

Dear NACHC Veterans Interest Group –

Thank you for your continued interest in ensuring access to care for our military Veteran population. In recognition of National Health Center Week and HRSA's release of the 2019 UDS data this week, we have much to celebrate as health centers nationally report serving +398,000 Veterans in 2019. This is an increase of 13,000 Veteran patients over 2018.

To support your efforts to increase health care services to Veterans in your community setting, here are some updates and events of interest:

[An Overview of the Veterans Health Administration \(VHA\) Telehealth](#) - Date & Time: Thursday August 13, 2020 at 2:00PM EST. - Discover what's possible as your organization continues to strengthen its telehealth services. Join us as we hear from Dr. Kevin Galpin with the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) for an overview of their Telehealth services in addition to lessons learned in response to COVID-19. **Guest Speaker: Dr. Kevin Galpin, MD** *Executive Director, Telehealth Services, Office of Connected Care, Veterans Health Administration (VHA)* - This serves as an invitation to join us for the August 13th [NACHCs Telehealth Office Hours](#).

[Standardized Screening for Military Veteran Status](#) - Archived NACHC Webinar Available - <https://www.healthcenterinfo.org/details/?id=2651> - This May 20, 2020 webinar highlighted an Iowa pilot project between a health center, the state Primary Care Association and the local VA Medical Center on the Identification of Military Veterans Upon Implementation of a Standardized Screening Process in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). The pilot project was the focus of the 2019 Journal of Community Health Article *The Identification of Military Veterans Upon Implementation of a Standardized Screening Process in a Federally Qualified Health Center* <https://www.healthcenterinfo.org/details/?id=2368>

[Consider Participating in VA's Community Care Network](#) - Health Centers are encouraged to become Community Providers as part of the VA Community Care Program. Check out NACHC's Toolkit and Fact Sheet to guide your efforts:

- [Toolkit for the Veteran Community Care Program Administered by the U.S. Veterans Health Administration](#)(May 2020)
- [Fact Sheet: Partnering with the VA to Provide Care for Veterans in Community Health Centers](#)(May 2020)

Please [sign up for the Office of Community Care Newsletter](#) from the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). This provides the latest updates for community-based providers who are officially part of the VA's Community Care Network. See the Community Care website at: <https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/providers/index.asp>.

COVID-19 UPDATE - The US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has implemented an aggressive public health response to protect and care for Veterans, families and health care providers in the face of this evolving health risk. Learn more about VA's efforts at: <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/n-coronavirus/>

Your service to others during our ongoing COVID-19 pandemic is greatly appreciated. I hope this note finds you healthy and well!

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