



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**Under Secretary for Health**  
**Washington DC 20420**  
**MAY 27 2015**

Cameron Smith  
Director  
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Dear Mr. Smith:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recognizes the new 154-bed nursing home at the Lebanon Veterans' Home, in Lebanon, Oregon, for the purpose of receiving per diem grant payments for eligible Veterans.

The Director of the VA Portland Health Care System appointed a team of business, fiscal, life safety, clinical, and health care services staff to conduct a recognition survey March 18-20, 2015. VA surveyors validated that all standards have been met as of March 20, 2015. Basic per diem payments may be made for all eligible Veterans in the facility as of that date.

All nursing homes in the State Veterans Home program are required to transmit all of their Minimum Data Set (MDS) records to VA. Please contact Janet Barber via email at [Janet.Barber2@va.gov](mailto:Janet.Barber2@va.gov) for the instructions and forms needed to gain the permission and access to transmit and view this data for your facility's reports.

If you disagree with this decision, please inform Thomas Edes, MD, Executive Director, Geriatrics and Extended Care Operations, in writing within 1 year, and VA will send you a statement of the case. You will then have 60 days to file a formal appeal. After receiving your formal appeal, VA will transmit the case to the Board of Veterans' Appeals. For further information on this appeal process, please refer to title 38 of the United States Code § 7105 and 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 20.

As specified in 38 CFR § 51.210, the State Veterans Home skilled nursing care facility is required to ensure that no more than 25 percent of the bed occupancy at any one time consists of residents who are not Veterans. Non-Veteran residents must be spouses of Veterans or parents of children who died while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

The VA Portland Health Care System is responsible for administering VA per diem payments and conducting an annual survey to ensure that VA standards are met at the Lebanon Veterans' Home, in Lebanon, Oregon.

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For additional assistance, please contact Darla Neese, VA Portland Health Care System State Veterans Home Representative, at (503) 953-6935. VA looks forward to continuing its cooperative working relationship with the State of Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn M. Clancy, MD'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small 'MD' written at the end.

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