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DAYTON VA TO HOST FIRST NATIONAL ACCESS STAND DOWN

The Dayton VA will participate in the first national VA “access stand down” on Saturday, November 14, from 8 AM to 2:30 PM.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is committed to providing timely access to Veterans as determined by their clinical needs. We strive for all Veterans to have safe, high-quality, personalized, and timely care wherever they receive their health services. Toward this end, on Saturday, November 14, VA medical centers across the country will participate in a first ever National Access Stand Down. On a national scale, the access stand down is designed to reach out to Veterans identified as having the most urgent, acute needs to make sure they are seen either at the VA or in the local community as soon as possible. Clinical leaders, administrators, and volunteers will staff every VA Medical Center across the nation on November 14 to work on this initiative.

At the Dayton VA, access is already at outstanding levels, beating the national rate for established patients in primary care, speciality care, and mental health. In primary care and mental health in particular, more than 99% of established patients receive an appointment within 30 days of the preferred date. However, in support of this important cause, Dayton VA physicians, nurses, medical support assistants, office administrators, and the entire medical center’s leadership team will be on hand to conduct primary care and mental health appointments, schedule additional appointments at the Dayton VA, and coordinate non-VA care in the community for services not available at the Dayton VA.

Primary Care and Mental Health typically offers Saturday appointments from 8 AM to 12 PM. This Saturday, the clinics have extended scheduled appointments from 8 AM to 2:30 PM.

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