Your Care is Our Mission

VA PORTLAND HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

VA MISSION Act Overview

Rachel Scarpelli MSN, RN, Asst. Manager of Community Care



Your Care is Our Mission

What is the MISSION Act?

- Streamlining Community Care processes
- Establishing new Urgent Care benefit
- Providing Telehealth in Veteran homes, VA facilities or community
- Expansion to support Veteran caregivers
- Opportunities to hire and retain excellent VA staff





Your Care is Our Mission

- MISSION Act began 6/6/19
 - VA Portland is working diligently to ensure a smooth transition for our current Community Care Veterans and Community Providers
 - This will be a multi-year effort, in phases





Your Care is Our Mission

- How does this affect our Veterans?
 - VA Portland is committed to providing our Veterans with an excellent health care experience
 - Community Care eligibility has expanded
 - New Urgent Care benefit





Community Care Eligibility

1. Access Standards

ACCESS STANDARDS	Primary Care, Mental Health, Non- institutional Extended Care	Specialty Care
Drive Time	30 minutes	60 minutes
Wait Time	20 days	28 days

2. Service Unavailable

3. Grandfathered from Choice 40





Community Care Eligibility Continued...

4. Best Medical Interest

5. No full-service VA within your state

6. Quality of care within VA is sub-par (Still in development)







TriWest Healthcare Alliance

http://www.triwest.com/









Veteran Services

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Community Care programs and provide access to health care for our nation's Veterans.



Provider

TriWest is honored to administer the Information for providers on filing claims and navigating the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Community Care programs.

I'm a Provider »



Behavioral Health

Find information and tools to recognize signs of stress, depression, PTSD, substance use disorders and more for yourself or a

Learn more »



Join Provider Network

Are you a provider interested in serving our nation's Veterans? Join the more than 1,000,000 provider access points (and growing) who are already in the TriWest network.

Sign up now »



Community Care: Prior-Authorized Care

- Standardized Episodes of Care (SEOC)
 - List of prior-authorized services that accompanies each referral
 - Specialty specific



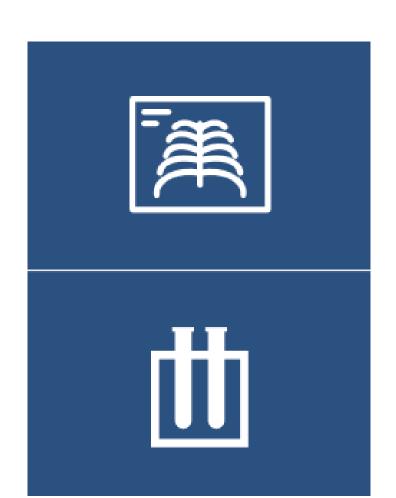
- Secondary Authorization Request (SAR)
 - Process for referring Veteran to other services not already included on initial SEOC



Urgent Care Benefit

• Urgent care is for illness or injuries that require prompt attention, but are *not* life-threatening

- Some examples:
 - Flu like symptoms
 - Strep throat
 - Minor burns
 - Ear/skin/eye infections





Urgent Care Benefit Continued...

 Unlimited visits, however a copay will be required based on the Veteran's priority group

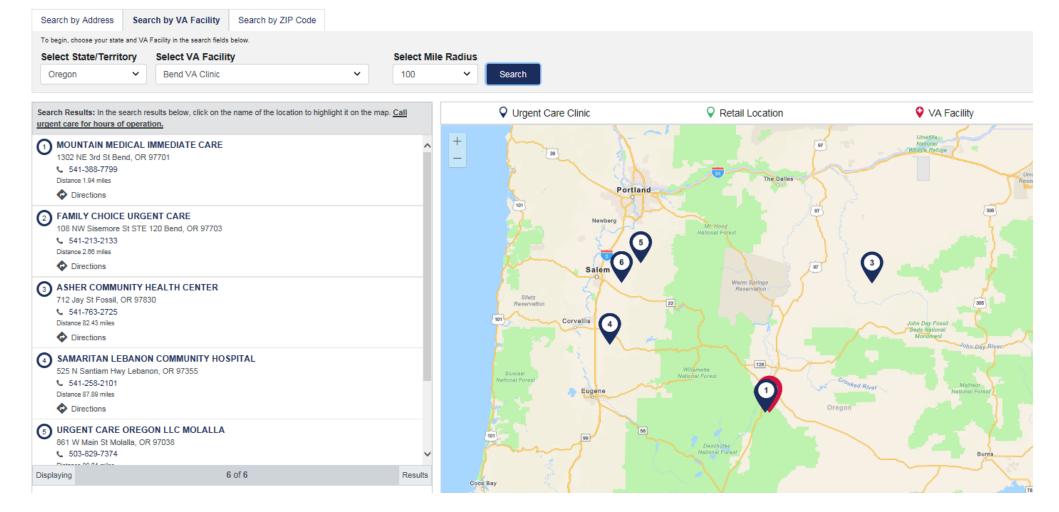
 Must be with an innetwork Provider



https://vaurgentcarelocator.triwest.com/

VA Urgent Care and Retail Locations

Find an urgent care and retail location near a specific address or ZIP code, or search by VA Facility.



Urgent Care: Pharmacy

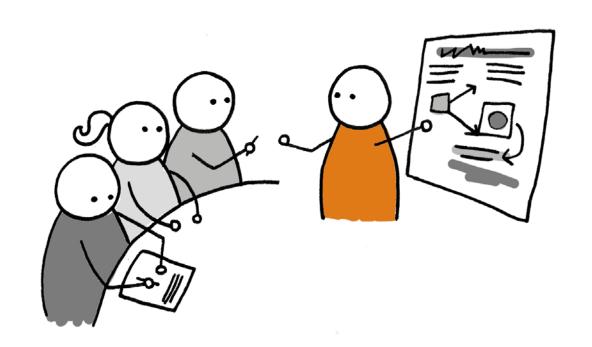
- Pharmacy Network is Express Scripts
- Over 100 pharmacies
 - 14 day supply, 7 for opioids
 - No refills
 - No copays should be charged
 - SSN is Member ID
- Express Scripts Helpdesk, 24/7: 1-800-922-1557





Education

- Facility-wide training
- Two tele-town halls
- Urgent Care facilities, pharmacies
- Community outreach







Community Care Office: 360-759-1674

1 for Claims or Billing questions

2 for Community Care appointments

3 for VA appointments

4 for Pharmacy questions

5 for Travel questions

6 for Enrollment questions

TriWest: **855-722-2838**

VA Pharmacy fax: 360-905-1767

https://www.va.gov/





Your Care is Our Mission

Questions?

We are honored to serve you!



