

*Our Area Agency on Aging
partners:*

Region 3A

Area Agency on Aging

Serving Kalamazoo county

269-373-5173

Region 3B

Area Agency on Aging

Serving Barry & Calhoun counties

269-966-2450

or 800-626-6719

Region 3C

Area Agency on Aging

Serving Branch & St. Joseph counties

517-278-2538

or 888-615-8009

Region IV

Area Agency on Aging

Serving Berrien, Cass,
& Van Buren counties

269-983-0177

or 800-442-2803

Western Michigan

Area Agency on Aging

Serving Allegan, Ionia, Kent, Lake,
Mason Mecosta, Montcalm,
Newaygo, & Osceola counties

616-456-5664

or 800-442-1713

For more information, contact:

For more information on the Veterans Directed Home & Community Based Care program, contact your local Veterans Health Administration:

Battle Creek

VA Medical Center

5500 Armstrong Rd.

Battle Creek, MI 49037

269-966-5600

or 888-214-1247



**Veterans Directed
Home & Community Based
Care Program**

*The care
you've earned*



A partnership between the Veteran's Health Administration, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, & your local Area Agency on Aging.

What is home & community based care all about?

The VA Home & Community Based Care program provides services to help you remain in your home or the home of a loved one with



the support of paid caregivers and purchased services such as chore services, respite care and personal care.

What are self-directed care services?

In a self-directed care program, you manage your care services with the help of a care consultant and financial management services.

It is built on the premise that the individual receiving care has the right and ability to assess and determine how and by whom they receive care.

What are the advantages of self-direction?

There are a number of advantages to self direction:

- You can hire a family member or someone who lives nearby to provide your care.
- If you already have someone who helps with your care and whom you trust, you can to employ that individual as your caregiver or continue to use the same agency.
- You can determine what services you want from a broader array of services than is currently available.

What role do I or my decision maker play?

If you choose to hire family or friends to provide your care, you are the employer. A fiscal management service company assists you with employment paperwork, interviewing and hiring workers, and managing your hired caregiver.

You also are responsible for using your budget wisely. A care consultant will help you develop a budget based on your individual needs and preferences.

You can also choose to use a traditional home care agency to provide your services.

What services are available?

Working with your Veterans Health Administration social worker and a care consultant from the Area Agency on Aging, you develop a plan to meet your care needs. Examples of services that may be for you include:

- Homemaker & personal care
- Shopping, transportation, & errands provided by a paid caregiver
- Personal Emergency Response system
- Chore services
- Respite care—in-home & out-of-home
- Adult day services
- Home delivered meals
- Caregiver support & training
- Environmental services including ongoing chore services & environmental support, extensive cleaning, home modification & home repair
- Medication setup & medication management
- Private duty nursing
- Goods & services to support independence but not available through other sources

