

**LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER**

**April 2026**

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**COMMUNITY CARE REFORM**

**Technology that will help the Department of Veterans Affairs schedule Community Care appointments faster than ever before is now up and running at all VA facilities, and VA will be expanding its use in 2026 so Veterans can more easily choose the health care they have earned.**

**The External Provider Scheduling (EPS) system gives VA employees instant access to scheduling system of all community care providers who participate in this program. With that information, VA can immediately book appointments for Veterans that fit their schedules.**

**Today, 27,000 Community Care providers are participating in the EPS program covering 78 medical specialties. VA's goal is to sign up thousands of additional Community Care providers in 2026 as part of VA's ongoing effort to deliver timely, Veteran-centered care. When the Mission Act was signed, Veterans eligible for Community Care were guaranteed the right to choose the health care that is best for them, whether at a VA facility or a community provider.**

**Monitor [ACTION CORPS WEEKLY](#) for updates.**

**REMINDER: Year End Reports are due to me by April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Respectively Submitted,**

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