Support for the Caregiver

• Annual training and direct patient care instruction from MFH and HBPC Team.
• Ongoing support from MFH Program Coordinator.
• Access to 24-hour care advice line to assist with resident’s needs.

Payment for Medical Foster Home Care

• Medical Foster Homes are a private pay option for Veterans. The Veteran pays the caregiver a monthly fee based upon the level of care needed. The fee and services are negotiated between the Veteran and the caregiver. The MFH program coordinator assists with finalizing the financial agreement prior to placement in the home.

Benefits of MFH

• Gives Veterans a new and alternative option for long-term care services.
• Provides the option to remain in a family setting.
• Maintains the Veteran in a safe and therapeutic environment improving their quality of life.
• Offers an affordable form of assisted living for Veterans.
• Meets the increasing demand for long-term care services.

The HBPC Team provides primary medical care in the home. The goal is to stabilize the Veteran’s health and avoid hospital admissions. This offers access to the HBPC Team and other community based care staff, including a physician, nurse, social worker, dietitian, psychologist, etc.

• Caregivers receive frequent training and support from the MFH Coordinator and HBPC Team.

For more information about the Medical Foster Home Program, please contact the Dayton VA Medical Center Medical Foster Home Program Office at (937) 268-6511, Ext. 3604 or Ext. 2955.
VA Medical Foster Homes
When living at home becomes difficult, most people would rather remain in a home-like environment than move to a nursing home. In moments like this, the Dayton VA Medical Foster Home (MFH) program can help Veterans.

What Do VA Medical Foster Homes Offer?
• Personal care in a private home for Veterans with complex chronic disabling diseases who meet nursing home level of care.
• An option for Veterans who prefer a home-like environment over a hospital setting.
• Personal care with one-on-one attention in a family setting.
• Quality care that includes room and board, 24-hour supervision, and assistance with medication, daily tasks and personal needs.
• A full range of medical services through the Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) Team.

Medical Foster Home Environment
• Private/semi-private room
• Three meals/snacks daily
• 24-hour supervision

Flexibility in daily routine
• Choice
• Stable home
• Safeguards against abuse
• Signed agreement between medical foster home caregiver and Veteran, family or legal representative
• Pets
• Socialize with others and recreation
• Assistance with medication

How are homes chosen?
All homes must:
• Be owned or rented by the caregiver and location of the home must be the caregiver’s actual place of residence.
• Be located, designed, equipped, and maintained to ensure a home-like environment and to provide safe care and supervision for all residents.
• Be inspected by a Dayton VA team and must agree to annual inspections thereafter. Specific standards must be met to obtain approval for participation in the Medical Foster Home program.

Who Provides the Care in a Medical Foster Home
All Caregivers must:
• Be financially stable and at least 21 years of age.
• Complete an application and participate in an interview with the MFH Program Coordinator and other staff.
• Have formal or informal experience with patient care.
• Provide four references (two professional and two neighbors).
• Be physically able to provide the needed care.
• Have a written backup plan if unable to provide care at any time to include designated relief persons.
• Be able to communicate with the Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) health care team any changes in the Veteran’s normal appearance, behavior or state of health, and be willing to accept, participate and follow the Veteran’s treatment plan.
• Ensure a pleasant and homelike environment within the residence.