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# Iowa Veterans Home

## Background and History

The Iowa Veterans Home (IVH) was established in 1887 as the Iowa Soldiers Home with an initial capacity of 200 beds. Originally, the IVH was used as a location for displaced veterans of the Civil War. The site was purchased for \$75,000 and the annual operating cost was \$25,000. In the 1890s, the initial infirmary was constructed for \$38,000. The IVH is situated on 150 acres in Marshalltown, Iowa. The IVH was an independent agency of the State before being merged with the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) in July 2023.

While 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 regardless of financial status. 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. The rate of payment is based on the cost of care and the individual's ability to pay using available resources.

The IVH offers nursing, medical, rehabilitative care, and mental health services. Care services include but are not limited to the following:

- Social work services
- Substance abuse counseling
- Psychiatry and psychology services
- Physical and occupational therapy
- Audiology and speech therapy

Additional services offered at the IVH include pastoral care and chapel services, and providing gathering spaces for family visits and overnight stays, barber and beauty shops, and other amenities.

## Funding

Prior to FY 2003, the IVH received appropriations from the State General Fund for all operational costs. Outside revenues generated or reimbursed to the IVH were deposited in the State General Fund. Beginning in FY 2003, the IVH converted to net budgeting. The State provides an appropriation to meet the balance of expenditures after outside revenues are deducted. The General Fund appropriation for the IVH is made annually through the Health and Human Services Appropriations Act, with an annual appropriation of \$8.1 million.

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## More Information

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