

Some Things Respite Care Is Not

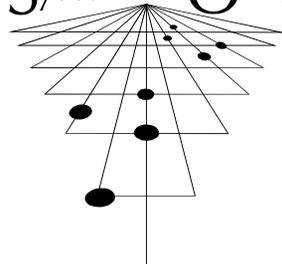
Respite Care is not a medical crises service nor does it provide or assume primary medical responsibility for the veteran. That responsibility rests with the primary physician, whether VA or private.



For more
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Respite
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(937) 268-6511,
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The Respite Care Program





What is Respite Care?

Respite Care provides caregivers temporary relief from providing regular care to a veteran.

The Benefits of Respite Care:



Respite Care provides the time for caregivers to have a rest, take a vacation or receive medical attention. The veteran needing care can enjoy a change of scenery, a change of routine and an opportunity to socialize with staff and other veterans.



Where Is Respite Care?

Respite Care is provided at the Nursing Home Care Unit. A complete range of medical care is available including: Routine medical care; twenty-four hour skilled care; and if necessary, acute hospital care.

Who is Eligible For Respite Care?

Respite Care is usually provided to those veterans who suffer from a chronic illness and reside primarily at home. Any veteran who is currently enrolled in the VA Health Care System of Ohio is eligible to apply for Respite Care. If the veteran is not currently enrolled, he or she can may contact Customer Service at (937) 268-6511.



How Long Does Respite Care Last?

Respite Care visits can be up to 31 days in a calendar year.

What Should A Veteran Bring to Respite Care?



Do not bring valuables or large sums of money. Do bring all current medications and personal items such as toothbrush, and denture cup, shaving equipment, special soaps, comb, deodorant, eye glasses, etc. Veterans should also bring their regular clothing with enough changes for the duration of the visit. All items are to be labeled.

If a veteran is incapable of handling their own funds, a deposit can be made at the Cashier's Office to cover the cost of shaves and haircuts. Barber service is available to all patients for a small fee.

Equipment such as wheelchairs, canes, walkers or braces should be brought to Respite Care.