
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2020

Fiscal Services Division

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Iowa Veterans Home

Background

The Iowa Veterans Home (IVH), located in Marshalltown, Iowa, provides both nursing home and residential levels of care for Iowa's aged, chronically ill, or disabled veterans, dependent spouses, and surviving spouses. As of June 2019, there were 503 individuals living at the Veterans Home, including 439 individuals in the nursing facility and 64 individuals in domiciliary care.

In 1886, the Iowa General Assembly approved an appropriation of \$75,000 for the establishment of an Iowa Soldiers Home "to provide a home and subsistence for all honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines who had served in the Army and Navy of the United States, and who are disabled by disease, illness, or otherwise." The Home was constructed in 1887. In 1975, the Iowa General Assembly changed the name of the Iowa Soldiers Home to the Iowa Veterans Home.

The role of the IVH has evolved considerably over the years. The IVH was originally a domiciliary for veterans with insufficient resources to live independently or for veterans unable to earn a livelihood by virtue of disability. Today, the IVH is a facility that serves veterans with chronic conditions rather than those with insufficient incomes. The IVH also provides services to spouses of qualified veterans. Spouses qualify for admission if they have been married to a veteran for at least one year before the date of application and meet residency requirements.

Services

Each resident of the IVH is assigned a staff physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner, registered nurse, social worker, recreation therapist, and dietitian to manage treatment and care. In addition to health services, the IVH provides dental services and a variety of recreational services on and off the campus, as well as transportation.

Funding

The IVH revenue sources include 45.6% Medicaid, 24.0% U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs per diem, 16.8% resident support, 8.8% General Fund, and 4.8% other sources.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [35A](#) and [35D](#)
Iowa Administrative Code [801—10](#)

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More Information

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