

Department of Veterans Affairs State Veterans Home Survey Report

This survey report and the information contained herein, resulted from the State Veterans Home (SVH) Survey as a Summary Statement of Deficiencies. (Each Deficiency Must be Preceded by Full Regulatory or applicable Life Safety Code Identifying Information.) Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations Part 51 is applied for SVHs applicable by level of care.

General Information:

Facility Name: North Dakota Veterans Home

Location: 1600 Veterans Drive, Lisbon, ND 58054

Onsite / Virtual: Onsite

Dates of Survey: 7/9/24 – 7/11/24

NH / DOM / ADHC: NH

Survey Class: Annual

Total Available Beds: 52

Census on First Day of Survey: 50

VA Regulation Deficiency	Findings
	<p>Initial Comments:</p> <p>A VA Annual Survey was conducted from July 9, 2024, through July 11, 2024, at the North Dakota Veterans Home. The survey revealed the facility was not in compliance with Title 38 CFR Part 51 Federal Requirements for State Veterans Homes.</p>
<p>§ 51.43 (b) Drugs and medicines for certain veterans</p> <p>VA will also furnish drugs and medicines to a State home for a veteran receiving nursing home, domiciliary, or adult day health care in a State home pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 1712(d), as implemented by §17.96 of this chapter, subject to the limitation in §51.41(c)(2).</p> <p>Level of Harm – No Actual Harm, with potential for minimal harm</p> <p>Residents Affected – Few</p>	<p>The facility was unable to demonstrate that medications are only furnished subject to the limitations in § 51.41(c)(2).</p> <p>Based on interviews and record reviews, it was identified that the facility received medications from the VAMC of jurisdiction for one (1) Veteran for whom the facility is being paid at the prevailing rate. The facility did not ensure that medication costs for Veterans for which the facility receives the prevailing rate are covered in full by the facility. Review of records for October 2023 and January 2024, revealed that the facility did not pay for medications for one (1) prevailing rate Veteran, for which the facility is responsible for all medication costs. The SVH verified these findings.</p>
<p>§ 51.210 (h) Use of outside resources.</p> <p>(1) If the facility does not employ a qualified professional person to furnish</p>	<p>Based on interview and record review, the facility's management failed to obtain a sharing agreement that governed mental health services provided by the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC) for 12 residents. This failure had the</p>

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<p>a specific service to be provided by the facility, the facility management must have that service furnished to residents by a person or agency outside the facility under a written agreement described in paragraph (h)(2) of this section.</p> <p>(2) Agreements pertaining to services furnished by outside resources must specify in writing that the facility management assumes responsibility for—</p> <p>(i) Obtaining services that meet professional standards and principles that apply to professionals providing services in such a facility; and</p> <p>(ii) The timeliness of the services.</p> <p>(3) If a veteran requires health care that the State home is not required to provide under this part, the State home may assist the veteran in obtaining that care from sources outside the State home, including the Veterans Health Administration. If VA is contacted about providing such care, VA will determine the best option for obtaining the needed services and will notify the veteran or the authorized representative of the veteran.</p> <p>Level of Harm – No Actual Harm, with potential for more than minimal harm</p> <p>Residents Affected – Many</p>	<p>potential to affect all residents in the facility who would need mental health services.</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>Review of the facility's professional services contracts that pertained to outside service providers revealed the facility did not have a sharing agreement for residents who received mental health services at the VAMC.</p> <p>On 7/9/24, at 2:46 p.m., Administrative Staff A provided a physical copy of the progress related to obtaining the mental health sharing agreement. According to Administrative Staff A, the facility did not have a sharing agreement and it was still pending. Administrative Staff A revealed they did not have a date for when the sharing agreement would be effective.</p>
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