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Veteran Directed Care Program

Fast Facts



The **Veteran Directed Care Program (VDC)** pays for eligible Veterans to receive services and support to help them maintain independence in their own homes.

The VDC Program is administered by Missoula Aging Services in Missoula and Ravalli Counties.

Eligibility

There is no age requirement. Eligibility

is determined by the Geriatric Extended Care Assessment (GEC) which is administered by a nurse at the VA Clinic. Participants are reassessed every six months to ensure they are receiving an appropriate amount of care related to their needs.



The Veteran becomes the Employer of Record and is responsible for **hiring, training, scheduling,** and **managing** their Personal Care Aide (PCA).

- MAS Staff are available for support throughout these processes.
- A Designated Representative (DR) may be necessary to help direct care and services. The **DR cannot become a paid caregiver**, but will be involved in the hiring and management of the PCA(s) as well as participating in budget decisions.
- Veterans may hire **family members or friends** to be the PCA(s). If that is not a preferred option, **they may also advertise in the community.**

Available Services

Personal Care Attendants can help with various everyday tasks.

- Assistance with personal care such as **bathing, dressing** and **grooming.**
- Assistance with household tasks such as **cleaning, shopping,** **laundry** and **meal preparation.**

