

Caring for Our Heroes at Pennsylvania's State Veterans' Homes

Pennsylvania operates six state veterans' homes for its veterans and their eligible spouses. We deliver long-term care that is second to none. Our staff is fully licensed, carefully trained, and dedicated to treating our residents with the dignity and respect they deserve.

Our state veterans' homes provide a wide array of long-term care services in skilled nursing care, dementia care, and personal care/domiciliary units.

We are committed to maintaining top-notch facilities and are constantly making improvements. For example, a new 32-bed dementia care unit was opened at the Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home (Erie) in 2007, and a new 120-bed Community Living Center was opened at the Southeastern Veterans' Center (Spring City) in 2012.



Our state veterans' homes have earned the praise of our residents and their families. In resident and family satisfaction surveys conducted in recent years, our homes earned ratings well above national averages in many important categories.

The veterans' homes provide quality care to eligible veterans and their eligible spouses. No applicant is denied admission to a state veterans' home because of lack of income or assets.



Contact Us

To obtain an application for admission:

- Visit the DMVA website at www.dmva.state.pa.us, click on "Veterans Affairs," then click on "State Veterans Home System"; or,
- Call the Bureau of Veterans' Homes at 717-861-8906; or,
- Contact your County Director of Veterans Affairs; or,
- Contact a home directly.

DELAWARE VALLEY VETERANS' HOME

2701 Southampton Road
Philadelphia, PA 19154
215-856-2700

HOLLIDAYSBURG VETERANS' HOME

PO Box 319, Route 220
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648
814-696-5201

GINO J. MERLI VETERANS' CENTER

401 Penn Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503
570-961-4300

PENNSYLVANIA SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME

PO Box 6239, 560 E. Third Street
Erie, PA 16512
814-871-4531

SOUTHEASTERN VETERANS' CENTER

One Veterans Drive
Spring City, PA 19475
610-948-2400

SOUTHWESTERN VETERANS' CENTER

7060 Highland Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
412-665-6706



Paying for Care at Pennsylvania's State Veterans' Homes



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Bureau of Veterans' Homes
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Annville, PA 17003-5002
717-861-8906**

Paying for Care at a State Veterans' Home

Residents of a Pennsylvania state veterans' home are expected to contribute to the cost of their care at the home based on their ability to pay. No one is denied admission or residence at a home because of lack of income or assets.

Most residents find that living in a state veterans' home provides great value for them and their families. But applicants need to carefully review what's best for them and their families and compare long-term care costs.

Please take a moment to review this brochure and contact us with any questions you might have.



Key terms

Per Diem – The rate calculated by the state veterans' home to be the cost of taking care of a resident for one day. This rate is published annually in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Cost of Care – The per diem charge for a specified period, such as one month.

Maintenance Fee – The portion of the Cost of Care that is the resident's monthly payment obligation. This is based upon what the resident can afford to pay out of pocket.

Estate Billing – The difference between the cost of care and the monthly payments which are accumulated over the entire time of the resident's stay at the state veterans' home.

Monthly Maintenance Fees

Here's how the state veterans' homes calculate monthly maintenance fees:

- The resident's income from all sources is the main factor considered in setting the monthly maintenance fees.
- Assets over limits set by the Federal VA for pensions and benefits may also be considered.
- Allowances are made for certain deductions, such as insurance and spousal support.
- These factors are applied in calculating the resident's maintenance fee. This is the amount that the resident pays on a monthly basis.
- Monthly maintenance fees are set upon admission and are recalculated annually. The fees may also be adjusted whenever there are major changes in a resident's financial situation.

Estate Billings

Here's how the state veterans' homes bill the estate:

- DMVA bills the estate of a deceased residents for the difference between the cost of care and what the resident paid while residing at the home.
- We do not bill surviving spouses or family members. Only the resident's estate is obligated to pay the claim.
- The state veterans' home may be one of several creditors of the resident's estate.
- The estate billing process follows standard legal procedures. Attorneys from the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs work with the representatives of the estate and next-of-kin to address the claim.

