



VD-HCBS Educational Webinar

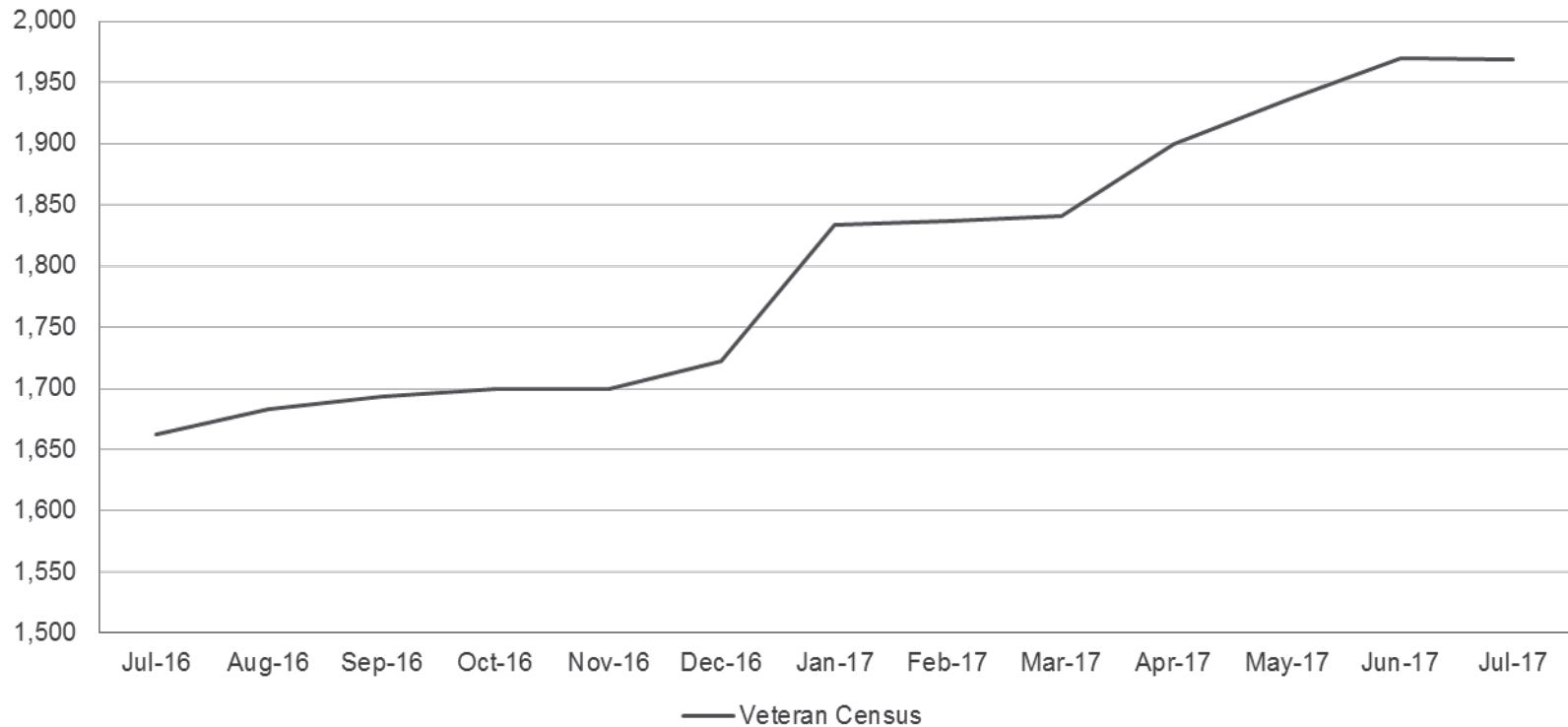
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Purpose

- Share information about VD-HCBS Program growth
- Learn from VA about current status of VA's Choice Program
- Discuss VA's approach to VD-HCBS in FY2018 and beyond
- Ask and address questions regarding short, mid- and long-term implications for VD-HCBS

VD-HCBS Program Growth

Veteran Census



VA Choice Update

- VA's Choice Program (VCP) was established to allow Veterans to receive care outside of VA Medical Centers under certain criteria
- In December 2015, VA promulgated regulations that allowed VAMCs to enter into VA Choice Provider Agreements with Aging & Disability Network Agencies (ADNAs) to include ADRCs, AAAs, CILs and SUAs for VD-HCBS
- To enter into a VA Choice Provider Agreements, ADNAs were required to submit:
 - A signed Provider Agreement (VA Form 10-10145)
 - Tax ID or Employee Identifier Number (EIN)
 - National Provider Identifier
 - A training policy for self-directed programs that meets state requirements.

VA Choice Update

- To date, 97 ADNAs delivering VD-HCBS have signed a VA Choice Provider Agreement to serve Veterans through VCP.
- VAMCs have been able to leverage VA Choice Provider Agreements and VCP funding to increase access to healthcare services, including VD-HCBS, for Veterans since the start of FY17
- At this time, VAMCs, depending on local VCP funding availability, may be limited to enroll new Veterans into VCP under VA Choice Provider Agreements for the remainder of FY17
 - This includes enrolling new Veterans for VD-HCBS

VA Choice Update

- Guidance has been issued to VA Medical Centers to adapt to the update on VCP funding availability
- Currently, VAMCs are identifying if VCP funding exists to:
 - Extend VA authorizations for existing Veterans to continue to receive VD-HCBS through VCP. If VCP funding does exist, VAMCs may extend VA Choice authorizations through the end of the fiscal year
 - Enroll new Veterans eligible to receive VCP, including VD-HCBS through the end of the fiscal or calendar year
- If VAMCs do not have VCP funding available to extend or create new VCP authorizations:
 - VAMCs can utilize traditional Non-VA Care (NVC) to authorize services, including VD-HCBS
 - If NVC funds are not available locally, VAMCs will place Veterans on an electronic waiting list (EWL) for services

VA Choice Update

- For VAMCs, the impact of the VCP update is that:
 - VAMCs will place an emphasis on providing care in the least restrictive setting and reserve HCBS to delay and prevent nursing home use
 - Support Veterans with significant personal care services that are at risk of nursing home placement
 - Utilize EWLs to track unmet need for HCBS, including VD-HCBS
- VA has requested additional Care in the Community funding from Congress for FY18 to continue to support growth in community care access for Veterans

VA Choice Update: Provider Agreements

- VAMCs are not likely to establish NEW VA Choice Provider Agreements
- VAMCs will continue to renew existing VA Choice Provider Agreements on an annual basis
- VAMCs making VD-HCBS referrals under Non-VA Care will require the same documentation of VD-HCBS Providers as under VA Choice

VD-HCBS Authorizations

- VAMCs and ADNAs should track and monitor VD-HCBS authorizations
 - VAMCs will issue VA authorizations under VA Choice using VA Form 10-0386a for VD-HCBS
 - VAMCs will issue VA authorizations under Non-VA care using VA Form 10-7079 for VD-HCBS
- As a reminder, VD-HCBS authorizations will generally include:
 - Veteran information (name, address, DOB, etc.)
 - Period of authorization (length will depend on local VAMC policies)
 - Case-Mix Rate and total VD-HCBS budget for period of authorization
 - Other medical information related to the Veteran

VD-HCBS Future State

- It is not yet known how VA Choice, Community Care and Provider Agreements will be used in the future
 - There is pending legislation to continue use of Provider Agreements
 - Provider Agreements are a priority in the President's budget submission and supported by VA Secretary Shulkin
- VA continues to strive to meet the strategic goal for nationwide VD-HCBS access by FY2019
- VA anticipates being able to continue to grow access to LTSS for Veterans, including VD-HCBS, in FY2018

VD-HCBS Programs: Current Action

- VD-HCBS Programs, including VAMCs and ADNAs, should discuss and work collaboratively to adapt to the transition environment for the remainder of FY2017. Specific activities include:
 - Promptly submit and process VD-HCBS invoices
 - Track status of unpaid VD-HCBS invoices and work collaboratively to identify any issues causing payments to take longer than 30 days
 - Maintain a record of VD-HCBS authorizations and monitor when authorizations for VD-HCBS require renewal
 - Email the VD-HCBS TA mailbox at veterandirected@acl.hhs.gov with any issues, questions or concerns regarding VD-HCBS

Questions?

Closing

- The next VD-HCBS Educational Webinar will be held in October
- Any updates on VA Choice or the future state of VD-HCBS will be distributed to VD-HCBS Programs!
- Thank you for all of your hard work in serving Veterans through VD-HCBS!
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