



VA MISSION ACT

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Community Care Eligibility:

MISSION Act developed five standards of veteran eligibility:

1. Service not available at the Veteran's VAMC or Clinic.
2. Veteran resides in a state or territory without a full-service VA medical facility (AK, HI, NH, Guam, AS, NMI, USVI).
3. Veteran was eligible under the CHOICE 40 mile rule in ND, SD, MT, AK, and WY.
--Grandfather Clause for five most rural states.
4. "Best medical interest" (after consultation between Veteran and their VA provider).
5. VA's care for that Veteran's need is not in compliance with VA's quality standard.

With a sixth to be developed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs:

6. Veteran meets specific access standards of wait times and drive times.

Data from the following sources was used to verify industry best practices and develop appropriate access standards.

- 18 Commercial Sector Health Care Plans/Systems
- 4 Federal Government Health Care Plans/Systems
- 14 State Medicaid Programs
- 14 State ACA Marketplaces