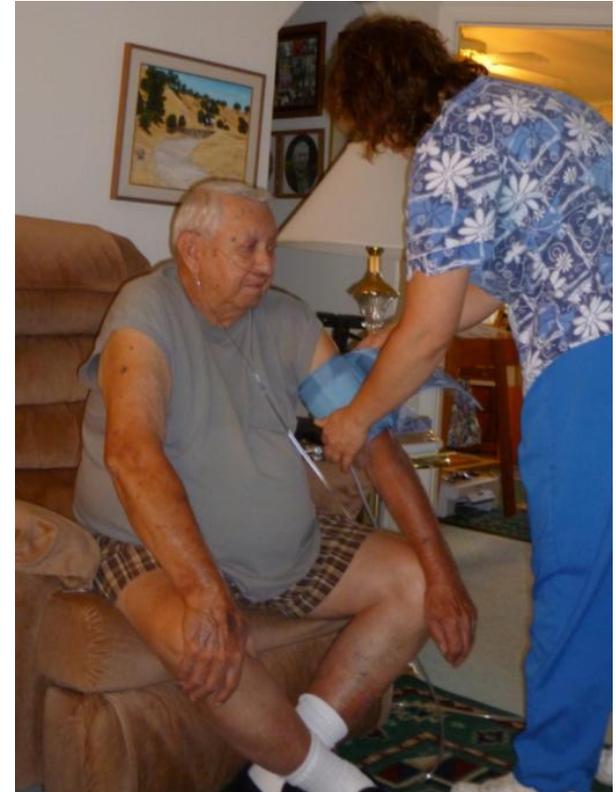
H/HHa and Home Respite
Veteran Directed HCBS
Hospice
Home Infusion

Home-Based Primary Care

HBPC provides longitudinal, comprehensive, interdisciplinary care to veterans with complex chronic disease.

GOAL of HBPC

To keep the patient in their home, as long as the situation meets their needs and is safe.



Home-Based Primary Care

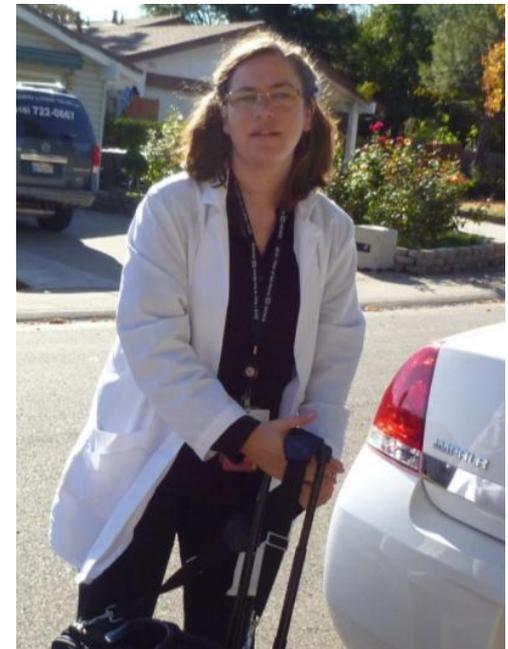
1970: began as a national pilot at 6 sites

1972: established as a program

2017: 146 HBPC programs nationwide

National census currently 37,414

Every HBPC program is unique, depending on the needs of the individual VA facility and surrounding communities!



Purchased Care

Community Skilled Home Health

Community Skilled Home Care

- All Veterans are eligible but must:
 - Have skilled needs (RN, PT, OT, ST, SW)
 - Be homebound (with a few exceptions)
 - Provider who will follow episode of care
 - Face-to-face visit with a provider within last 30 days
- Generally short term, focused care

Purchased Care Skilled Services

Hospice

- All Veterans are eligible; must meet hospice criteria
- Requires PECOS enrolled MD consult and order

Home Infusion

- All Veterans are eligible but must be able to manage home infusion and have safe environment

Purchased Care Non-Skilled Services

Eligibility criteria:

- 3 or more ADL dependencies, or
- Significant cognitive impairment, or
- Require services as adjunct care to community hospice

OR

- 2 or more ADL dependencies, and two or more of the following conditions:
 - Dependency in 3 or more IADLs
 - 75 years or older
 - Lives alone in the community
 - Clinical depression
 - Recently discharged from a nursing facility
 - High utilizer of medical services (3+ hospitalizations in the past year or 12+ clinic/ECU visits)

Purchased Care Contract Nursing Home

Basic Eligibility:

- Mill Bill: 70% service connected or greater qualifies for Short-Term, Long-Term, Respite
- End of Life: last 1-2 months of life
- Must be nursing home level of care for all placements

CNH VA staff provide facility placement



Purchased Care State Veterans Home

State Veterans Home

Collaborative relationship between federal VHA and State Veteran's Home and community

Purchased Care

Homemaker/Home Health Aide

Respite

Homemaker/Home Health Aide (H/HHA)

- Agency aides focus on assistance with ADLs
- Standardized assessment tool to determine hours/week
- Prioritize Veterans at end of life or discharging from inpatient, CLC, CNH

Outpatient Respite

- Provides relief to primary caregivers

Purchased Care Community Adult Day Health Care Veteran Directed

Community Adult Day Health Care

Prioritize Veterans at end of life or discharging
from inpatient, CLC, CNH

Veteran Directed Home & Community Based Services

Collaboration with County Aging Services



Community Living Center (CLC)

National system of nursing facilities with different levels of bed options:

- skilled nursing (IV antibiotics, wound care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, etc.)
- acute rehabilitation
- respite
- hospice
- palliative care
- long term care





Questions & Answers

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