



# Building a Veterans Health Care System for the Future

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## 2021 Critical Policy Goal (CPG) - VA Health Care

- Faithful Implementation of VA MISSION Act
- Realign & Modernize VA Infrastructure
- Complete IT Modernization
- Strengthen VA's Fourth Mission

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## VA MISSION Act Background:

- Passed 2018, Effective 2019
- VA Remains Primary Provider & Coordinator of Care
- NEW Veteran Care Networks – TriWest & Optum
- NEW Access and Quality Standards



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## 2021 Focus for Implementation of VA MISSION Act

- *Filling VA Health Care Vacancies, Expanding Capacity*
- *Reviewing Access and Quality Standards for Both VA and TPAs*
- *Improving Scheduling Systems to Lower Wait Times*

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## VA Health Care Infrastructure Background:

- 5,600 Buildings, 153 Million SF
- 171 VAMCs & 1,112 CBOCs
- Average Age >50 Years Old
- SCIP 2010 = \$56 Billion (10 years)
- SCIP 2021 = \$66 Billion (10 Years)



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## Asset & Infrastructure Review (AIR) Background:

- Decades of Under Funding for VA Hospitals & Other Facilities
- VA Infrastructure Must Adapt to Changes in Health Care Delivery & Veteran Demographics
- AIR Compromise Required  
VSO Collaboration, Consultation



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## Key AIR Milestones

- 2021*                      *Criteria Finalized, Commissioners To Be Approved*
- Jan 2022*                *VA Sends Realignment Plan to AIR Commission*
- 2022*                      *Commission Reviews & Holds Public Hearings*
- Jan 2023*                *Commission Sends Plan to President*
- 2023*                      *President Approves & Congress Approves or Rejects*

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## DAV's Vision for Modernizing VA Infrastructure

- *Full Funding for Existing Health Care Facilities*
- *Investing to Meet Future Needs*
- *Reforming Infrastructure Funding*
- *Reforming Construction Oversight*



# Electronic Health Record Modernization (EHRM)

- Seamless Care DOD → VA → Community
- 10-Year, \$16 Billion Modernization
- Started in Pacific NW & Central Ohio



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## 2021 Focus for Modernizing VA's IT & EHRM

- *VA Strategic Review, GAO & OIG Reports*
- *Universal Interoperability – Private Sector*
- *Comprehensive Scheduling – VA & Community*

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## VA's Fourth Mission:

- Serve as Backup Health Care System to DOD in War
- Support Medical Response to Terrorism & Natural Disasters
- Provide Support During National Health Emergencies



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# Learning Lessons from COVID-19 Pandemic

- *Developing Virtual Workplaces for the Future*
- *Properly Balancing Use of Telehealth When Effective*
- *Supply Chain Coordination with DOD, HHS, States*
- *Importance of VA Health Care System & Infrastructure*

  


*Thank You!*

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