



For: All Iowa Veterans Home resident applicants

Subject: Important information for potential residents

Tobacco Free Campus

The Iowa Veterans Home is committed to the health, safety and well-being of all of our residents. As a result, we have made a commitment to become a tobacco (smoke and smokeless) free campus. This is to inform you that you will receive advanced notification of the date when the facility will become entirely tobacco free. Currently, IVH residents are allowed to use tobacco products on campus during designated times and in designated areas with the appropriate supervision.

Power Mobility Device (PMD) usage

Please be advised of the following Iowa Veterans Home (IVH) policies and procedures regarding Power Mobility Device usage.

1. Upon admission, the PMD will be sent to the IVH Wheelchair Clinic where a mechanical check will be completed to ensure that the device meets IVH safety standards.
2. Each PMD will be cleaned, labeled, and inventoried.
3. Unit staff will refer the resident to IVH Optometry for a vision exam. *If an eye exam was performed within the past 12 months, this may be provided.*
4. The IVH RCC Team will complete a capabilities assessment of medical necessity, physical and cognitive ability, and the optometrist's evaluation.
5. Each resident will be scheduled for a clinic face-to-face evaluation to assure medical necessity using the CMS/VA Power Mobility Guidelines.
6. If the criteria are met, a physician's order will be obtained, a Power Mobility Device Evaluation form completed and these will be sent to the IVH Wheelchair Clinic
7. Safety operational expectations and driving criteria are reviewed with each resident. If all criteria are met, a 2-3-day PMD training is completed. With successful completion of the training, the PMD is issued for use. *Note that this process could take anywhere from a few days up to 2 weeks.*
8. IVH staff monitors the environment for safe use of PMDs on an on-going basis. Any unsafe use is addressed, as indicated, and may result in periodic or permanent removal of the device to maintain the safety of all.
9. Repairs including batteries, parts and labor are the responsibility of the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) if issued by the DVA. Expenses associated with a privately purchased PMD are the responsibility of the resident or their representative.



Driving Safety for Nursing Care Residents

Please be advised of the following Iowa Veterans Home (IVH) policies and procedures regarding operating a motor vehicle while being a nursing care resident of the Iowa Veterans Home.

1. Nursing care resident will not be able to drive until after an evaluation has been completed to ensure they are safe to operate a motor vehicle.
2. This evaluation will include:
 - a. a vision screening
 - b. a SLUM's screening that is indicative of normal cognitive functioning
 - c. Medical clearance by the IVH Primary Care provider
 - d. An evaluation by IVH Physical Therapy to insure ability to safely enter and exit the vehicle
 - e. A driving evaluation completed by one of the following:
 - i. Des Moines VA Medical Center
 - ii. Iowa Department of Transportation
 - iii. Younker Rehab – 515-263-5143
 - iv. On With Life Ankeny – 515-289-9600 ext. 2
 - v. On With Life Coralville – 319-259-6224
 - vi. Des Moines VA Medical Center
3. Any cost associated with this evaluation is the responsibility of the resident.
3. Anyone wishing to drive must maintain a valid driver's license and provide proof of insurance.
4. All vehicles must be maintained in accordance with [Administrative Policy 025A: Parking and Motor Vehicle Operation](#).