

# DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

## VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

### Federal Funds

#### MEDICAL SERVICES

For necessary expenses for furnishing, as authorized by law, inpatient and outpatient care and treatment to beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs and veterans described in section 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code, including care and treatment in facilities not under the jurisdiction of the Department, and including medical supplies and equipment, bioengineering services, food services, and salaries and expenses of healthcare employees hired under title 38, United States Code, aid to State homes as authorized by section 1741 of title 38, United States Code, assistance and support services for caregivers as authorized by section 1720G of title 38, United States Code, loan repayments authorized by section 604 of the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–163; 124 Stat. 1174; 38 U.S.C. 7681 note), and hospital care and medical services authorized by section 1787 of title 38, United States Code; **[\$209,189,000] \$1,124,197,000**, which shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under this heading that became available on October 1, **[2014] 2015**; and, in addition, **[\$47,603,202,000] \$51,673,000,000**, plus reimbursements, shall become available on October 1, **[2015] 2016**, and shall remain available until September 30, **[2016] 2017**: *Provided, That, of the amount made available on October 1, 2016, under this heading, \$1,400,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2018: Provided further,* That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall establish a priority for the provision of medical treatment for veterans who have service-connected disabilities, lower income, or have special needs: *Provided further,* That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall give priority funding for the provision of basic medical benefits to veterans in enrollment priority groups 1 through 6: *Provided further,* That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may authorize the dispensing of prescription drugs from Veterans Health Administration facilities to enrolled veterans with privately written prescriptions based on requirements established by the Secretary: *Provided further,* That the implementation of the program described in the previous proviso shall incur no additional cost to the Department of Veterans Affairs. (*Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.*)

#### Special and Trust Fund Receipts (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0160–0–1–703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
0100 Balance, start of year .....	246	286	286
Receipts:			
0220 Pharmaceutical Co-payments, MCCF .....	663	650	593
0221 Medical Care Collections Fund, Third Party Prescription Claims .....	87	90	94
0222 Enhanced-use Lease Proceeds, MCCF .....	1	2	2
0223 First Party Collections, MCCF .....	190	191	194
0224 Third Party Collections, MCCF .....	2,112	2,221	2,295
0225 Parking Fees, MCCF .....	4	4	4
0226 Compensated Work Therapy, MCCF .....	66	61	61
0227 MCCF, Long-term Care Copayments .....	3	3	3
0240 Payments from Compensation and Pension, MCCF .....	2	2	2
0299 Total receipts and collections .....	3,128	3,224	3,248
0400 Total: Balances and collections .....	3,374	3,510	3,534
Appropriations:			
0500 Medical Care Collections Fund .....	–3,088	–3,224	–3,248
0799 Balance, end of year .....	286	286	286

#### Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0160–0–1–703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0001 Outpatient care .....	19,038	19,545	21,454
0002 Inpatient care .....	6,522	7,119	7,547
0004 Mental health care .....	4,503	4,906	5,206
0005 Long-term care .....	2,978	3,300	3,542
0006 Prosthetics care .....	2,426	2,629	2,829
0007 Dental care .....	538	631	700
0008 Rehabilitation .....	426	456	469
0009 CHAMPVA and Other dependent programs .....	1,384	1,558	1,715
0011 Readjustment Counseling .....	178	201	207
0012 Caregivers (Title I) P.L. 111–163 .....	345	478	551
0013 Non-VA Care (Payments) .....	7,011	6,737	6,645

0021	P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801 - Medical Residents .....	29	90
0022	P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801 - Education Debt Reduction Program ....	1	6
0023	P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801 - Medical Supplies Support .....	51	109
0024	P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801 - Staffing Costs .....	659	1,368
0091	Total operating expenses .....	45,349	48,300
0101	Capital investment .....	1,229	863
0799	Total direct obligations .....	46,578	49,163
0801	Medical Services (Reimbursable) .....	151	171
0900	Total new obligations .....	46,729	49,334

#### Budgetary resources:

Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	455	5,228	1,573
1001 Discretionary unobligated balance brought fwd, Oct 1 .....	455	228	
1010 Unobligated balance transfer to other accts [036–0162] .....		–1,772	
1010 Unobligated balance transfer to other accts [036–0152] .....		–27	
1010 Unobligated balance transfer to other accts [036–0111] .....		–511	
1010 Unobligated balance transfer to other accts [036–0167] .....		–377	
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	455	2,541	1,573
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation .....	1,440	1,609	2,524
1120 Appropriations transferred to other accts [036–0169] .....	–177	–190	–195
1120 Appropriations transferred to other accts [036–0165] .....	–15	–15	–15
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036–5287] ....	3,069	3,204	3,227
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036–0152] ....	60		
1131 Unobligated balance of appropriations permanently reduced .....	–179		
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	4,198	4,608	5,541
Advance appropriations, discretionary:			
1170 Advance appropriation .....	43,557	45,016	47,603
1173 Advance appropriations permanently reduced .....	–1,400	–1,429	–1,400
1180 Advanced appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	42,157	43,587	46,203
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1200 Appropriation .....	5,000		
1260 Appropriations, mandatory (total) .....	5,000		
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected .....	147	171	171
1701 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources .....	3		
1750 Spending auth from offsetting collections, disc (total) .....	150	171	171
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	51,505	48,366	51,915
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	51,960	50,907	53,488
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1940 Unobligated balance expiring .....	–3		
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	5,228	1,573	

#### Change in obligated balance:

Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	8,638	8,587	9,903
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	46,729	49,334	53,488
3011 Obligations incurred, expired accounts .....	–597		
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	–46,183	–48,018	–52,209
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	8,587	9,903	11,182
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	–6	–5	–5
3070 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	–3		
3071 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, expired .....	4		
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	–5	–5	–5
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	8,632	8,582	9,898
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	8,582	9,898	11,177

#### Budget authority and outlays, net:

Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	46,505	48,366	51,915
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	39,851	41,710	44,865
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	6,332	5,753	5,979
4020 Outlays, gross (total) .....	46,183	47,463	50,844
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4030 Baseline Program [Medical services] .....	–37	–63	–63
4033 Non-Federal sources .....	–118	–108	–108
4040 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) ....	–155	–171	–171

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Program and Financing—Continued

Identification code 036-0160-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4050 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-3	.....	.....
4052 Offsetting collections credited to expired accounts .....	8	.....	.....
4060 Additional offsets against budget authority only (total) .....	5	.....	.....
4070 Budget authority, net (discretionary) .....	46,355	48,195	51,744
4080 Outlays, net (discretionary) .....	46,028	47,292	50,673
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	5,000	.....	.....
Outlays, gross:			
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....	.....	555	1,365
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	51,355	48,195	51,744
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	46,028	47,847	52,038

For 2017, the Budget requests \$63.3 billion in advance appropriations for the three medical care appropriations: Medical Services, Medical Support and Compliance, and Medical Facilities. This request for advance appropriations fulfills the Administration's commitment to provide reliable and timely resources to support the delivery of accessible and high-quality medical services for veterans. This funding enables timely and predictable funding for VA's medical care to prevent our Nation's veterans from being adversely affected by budget delays, and provides opportunities to more effectively use resources in a constrained fiscal environment.

For 2016, Medical Care appropriations are increased by \$1.3 billion over the 2016 advance appropriations request of \$58.7 billion. Each year, VA updates its budget estimates to incorporate the most recent data on health care utilization rates, actual program experience, and other factors, such as economic trends in unemployment and inflation. As a result of these updates, the adjusted budget estimates more accurately reflect the projected medical demands of veterans enrolled in the VA health care system.

The Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 ("Veterans Choice Act"), Public Law (P.L.) 113-146 provided \$5 billion in mandatory funding to increase veterans' access to health care by hiring more physicians and staff and improving VA's physical infrastructure. It also provided \$10 billion in mandatory funding through 2017 to establish a temporary program ("Veterans Choice Program") improving veterans' access to health care by allowing eligible veterans who meet certain wait-time or distance standards to use eligible health care providers outside the VA system.

With the resources requested for 2016 and 2017, VA will provide the highest quality health care services for veterans. VA estimates it will treat 6.9 million patients in 2016 and 7.0 million patients in 2017. Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn (OEF/OIF/OND) veterans are expected to reach 844,695 in 2016 (12.3 percent of the total) and 916,292 in 2017 (13.1 percent of the total).

**Medical Care Collections Fund (MCCF).**—VA estimates collections of over \$3.2 billion in 2016 and over \$3.3 billion in 2017, representing over five percent of available Medical Care resources in both years. VA has the authority to collect inpatient and outpatient co-payments, medication co-payments, and nursing home co-payments; authority for certain income verification; authority to recover third-party insurance payments from veterans for nonservice-connected conditions; and authority to collect revenue from enhanced use leases. These collections also include those collected from the Compensated Work Therapy Program, Compensation and Living Expenses Program, and the Parking Program.

**Medical Services.**—For Medical Services, the Budget reflects the following discretionary appropriation funding: the 2015 enacted advance appropriation of \$45.0 billion, augmented with \$209 million (as provided in P.L. 113-235), less a rescission of \$28.8 million (as directed in P.L. 113-235); the 2016 enacted advance appropriation of \$47.6 billion, together with an additional \$1.1 billion as requested in this Budget; and the 2017 advance appropriation request of \$51.7 billion. This appropriation provides for a comprehensive, integrated health care delivery system that addresses the needs of eligible veterans and beneficiaries in VA medical centers, outpa-

tient clinic facilities, contract hospitals, State homes, and outpatient programs on a fee basis. Hospital and outpatient care is also provided by the private sector for certain dependents and survivors of veterans under the Civilian Health and Medical Programs for the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA). In addition to this funding, the Budget reflects mandatory funding provided in section 801 of the Veterans Choice Act (P.L. 113-146): \$740 million in 2015 and \$1.6 billion in 2016.

## WORKLOAD

Estimated obligations and workload for six categories of health care services are shown below: outpatient care, inpatient care, mental health care, long term services and supports, prosthetics care, and dental care. In addition, estimated obligations and workload are also shown for four programs: CHAMPVA and other dependent programs, readjustment counseling, Caregivers, and non-VA care. In each of the six categories of health care services, the obligations and workload shown reflect only the provision of care by VA providers; obligations and workload for all types of non-VA care are displayed separately in the section on non-VA care. Finally, the obligations for each of the six categories of health care services do not include the funding provided by section 801 of the Veterans Choice Act, but the estimated workload levels do include the additional workload associated with this funding.

**Outpatient care.**—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2016 are estimated to be \$21,454 million for this health service category, which includes funding for ambulatory care in VA hospital-based and community-based clinics.

Estimated operating levels are:

Outpatient Visits (excludes Mental Health):	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Staff .....	67,751,461	69,921,985	71,850,268

**Inpatient care.**—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2016 are estimated to be \$7,547 million, which includes funding for inpatient care in VA medical centers.

Estimated operating levels are:

Patients Treated .....	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
.....	483,800	474,696	465,290

**Mental health care.**—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2016 are estimated to be \$5,206 million for the inpatient, residential, and outpatient care of veterans with conditions related to mental illness, including alcohol and drug problems. Mental health services and operations ensure the availability of a range of services, from treatment of a variety of common mental health conditions in primary care to more intensive interventions in specialty mental health programs for more severe and persisting mental health conditions. Specialty services such as evidence-based psychotherapies, intensive outpatient programs, residential rehabilitation treatment, and inpatient care are available to meet the range of veterans' needs.

Estimated operating levels are:

Average daily census (ADC) .....	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
.....	9,045	9,068	9,066
Outpatient Visits/Encounters .....	11,874,040	12,329,246	12,713,867

**Long term services and supports.**—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2016 are estimated to be \$3,542 million for the care of veteran residents in VA-operated long-term care programs. VA offers a spectrum of geriatric and extended care services to veterans enrolled in its health care system. The spectrum of long-term care services includes non-institutional and institutional services. All VA medical centers provide home- and community-based long-term care programs. The patient-focused approach supports veterans who wish to live safely at home in their own communities for as long as possible. In addition, veterans receive institutional long-term care through one of four venues: VA Community Living Centers (CLCs); Community Nursing Homes; State Veterans Nursing Homes; and State Veterans Home Domiciliaries. The operating levels for institutional care below represent only VA CLCs.

Estimated operating levels are:

Institutional (ADC) .....	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
.....	9,469	9,213	8,944

Non-Institutional Visits/Procedures .....	2,600,928	2,719,996	2,837,655
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**Prosthetics care.**—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2016 are estimated to be \$2,829 million for veterans. Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service is an integrated delivery system designed to provide medically prescribed prosthetic and sensory aids, medical devices, assistive aids, repairs and services to eligible disabled veterans to maximize the independence and enhance their quality of life. This includes, but is not limited to, artificial limbs, hearing aids, and home oxygen; items that improve accessibility such as ramps and vehicle modifications, wheelchairs and mobility aids; and devices surgically placed in the veteran, such as stents.

**Dental care.**—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2016 are estimated to be \$700 million for the treatment of veterans who require dental care. Dental care services are provided to eligible veterans with a "medical condition negatively impacted by poor dentition." These patients may include poorly controlled diabetic patients, patients with head or neck cancer, organ transplant patients and others. Veterans with a 100 percent service-connected disability are eligible for comprehensive dental care as needed. In addition, homeless veterans enrolled in certain residential treatment programs are also eligible for dental treatment.

Estimated operating levels are:

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Dental Procedures .....	4,000,486	4,277,846	4,457,934

**Rehabilitation.**—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2016 are estimated to be \$469 million for the provision of rehabilitative care, including Blind Rehabilitation and Spinal Cord Injury programs. These services include inpatient and outpatient blind and vision rehabilitation programs, adjustment to blindness counseling, patient and family education, and assistive technology. The mission of Spinal Cord Injury and Disorders (SCI/D) Services is to promote the health, independence, quality of life and productivity of individuals with spinal cord injury and disorders through efficient delivery of acute rehabilitation, psychological, social, vocational, medical and surgical care, professional training, as well as patient and family education.

Estimated operating levels are:

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
ADC .....	1,166	1,169	1,163

**Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) Programs.**—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2016 are estimated to be \$1,715 million for the care of veterans and beneficiaries of these programs. The Veterans Health Care Expansion Act of 1973, Public Law 93–82, authorized VA to provide a health benefits program that shares the cost of medical supplies and services with eligible beneficiaries. The Veterans' Survivor Benefits Improvements Act of 2001, Public Law 107–14, extended CHAMPVA benefits, as a secondary payer to Medicare, to CHAMPVA beneficiaries over age 6. CHAMPVA programs also include Foreign Medical Program (FMP), Spina Bifida Health Care Program, and Children of Women Vietnam Veterans Health Care Program (CWVV). The Veterans Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010, Public Law 111–163, further expanded CHAMPVA to include primary family caregivers of certain seriously injured veterans. Eligible primary family caregivers are authorized to receive health care benefits through the existing CHAMPVA Program when the primary family caregiver has no other health care coverage (including Medicare and Medicaid).

Estimated operating levels are:

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Outpatient Workload .....	14,207,000	14,913,000	15,655,000

**Readjustment Counseling.**—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2016 are estimated to be \$207 million. This program provides readjustment counseling services at VA Vet Centers. Vet Centers are community-based counseling centers that provide a wide range of social and psychological services to include: professional readjustment counseling to veterans who have served in a combat zone, military sexual trauma counseling, bereavement counseling for families who experience an active duty death,

substance abuse assessments and referral, medical referral, VBA benefits explanation and referral, and employment counseling. Services are also extended to the family members of eligible veterans for issues related to military service and the readjustment of those veterans.

Estimated operating levels are:

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Visits .....	1,589,000	1,637,000	1,680,000

**Caregivers (Title I) Programs.**—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2016 are estimated to be \$551 million. The Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010, Public Law 111–163, authorized VA to provide assistance and support services for Caregivers of eligible veterans. This program provides a wide range of services for primary caregivers to include: a monthly personal caregiver stipend, respite care, access to mental health services, beneficiary travel, and health care benefits through the existing CHAMPVA Program.

Estimated operating levels are:

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Caregiver Stipend .....	295,182,000	411,472,000	469,297,936
Caregiver Caseload .....	17,573	20,912	24,049

**Non-VA Care.**—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2016 are estimated to be \$6,645 million. Non-VA medical care that may be purchased through a non-VA medical care provider is the same care as authorized to veterans in a VA medical facility under Title 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) 1710. Specifically, the medical care purchased would be the same as afforded to eligible veterans in the VA's comprehensive Medical Benefits Package to include all the necessary inpatient hospital care, outpatient services, maternity care, dental, and pharmaceutical services to promote, preserve, or restore health. Some of the top medical care items purchased include: dialysis, skilled and unskilled home health services, radiation therapy, diagnostic testing, physical therapy, inpatient hospitalization, and emergency care services.

Estimated operating levels are:

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Outpatient Visits .....	13,898,422	14,278,158	14,638,578
Mental Health Outpatient Visits .....	270,308	271,317	281,779
Contract Hospital Patients Treated (Non Mental Health) .....	136,760	140,579	147,676
Contract Hospital (Psychiatry) .....	19,926	20,734	22,796
Community Nursing Home Patients treated .....	27,720	29,558	31,271
State Nursing Home Patients Treated .....	31,202	32,472	33,655
State Home Domiciliary Patients treated .....	5,099	5,199	5,326
State Adult Day Health Care ADC .....	33	36	39
Non-Institutional Care Visits/Procedures .....	10,846,027	10,983,691	11,380,956
Dental Procedures .....	291,894	312,132	325,272

#### Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0160–0–1–703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent .....	15,437	16,398	17,120
11.1 Full-time permanent - Choice Act, P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801 .....		436	903
11.3 Other than full-time permanent .....	324	343	359
11.5 Other personnel compensation .....	1,779	1,890	1,972
11.9 Total personnel compensation .....	17,540	19,067	20,354
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	5,288	5,659	5,980
12.1 Civilian pers. benefits - Choice Act, P.L. 113–146, Section 801 .....		224	465
21.0 Employee travel .....	36	45	56
21.0 Beneficiary travel .....	838	873	908
21.0 Interagency motor pool payments .....	23	23	23
21.0 All other .....	7	11	16
22.0 Transportation of things .....	15	18	22
23.2 Rental payments to others .....	1		
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges .....	369	406	447
24.0 Printing and reproduction .....	9	9	9
25.2 Other contractual services .....	5,199	4,683	5,756
25.2 Other contractual serv. - Choice Act, P.L. 113–146, Section 801 .....		30	96
25.6 Outpatient dental fees .....	138	163	194
25.6 Medical and nursing fees .....	1,770	1,862	1,958
25.6 Community nursing homes .....	676	759	792
25.6 Contract hospitalization .....	1,901	2,082	2,280
25.6 Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) .....	1,142	1,258	1,378
26.0 Medical supplies and materials .....	8,813	9,437	9,905

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Object Classification—Continued

Identification code 036-0160-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
26.0 Medical suppl. and mat'ls. - Choice Act, P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 .....		50	109
31.0 Equipment .....	1,227	863	879
32.0 Land and structures .....	2		
41.0 Medical grants, subsidies, and contributions .....	1,073	1,130	1,220
41.0 Medical grants to private organizations .....	511	511	470
99.0 Direct obligations .....	46,578	49,163	53,317
99.0 Reimbursable obligations .....	151	171	171
99.9 Total new obligations .....	46,729	49,334	53,488

## Employment Summary

Identification code 036-0160-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	203,131	215,895	224,910
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	1,872	1,872	1,872

## MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE

For necessary expenses in the administration of the medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction, supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; administrative expenses in support of capital policy activities; and administrative and legal expenses of the Department for collecting and recovering amounts owed the Department as authorized under chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, and the Federal Medical Care Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 2651 et seq.); \$69,961,000, which shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under this heading that became available on October 1, 2015; and, in addition, [\$6,144,000,000] \$6,524,000,000, plus reimbursements, shall become available on October 1, [2015] 2016, and shall remain available until September 30, [2016] 2017: *Provided, That, of the amount made available on October 1, 2016, under this heading, \$100,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2018. (Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.)*

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0152-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 VA Medical Centers & Other Field Activities .....	3,819	3,794	3,998
0002 VISN Headquarters .....	180	179	188
0003 VHA Central Office .....	659	655	675
0004 Consolidated Patient Account Centers .....	292	290	305
0005 Office of Informatics & Analytics .....	244	242	255
0007 Health Administrative Center .....	254	252	265
0008 Employee Education Service Center .....	70	70	73
0009 VHA Service Center .....	257	255	268
0011 Health Resource Center .....	50	50	52
0012 Health Eligibility Center .....	47	47	49
0013 Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacies .....	16	16	17
0014 National Center for Patient Safety .....	6	6	6
0024 P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 - Staffing Costs .....		10	16
0028 P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 - Staffing Report .....		1	1
0091 Total operating expenses .....	5,894	5,867	6,168
0101 Capital investment .....	48	33	34
0293 Total direct program .....	5,942	5,900	6,202
0799 Total direct obligations .....	5,942	5,900	6,202
0801 Medical Support and Compliance (Reimbursable) .....	12	24	24
0900 Total new obligations .....	5,954	5,924	6,226
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	86	41	15
1001 Discretionary unobligated balance brought fwd, Oct 1 .....		41	
1011 Unobligated balance transfer from other acct [036-0160] .....		27	
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	86	68	15
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation .....	100	100	170
1120 Appropriations transferred to other accts [036-0169] .....	-25	-27	-27

1120 Appropriations transferred to other accts [036-0160] .....	-60		
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	15	73	143
Advance appropriations, discretionary:			
1170 Advance appropriation .....	6,033	5,880	6,144
1173 Advance appropriations permanently reduced .....	-150	-106	-100
1180 Advanced appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	5,883	5,774	6,044
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected .....	11	24	24
1701 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources .....	1		
1750 Spending auth from offsetting collections, disc (total) .....	12	24	24
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	5,910	5,871	6,211
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	5,996	5,939	6,226
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1940 Unobligated balance expiring .....	-1		
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	41	15	

## Change in obligated balance:

Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1,047	1,136	1,261
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	5,954	5,924	6,226
3011 Obligations incurred, expired accounts .....	-126		
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-5,739	-5,799	-6,103
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	1,136	1,261	1,384
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....		-1	-1
3070 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-1		
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	-1	-1	-1
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	1,047	1,135	1,260
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	1,135	1,260	1,383

## Budget authority and outlays, net:

Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	5,910	5,871	6,211
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	4,996	5,203	5,505
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	743	588	583
4020 Outlays, gross (total) .....	5,739	5,791	6,088
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4030 Federal sources .....	-11	-24	-24
4033 Non-Federal sources .....	-1		
4040 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) .....	-12	-24	-24
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4050 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-1		
4052 Offsetting collections credited to expired accounts .....	1		
4070 Budget authority, net (discretionary) .....	5,898	5,847	6,187
4080 Outlays, net (discretionary) .....	5,727	5,767	6,064
Mandatory:			
Outlays, gross:			
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....		8	15
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	5,898	5,847	6,187
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	5,727	5,775	6,079

For 2017, the Budget requests \$6.5 billion in advance appropriations for Medical Support and Compliance. This request for advance appropriations fulfills the Administration's commitment to provide reliable and timely resources to support the delivery of accessible and high-quality medical services for veterans.

For Medical Support and Compliance, the Budget reflects the following discretionary appropriation funding from 2015 through 2017: the 2015 enacted advance appropriation of \$5.9 billion, less a rescission of \$5.6 million (as directed in P.L. 113-235); the 2016 enacted advance appropriation of \$6.1 billion, together with an additional \$70 million as requested in this Budget; and the 2017 advance appropriation request of \$6.5 billion. In addition to this funding, the Budget reflects mandatory funding provided in section 801 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-146): \$10.5 million in 2015 and \$17 million in 2016.

Medical Support and Compliance appropriation finances the expenses of management, security, and administration of the VA health care system through the operation of VA medical centers, other facilities, Veterans Integrated Service Network offices and facility director offices, chief of staff operations, quality of care oversight, legal services, billing and coding

activities, procurement, financial management, and human resource management.

### Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0152-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent .....	2,964	3,148	3,286
11.1 Full-time permanent - Choice Act, P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 .....		6	10
11.3 Other than full-time permanent .....	63	66	69
11.5 Other personnel compensation .....	341	362	378
11.9 Total personnel compensation .....	3,368	3,582	3,743
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	1,083	1,160	1,225
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits - Choice Act, P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 .....		4	6
21.0 Employee travel .....	46	57	71
21.0 All other .....	5	6	7
22.0 Transportation of things .....	15	17	19
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges .....	119	125	132
24.0 Printing and reproduction .....	18	18	19
25.2 Other contractual services .....	1,134	800	845
25.2 Other services - Choice Act, P.L. 113-146, Section 801 .....		1	1
25.6 Medical and nursing fees .....	4	4	4
26.0 Medical supplies and materials .....	98	93	96
26.0 Provisions .....	4		
31.0 Equipment .....	47	33	34
32.0 Land and structures .....	1		
99.0 Direct obligations .....	5,942	5,900	6,202
99.0 Reimbursable obligations .....	12	24	24
99.9 Total new obligations .....	5,954	5,924	6,226

### Employment Summary

Identification code 036-0152-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	49,454	51,963	53,187
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	869	869	869

## DOD-VA HEALTH CARE SHARING INCENTIVE FUND

### Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0165-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 DOD-VA health care sharing incentive fund .....	91	70	70
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	256	196	141
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations .....	1		
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	257	196	141
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1121 Transferred from DOD account [097-0130] .....	15	15	15
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0160] .....	15	15	15
1131 Unobligated balance of appropriations permanently reduced .....		-15	
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	30	15	30
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	287	211	171
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	196	141	101
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	38	72	112
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	91	70	70
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-56	-30	-23
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired .....	-1		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	72	112	159
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	38	72	112
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	72	112	159

### Budget authority and outlays, net:

Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	30	15	30
Outlays, gross:			
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	56	30	23
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	30	15	30
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	56	30	23

The purpose of the Department of Defense-Veterans Affairs Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund, often referred to as the Joint Incentive Fund (JIF), is to enable the Departments to carry out a program to identify and provide incentives to implement creative sharing initiatives at the facility, intra-regional and nationwide levels. The JIF promotes collaboration and new approaches to problem solving to enable the Departments to improve the coordination of health care services. The Departments have established the fund and developed processes and criteria to solicit and select projects. Section 721 of the 2003 National Defense Authorization Act, Public Law 107-314, established the fund and requires VA and Department of Defense to establish a joint incentive program. In 2016, each Secretary shall contribute a minimum of \$15 million to the fund after the appropriation is enacted.

### Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0165-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Direct obligations:			
11.1 Personnel compensation: Full-time permanent .....	10	8	8
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	4	3	3
25.1 Advisory and assistance services .....	71	54	54
26.0 Supplies and materials .....	1	1	1
31.0 Equipment .....	4	3	3
32.0 Land and structures .....	1	1	1
99.9 Total new obligations .....	91	70	70

### Employment Summary

Identification code 036-0165-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	44	44	44

## MEDICAL FACILITIES

For necessary expenses for the maintenance and operation of hospitals, nursing homes, domiciliary facilities, and other necessary facilities of the Veterans Health Administration; for administrative expenses in support of planning, design, project management, real property acquisition and disposition, construction, and renovation of any facility under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department; for oversight, engineering, and architectural activities not charged to project costs; for repairing, altering, improving, or providing facilities in the several hospitals and homes under the jurisdiction of the Department, not otherwise provided for, either by contract or by the hire of temporary employees and purchase of materials; for leases of facilities; and for laundry services; \$105,132,000, which shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under this heading that became available on October 1, 2015; and, in addition, \$4,915,000,000 \$5,074,000,000, plus reimbursements, shall become available on October 1, [2015] 2016, and shall remain available until September 30, [2016] 2017: Provided, That, of the amount made available on October 1, 2016, under this heading, \$250,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2018. (Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.)

### Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0162-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Engineering & Environmental Management Services .....	511	571	587
0002 Plant Operations .....	720	816	837
0003 Leases .....	477	469	493
0004 Transportation Services .....	151	168	172
0005 Grounds Maintenance & Fire Protection .....	86	95	97
0007 Recurring Maintenance & Repair .....	462	515	528
0008 Non-Recurring Maintenance .....	22		
0009 Operating Equipment Maintenance & Repair .....	192	213	218
0011 Environmental Management Service .....	740	821	840
0012 Other Facilities Operation Support .....	32	34	35

MEDICAL FACILITIES—Continued  
Program and Financing—Continued

Identification code 036-0162-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
0013 Textile Care Processing & Management .....	144	160	164
0025 P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 - Leases .....		164	149
0026 P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 - Legionella Prevention & Oversight Projects .....		66	
0091 Total operating expenses .....	3,537	4,092	4,120
0101 Recurring Maintenance & Repair .....	181	195	200
0102 Non-Recurring Maintenance .....	1,001	636	708
0103 All Other .....	114	102	105
0125 P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 - Non-Recurring Maintenance .....		759	533
0126 P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 - Legionella Prevention & Oversight Projects .....		28	73
0191 Total capital investment .....	1,296	1,720	1,619
0799 Total direct obligations .....	4,833	5,812	5,739
0801 Medical Facilities (Reimbursable) .....	14	20	20
0900 Total new obligations .....	4,847	5,832	5,759
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	2	93	755
1001 Discretionary unobligated balance brought fwd, Oct 1 .....		93	
1011 Unobligated balance transfer from other acct [036-0160] ....		1,772	
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	2	1,865	755
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation .....	335	250	355
1120 Appropriations transferred to other accts [036-0169] .....	-39	-35	-36
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0169] ....	6		
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	302	215	319
Advance appropriations, discretionary:			
1170 Advance appropriation .....	4,872	4,739	4,915
1173 Advance appropriations permanently reduced .....	-250	-252	-250
1180 Advanced appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	4,622	4,487	4,665
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected .....	14	20	20
1750 Spending auth from offsetting collections, disc (total) .....	14	20	20
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	4,938	4,722	5,004
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	4,940	6,587	5,759
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	93	755	
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	3,153	2,794	3,622
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	4,847	5,832	5,759
3011 Obligations incurred, expired accounts .....	-32		
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-5,174	-5,004	-5,754
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	2,794	3,622	3,627
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	3,153	2,794	3,622
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	2,794	3,622	3,627
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	4,938	4,722	5,004
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	3,249	3,533	3,748
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	1,925	1,132	1,077
4020 Outlays, gross (total) .....	5,174	4,665	4,825
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4030 Federal sources .....	-5	-11	-11
4033 Non-Federal sources .....	-11	-9	-9
4040 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) ....	-16	-20	-20
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4052 Offsetting collections credited to expired accounts .....	2		
4070 Budget authority, net (discretionary) .....	4,924	4,702	4,984
4080 Outlays, net (discretionary) .....	5,158	4,645	4,805
Mandatory:			
Outlays, gross:			
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....		339	929
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	4,924	4,702	4,984
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	5,158	4,984	5,734

For 2017, the Budget requests advance appropriations of \$5.1 billion for Medical Facilities. This request for advance appropriations fulfills the Administration's commitment to provide reliable and timely resources to support the delivery of accessible and high-quality medical services for veterans.

For Medical Facilities, the Budget reflects the following discretionary appropriation funding from 2015 through 2017: the 2015 enacted advance appropriation of \$4.7 billion, less a rescission of \$2 million (as directed in P.L. 113-235); the 2016 enacted advance appropriation request of 4.9 billion, together with an additional \$105 million as requested in this Budget; and the 2017 advance appropriation request of \$5.1 billion. In addition to this funding, the Budget reflects mandatory funding provided in section 801 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-146): \$1.017 billion in 2015 and \$755 million in 2016.

Medical Facilities provides for the operations and maintenance of the capital infrastructure required to provide health care to the Nation's veterans. These costs include utilities, engineering, capital planning, leases, laundry services, grounds maintenance, trash removal, housekeeping, fire protection, pest management, facility repair and maintenance, and property disposition and acquisition.

## Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0162-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent .....	1,040	1,097	1,120
11.3 Other than full-time permanent .....	22	23	23
11.5 Other personnel compensation .....	120	127	129
11.9 Total personnel compensation .....	1,182	1,247	1,272
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	401	424	436
21.0 Employee travel .....	4	4	9
21.0 All other .....	29	29	28
22.0 Transportation of things .....	16	16	17
23.1 Rental payments to GSA .....	26	26	27
23.2 Rental payments to others .....	451	443	466
23.2 Leases - Choice Act, P.L. 113-146, Section 801 .....		164	149
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges .....	545	559	573
25.2 Other contractual services .....	573	795	816
26.0 Medical supplies and materials .....	310	318	327
31.0 Equipment .....	78	72	74
32.0 Medical land and structures .....	1,218	862	939
32.0 NRM and Legionella - Choice Act, P.L. 113-146, Section 801 ....		853	606
99.0 Direct obligations .....	4,833	5,812	5,739
99.0 Reimbursable obligations .....	14	20	20
99.9 Total new obligations .....	4,847	5,832	5,759

## Employment Summary

Identification code 036-0162-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	22,533	23,608	23,719
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	490	490	490

## MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of medical and prosthetic research and development as authorized by chapter 73 of title 38, United States Code, **[\$588,922,000] \$621,813,000**, plus reimbursements, shall remain available until September 30, **[2016] 2017**. (*Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015*.)

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0161-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Bio-medical laboratory science research .....	273	287	285
0002 Rehabilitation research .....	92	96	94
0003 Health services research .....	83	87	97
0004 Clinical science research .....	139	145	144
0091 Total operating expenses .....	587	615	620

0101	Bio-medical laboratory science research .....	2	2	2
0799	Total direct obligations .....	589	617	622
0801	Medical and Prosthetic Research (Reimbursable) .....	25	40	40
0900	Total new obligations .....	614	657	662
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>				
Unobligated balance:				
1000	Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	81	78	50
Budget authority:				
Appropriations, discretionary:				
1100	Appropriation .....	586	589	622
1160	Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	586	589	622
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:				
1700	Collected .....	24	40	40
1701	Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources .....	1		
1750	Spending auth from offsetting collections, disc (total) .....	25	40	40
1900	Budget authority (total) .....	611	629	662
1930	Total budgetary resources available .....	692	707	712
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
1941	Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	78	50	50
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>				
Unpaid obligations:				
3000	Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	271	246	284
3010	Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	614	657	662
3011	Obligations incurred, expired accounts .....	-7		
3020	Outlays (gross) .....	-632	-619	-644
3050	Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	246	284	302
Uncollected payments:				
3060	Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	-3	-4	-4
3070	Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-1		
3090	Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	-4	-4	-4
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
3100	Obligated balance, start of year .....	268	242	280
3200	Obligated balance, end of year .....	242	280	298
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>				
Discretionary:				
4000	Budget authority, gross .....	611	629	662
Outlays, gross:				
4010	Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	352	448	472
4011	Outlays from discretionary balances .....	280	171	172
4020	Outlays, gross (total) .....	632	619	644
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:				
Offsetting collections (collected) from:				
4030	Federal sources .....	-13	-20	-20
4033	Non-Federal sources .....	-11	-20	-20
4040	Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) ....	-24	-40	-40
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:				
4050	Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-1		
4070	Budget authority, net (discretionary) .....	586	589	622
4080	Outlays, net (discretionary) .....	608	579	604
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....	586	589	622
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....	608	579	604

For 2016, the total budgetary resources of \$1.8 billion is comprised of \$622 million in direct appropriations, \$525 million in medical care support such as physicians' pay, utilities and other overhead, \$500 million in Federal grants, and \$185 million in other non-federal resources. The research program will support 3,551 full time equivalents through direct appropriation.

This account is an intramural program that has had outstanding success performing research that has led to critical clinical achievements that improve the health and quality of life for veterans and the Nation. VA is at the forefront of producing new transformational approaches and technologies for preventing, diagnosing, and treating disease. VA research transforms medicine by engaging veterans as research volunteers and utilizing the results of that research in clinical care. Through technology, advancements, innovations, and information, research helps transform VA's health care into a leading example of medicine in the 21st Century.

In 2016, VA's research priorities will emphasize the critical needs of our newest veterans, specifically those who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, while continuing to address the special health care needs of veterans. VA

will continue to support studies dedicated to understanding chronic multi-symptom illness among Gulf War veterans and the long-term health effects of potentially hazardous substances to which they may have been exposed, including the development of a biorepository of blood samples for a wide range of future studies. These efforts will be tightly coordinated with related research undertaken by the Department of Defense.

Enhancing research on genomic medicine and continuing the Million Veteran Program (MVP) will be a major goal for VA Research in 2016. MVP, a groundbreaking genomic medicine program, seeks to collect genetic samples and general health information from one million veterans in the next 4 to 6 years. The program is on track to establish one of the largest genomic and health information research resources available in the world, which should help provide answers to many pressing medical questions and lead to improvements in care and prevention to veterans and the Nation. As of January 31, 2014, MVP had enrolled more than 336,900 veterans.

VA research will also support a wide array of research and development in engineering and technology to improve the lives of veterans with disabilities. Work includes both prosthetic systems that replace a lost limb, and those that activate residual or paralyzed nerves, muscles, and limbs.

A comprehensive research program supports VA's commitment to the health and care of the increasing number of women veterans. Recent areas of inquiry include studying how VA provides for women veterans' general and gender-specific health care needs, and understanding the experiences of women veterans while in service and their health risk factors later in life.

VA research will increase its emphasis on big data/bioinformatics. The goal is to improve the ability to extract knowledge from large, complex collections of digital data to solve some of the Nation's challenges. For VA, it has the potential to impact how VA handles veterans' data and for improving veterans' care. The Office of Research and Development's contribution to this initiative is in the area of bioinformatics, which involves developing and improving methods for storing, retrieving, and analyzing biological data.

The reach and scope of VA research is further expanded by collaborations with other Federal agencies, academic medical centers, nonprofit organizations, and commercial entities nationwide. Through VA's academic affiliations, as well as collaborations with other Federal agencies, VA research is fully integrated with the larger biomedical research community.

Veterans' health issues are addressed comprehensively in the following four program divisions and the medical care research support required for these programs:

**Biomedical laboratory.**—Supports preclinical research to understand life processes from a molecular, genomic, and physiological level in regard to diseases affecting veterans.

**Clinical science.**—Administers investigations (i.e., human subject research such as drug, surgical, single subject, pilot, and multi-center cooperative studies as well as feasibility trials) aimed at instituting new, more effective clinical care.

**Health services.**—Supports studies to identify and promote effective and efficient strategies to improve the delivery of health care to veterans.

**Rehabilitation.**—Develops novel approaches to restoring veterans with traumatic amputation, central nervous system injuries, loss of sight and/or hearing, or other physical and cognitive impairments to full and productive lives.

VA's Medical and Prosthetic Research programs are included in the Federal Research and Development (R&D) budget.

#### SUMMARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES

[in millions of dollars]			
	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Medical and prosthetic research appropriation .....	586	589	622
Federal resources (includes VA Medical Care support funding) .....	1,013	1,001	1,025
Other non-federal resources .....	195	185	185
Total program resources .....	1,794	1,775	1,832

## MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH—Continued

## Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0161-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent .....	180	183	187
11.3 Other than full-time permanent .....	15	16	16
11.5 Other personnel compensation .....	42	42	42
11.9 Total personnel compensation .....	237	241	245
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	75	76	77
21.0 Employee travel .....	3	4	4
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges .....	3	3	3
24.0 Printing and reproduction .....	1	1	1
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	200	220	220
26.0 Supplies and materials .....	33	34	34
31.0 Equipment .....	37	38	38
99.0 Direct obligations .....	589	617	622
99.0 Reimbursable obligations .....	25	40	40
99.9 Total new obligations .....	614	657	662

## Employment Summary

Identification code 036-0161-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	3,305	3,350	3,410
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	141	141	141

JOINT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE-DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL  
FACILITY DEMONSTRATION FUND

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0169-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0001 Joint DOD-VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund (Direct) .....	381	397	405
0801 Joint DOD-VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund (Reimbursable) .....	8	8	9
0900 Total new obligations .....	389	405	414

## Budgetary resources:

Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	5	6	6
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1120 Appropriations transferred to other accts [036-0162] .....	-6		
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0162] .....	39	35	36
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0152] .....	25	27	27
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0160] .....	177	190	195
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0167] .....	7	7	7
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [097-0130] .....	123	117	120
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-5287] .....	19	20	21
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	384	396	406
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected .....	9	9	9
1750 Spending auth from offsetting collections, disc (total) .....	9	9	9
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	393	405	415
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	398	411	421
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1940 Unobligated balance expiring .....	-3		
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	6	6	7

## Change in obligated balance:

Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	84	86	68
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	389	405	414
3011 Obligations incurred, expired accounts .....	-12		
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-375	-423	-435
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	86	68	47
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	84	86	68
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	86	68	47

## Budget authority and outlays, net:

Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	393	405	415
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	323	365	374
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	52	58	61
4020 Outlays, gross (total) .....	375	423	435
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4030 Federal sources .....	-8	-8	-8
4033 Non-Federal sources .....	-1	-1	-1
4040 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) ....	-9	-9	-9
4070 Budget authority, net (discretionary) .....	384	396	406
4080 Outlays, net (discretionary) .....	366	414	426
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	384	396	406
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	366	414	426

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DOD) will each contribute funding to the Joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of Public Law 111-84, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010. This funding will support the continuing operations of the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center (FHCC), which opened on December 20, 2010. In 2015 and 2016, VA expects to transfer funds from the Medical Services, Medical Support and Compliance, Medical Facilities, and Information Technology Systems accounts, while DOD expects to transfer funds from the Defense Health Program account.

## Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0169-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Direct obligations:			
11.1 Personnel compensation: Full-time permanent .....	218	227	231
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	33	34	35
25.1 Advisory and assistance services .....	42	44	45
26.0 Supplies and materials .....	57	59	61
31.0 Equipment .....	13	14	14
32.0 Land and structures .....	18	19	19
99.0 Direct obligations .....	381	397	405
99.0 Reimbursable obligations .....	8	8	9
99.9 Total new obligations .....	389	405	414

## Employment Summary

Identification code 036-0169-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	2,082	2,162	2,167

## MEDICAL CARE COLLECTIONS FUND

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-5287-0-2-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Budgetary resources:			
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1101 Appropriation (special or trust fund) .....	3,088	3,224	3,248
1120 Appropriations transferred to other accts [036-0160] .....	-3,069	-3,204	-3,227
1120 Appropriations transferred to other accts [036-0169] .....	-19	-20	-21

VA has the authority to collect co-payments, which are deposited into the Medical Care Collections Fund (MCCF) receipt account. As allowed by the provisions of the appropriations Act, these receipts are transferred to the Medical Services appropriation and the Joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund (Joint Demonstration Fund) where they remain available until expended for the purposes of this account. In 2014, nearly \$3.1 billion was collected in the MCCF receipt account and transferred to the Medical Services appropriation and Joint Demonstration Fund to provide health care to our



veterans. These collections consist of co-payments from veterans for inpatient, outpatient, and nursing home care, and prescribed medications; third-party insurance payments from veterans for nonservice-connected conditions; and collections from enhanced-use leases, the Compensated Work Therapy Program, Compensation and Living Expensed Program, and the Parking Program.

## CANTEEN SERVICE REVOLVING FUND

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4014-0-3-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0801 Reimbursable operating expenses .....	278	290	297
0802 Reimbursable direct operations .....	157	166	173
0810 Reimbursable capital investment: Sales program: Purchase of equipment and leasehold .....	19	19	20
0900 Total new obligations .....	454	475	490
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	8	4	9
Budget authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	449	477	493
1801 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources .....	1	3	3
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total) .....	450	480	496
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	458	484	505
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	4	9	15
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	36	61	56
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	454	475	490
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-429	-480	-496
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	61	56	50
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	-2	-3	-6
3070 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-1	-3	-3
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	-3	-6	-9
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	34	58	50
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	58	50	41
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	450	480	496
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	386	474	490
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....	43	6	6
4110 Outlays, gross (total) .....	429	480	496
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4120 Federal sources .....	-1	-1	-1
4123 Non-Federal sources .....	-449	-476	-492
4130 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) ....	-449	-477	-493
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4140 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-1	-3	-3
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory) .....	-20	3	3
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	-20	3	3

The Veterans Canteen Service was established to furnish, at reasonable prices, meals, merchandise, and services necessary for the comfort and well-being of veterans in VA medical facilities.

*Financing.*— Operations will be financed from current revenues.

## Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4014-0-3-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Reimbursable obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent .....	119	125	128
11.3 Other than full-time permanent .....	2	2	2

11.9 Total personnel compensation .....	121	127	130
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	37	40	40
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons .....	2	2	5
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	6	6	8
26.0 Supplies and materials .....	275	285	290
31.0 Equipment .....	13	15	17
99.9 Total new obligations .....	454	475	490

## Employment Summary

Identification code 036-4014-0-3-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	3,258	3,425	3,475

## MEDICAL CENTER RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4026-0-3-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0801 Operating expenses .....	252	253	253
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Budget authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	252	253	253
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total) .....	252	253	253
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	252	253	253
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	252	253	253
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-252	-253	-253
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	252	253	253
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	252	253	253
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4120 Federal sources .....	-252	-253	-253

These nonprofit corporations provide a flexible funding mechanism for the conduct of approved research at Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers. These organizations will derive funds to operate various research activities from Federal and non-Federal sources. No appropriation is required to support these activities.

## Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4026-0-3-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Reimbursable obligations:			
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons .....	9	9	9
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	212	213	213
26.0 Supplies and materials .....	22	22	22
31.0 Equipment .....	9	9	9
99.9 Total new obligations .....	252	253	253

## VETERANS CHOICE FUND

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0172-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Veterans Choice Fund - Administrative .....		560	185
0002 Veterans Choice Fund - Program .....		3,150	3,257
0900 Total new obligations .....		3,710	3,442

VETERANS CHOICE FUND—Continued  
Program and Financing—Continued

Identification code 036-0172-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....		10,000	6,290
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1200 Appropriation .....	10,000		
1260 Appropriations, mandatory (total) .....	10,000		
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	10,000		
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	10,000	10,000	6,290
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	10,000	6,290	2,848
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....			556
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....		3,710	3,442
3020 Outlays (gross) .....		-3,154	-3,482
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....		556	516
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....			556
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....		556	516
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	10,000		
Outlays, gross:			
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....		3,154	3,482
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	10,000		
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....		3,154	3,482

The Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 ("Veterans Choice Act"), Public Law (P.L.) 113-146 provided \$10 billion in mandatory funding through 2017 to establish a temporary program ("Veterans Choice Program") improving veterans' access to health care by allowing eligible veterans who meet certain wait-time or distance standards to use eligible health care providers outside the VA system. The law directed that this funding be deposited in the Veterans Choice Fund.

## Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0172-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Direct obligations:			
11.1 Personnel compensation: Full-time permanent .....		3	4
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....		2	3
25.2 Other contract services .....		3,705	3,435
99.9 Total new obligations .....		3,710	3,442

## Employment Summary

Identification code 036-0172-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....		137	137

## Trust Funds

## GENERAL POST FUND, NATIONAL HOMES

## Special and Trust Fund Receipts (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8180-0-7-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
0100 Balance, start of year .....			
Receipts:			
0220 General Post Fund, National Homes, Deposits .....	28	28	29
0240 General Post Fund, National Homes, Interest on Investments ....	1	1	1
0299 Total receipts and collections .....	29	29	30
0400 Total: Balances and collections .....	29	29	30
Appropriations:			
0500 General Post Fund, National Homes .....	-29	-29	-30

0799	Balance, end of year .....			
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## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8180-0-7-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Religious, recreational, and entertainment activities .....	19	24	25
0003 Therapeutic residence maintenance .....	1	1	1
0900 Total new obligations .....	20	25	26
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	94	103	107
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1201 Appropriation (special or trust fund) .....	29	29	30
1260 Appropriations, mandatory (total) .....	29	29	30
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	123	132	137
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	103	107	111
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	3	3	8
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	20	25	26
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-20	-20	-21
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	3	8	13
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	3	3	8
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	3	8	13
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	29	29	30
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....		19	20
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....	20	1	1
4110 Outlays, gross (total) .....	20	20	21
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	29	29	30
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	20	20	21

## Memorandum (non-add) entries:

5000	Total investments, SOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	86	65	90
5001	Total investments, EOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	65	90	92

This fund consists of gifts, bequests, and proceeds from the sale of property left in the care of the facilities by former beneficiaries; patients' fund balances; and proceeds from the sale of effects of beneficiaries who die leaving no heirs or without having otherwise disposed of their estate. Such funds are used to promote the comfort and welfare of veterans at hospitals, nursing homes, and domiciliaries where no general appropriation is available. Public Law 102-54 authorizes compensation work therapy and therapeutic transitional housing and loan programs to be funded from the General Post Fund. (38 U.S.C. chs. 83 and 85.)

## Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8180-0-7-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Direct obligations:			
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	5	7	7
26.0 Supplies and materials .....	12	15	16
31.0 Equipment .....	2	2	2
32.0 Land and structures .....	1	1	1
99.9 Total new obligations .....	20	25	26

**BENEFITS PROGRAMS***Federal Funds***COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS**

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the payment of compensation benefits to or on behalf of veterans and a pilot program for disability examinations as authorized by section 107 and chapters 11, 13, 18, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code; pension benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chapters 15, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code; and burial benefits, the Reinstated Entitlement Program for Survivors, emergency and other officers' retirement pay, adjusted-service credits and certificates, payment of premiums due on commercial life insurance policies guaranteed under the provisions of title IV of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App. 541 et seq.) and for other benefits as authorized by sections 107, 1312, 1977, and 2106, and chapters 23, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code, **[\$79,071,000,000] \$166,271,436,000**, to remain available until expended, *of which \$87,146,761,000 shall become available on October 1, 2016: Provided*, That not to exceed **[\$15,430,000] \$15,562,000** of the amount **[appropriated]** made available for fiscal year 2016 and \$16,021,000 of the amount made available for fiscal year 2017 under this heading shall be reimbursed to "General Operating Expenses", "Veterans Benefits Administration", and "Information Technology Systems" for necessary expenses in implementing the provisions of chapters 51, 53, and 55 of title 38, United States Code, the funding source for which is specifically provided as the "Compensation and Pensions" appropriation: *Provided further*, That such sums as may be earned on an actual qualifying patient basis, shall be reimbursed to "Medical Care Collections Fund" to augment the funding of individual medical facilities for nursing home care provided to pensioners as authorized. (*Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.*)

**Program and Financing** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0102-0-1-701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0101 Veterans .....	58,367	64,963	69,572
0102 Survivors .....	6,021	6,345	6,764
0191 Compensation sub-total .....	64,388	71,308	76,336
0200 Other compensation expenses .....	64,388	71,308	76,336
0201 Chapter 18 .....	21	21	21
0202 Clothing allowance .....	92	102	109
0203 Misc assistance (EAI, SAFD) .....	12	13	15
0204 Medical exam pilot program .....	234	275	346
0205 OBRA payment to VBA and IT .....	3	3	3
0206 Reinstated entitlement program for survivors .....	2	2	2
0291 Total other compensation expenses .....	364	416	496
0293 Total compensation .....	64,752	71,724	76,832
0302 Veterans .....	3,538	3,721	3,858
0303 Survivors .....	1,707	1,889	2,090
0391 Pensions sub total .....	5,245	5,610	5,948
0401 Reimbursements to GOE, IT and VHA .....	13	15	16
0492 Total pensions .....	5,258	5,625	5,964
0501 Caskets and Urns .....	.....	1	1
0502 Burial allowance .....	38	44	47
0503 Burial plots .....	19	21	23
0504 Service-connected deaths .....	60	58	62
0505 Burial flags .....	16	19	19
0506 Headstones and markers .....	65	83	89
0508 Graveliners .....	3	5	5
0509 Pre-Place Crypts .....	10	21	29
0591 Total burial program .....	211	252	275
0900 Total new obligations (object class 42.0) .....	70,221	77,601	83,071
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1,222	2,477	3,947
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1200 Appropriation .....	71,476	79,071	79,125
1260 Appropriations, mandatory (total) .....	71,476	79,071	79,125
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	71,476	79,071	79,125
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	72,698	81,548	83,072
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	2,477	3,947	1

**Change in obligated balance:**

Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	5,136	5,540	6,300
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	70,221	77,601	83,071
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-69,817	-76,841	-88,456
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	5,540	6,300	915
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	5,136	5,540	6,300
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	5,540	6,300	915

**Budget authority and outlays, net:**

Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	71,476	79,071	79,125
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	63,460	68,825	78,209
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....	6,357	8,016	10,247
4110 Outlays, gross (total) .....	69,817	76,841	88,456
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	71,476	79,071	79,125
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	69,817	76,841	88,456

**WORKLOAD**

	2014 actual	2015 est	2016 est.
Compensation:			
Rating-Related Actions .....	1,146,111	1,212,597	1,280,819
Non Rating Actions .....	528,495	567,551	703,697
Pension:			
Rating-Related Actions .....	174,759	184,896	195,297
Non Rating Actions .....	516,945	541,557	626,939

For 2017, the Budget requests \$87,146,761,000 in advance appropriations for Compensation and Pensions. This request satisfies the requirement created by the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235) and prevents our Nation's Veterans from being adversely affected by budget delays.

This appropriation provides for the payment of compensation, pension, and burial benefits to veterans and survivors.

Compensation is paid to veterans for disabilities incurred in or aggravated during active military service. Dependency and Indemnity Compensation is paid to survivors of servicepersons or veterans whose death occurred while on active duty or as a result of service-connected disabilities. Compensation and vocational rehabilitation is provided to the children of Vietnam veterans who were born with certain birth defects. The Secretary may pay a clothing allowance to each veteran who uses a prescribed medication for a service-connected skin condition or wears a prosthetic or orthopedic appliance (including a wheelchair) which, in the judgment of the Secretary, tends to damage or tear the clothing of such veteran.

Miscellaneous benefits provided for are:

(a) payments for claims made pursuant to the provision of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act of 1924, as amended;

(b) a special allowance (38 U.S.C. 1312) to dependents of certain Veterans who died after December 31, 1956, but who were not fully and currently insured under the Social Security Act; and

(c) payments authorized by the Equal Access to Justice Act.

The appropriation also provides for a program to allow VA to perform income matches for certain compensation recipients.

In accordance with Public Law 97-377, the Reinstated Entitlement Program for Survivors (REPS) program restores Social Security benefits to certain surviving spouses or children of veterans who died of service-connected causes.

Legislation is proposed to provide a cost-of-living adjustment comparable to the annual social security increase to recipients of disability compensation, dependency and indemnity compensation, and clothing allowances. The increase, effective with payments made on January 1, 2016, is expected to be 1.3 percent.

**AVERAGE NUMBER OF COMPENSATION CASES AND PAYMENTS**

	2014 actual	2015 est	2016 est.
Veterans:			
Cases .....	3,853,856	4,072,911	4,299,512
Average payment per case, per year .....	\$15,145	\$15,950	\$16,182
Total obligations (in millions) .....	\$58,368	\$64,962	\$69,573
Survivors:			
Cases .....	380,764	388,186	400,359

## COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS—Continued

## AVERAGE NUMBER OF COMPENSATION CASES AND PAYMENTS—Continued

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Average payment per case, per year .....	\$15,812	\$16,345	\$16,894
Total obligations (in millions) .....	\$6,021	\$6,345	\$6,764
Chapter 18:			
Children .....	1,176	1,166	1,156
Average payment per case, per year .....	\$17,844	\$18,148	\$18,384
Total obligations (in millions) .....	\$21	\$21	\$21
Clothing allowance:			
Number of veterans .....	115,931	122,521	129,337
Average payment per case, per year .....	\$792	\$836	\$846
Total obligations (in millions) .....	\$92	\$102	\$109
Special Allowance for Dependents:			
Cases .....	42	42	42
Average benefit .....	\$3,425	\$3,484	\$3,529
Total obligations (in millions) .....	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equal Access to Justice Act:			
Cases .....	2,355	2,621	2,887
Average benefit .....	\$4,925	\$5,009	\$5,074
Total Obligations (in millions) .....	\$12	\$13	\$15
REPS:			
Cases .....	84	63	47
Average benefit .....	\$29,756	\$30,930	\$32,263
Total Obligations (in millions) .....	\$3	\$2	\$2

Pension benefits may be paid to veterans or their survivors. A veteran's entitlement is based on active duty service of a specific length (normally 90 days or more) during a designated war period, disabilities considered permanent and total, and countable income below established levels. There is no disability requirement for survivor cases or veterans age 65 or older. Income support is provided at established benefit levels.

An automatic annual cost-of-living increase comparable to the annual social security increase is provided for those pensioners in the improved program and to parents receiving dependency and indemnity compensation. The increase, effective with payments made on January 1, 2016, is expected to be 1.3 percent.

## AVERAGE NUMBER OF PENSION CASES AND PAYMENTS

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Veterans:			
Cases .....	307,960	305,820	306,155
Average payment per case, per year .....	\$11,487	\$12,169	\$12,600
Total obligations (in millions) .....	\$3,538	\$3,722	\$3,858
Survivors:			
Cases .....	212,884	214,502	216,131
Average payment per case, per year .....	\$8,019	\$8,806	\$9,669
Total obligations (in millions) .....	\$1,707	\$1,889	\$2,090

Burial benefits in FY 2015 provide for: (a) the payment of an allowance of \$745 (plus transportation charges where death occurs under VA care) to reimburse, in part, the burial and funeral expense of an eligible deceased veteran; (b) the payment of \$745 for a plot allowance where an eligible veteran is not buried in a national cemetery or other cemetery under the jurisdiction of the United States; (c) the payment of a burial allowance of up to \$2,000 when a veteran dies as a result of a service-connected disability; (d) furnishing a flag to drape the casket of each deceased veteran entitled thereto; (e) furnishing a headstone or marker for the grave of a veteran and, in certain cases, eligible dependents; and (f) authority to provide outer burial receptacles in the National Cemetery Administration.

## NUMBER OF BURIAL BENEFITS

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Burial allowance .....	59,586	65,261	68,290
Burial plot .....	28,430	32,047	33,512
Service-connected deaths .....	28,911	29,123	31,057
Burial flags .....	500,010	497,644	497,644
Headstones and markers .....	354,943	355,138	354,840
Graveliners .....	13,969	13,689	13,416
Preplaced crypts .....	17,308	50,984	70,810

Caskets and Urns .....	0	1,328	646
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## COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS

(Legislative proposal, subject to PAYGO)

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0102-4-1-701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0101 Adjustments to the Compensation Program .....			-72
0102 Expand Burial Benefits .....			4
0103 Improve the Pension Program .....			2
0900 Total new obligations (object class 42.0) .....			-66
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1200 Appropriation .....			-66
1260 Appropriations, mandatory (total) .....			-66
1900 Budget authority (total) .....			-66
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....			-66
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....			-66
3020 Outlays (gross) .....			66
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....			-66
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....			-66
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....			-66
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....			-66

Legislation will be proposed to extend the rounding-down of the Compensation and Dependency and Indemnification Compensation (DIC) cost of living adjustment, clarify the evidentiary threshold for medical examinations, eliminate reductions in special monthly compensation for hospitalized veterans, restore eligibility for special aid and attendance benefits, and reissue VA benefit payments to victims of fiduciary misuse. In addition, legislation will be proposed to expand authority to provide Government-furnished headstones, markers, veterans' medallions for headstones, and burial receptacles, and to cover burial expenses for remains of unclaimed veterans.

## READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chapters 21, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 41, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code, **[\$14,997,136,000]** \$32,088,826,000, to remain available until expended, *of which \$16,743,904,000 shall become available on October 1, 2016: Provided*, That expenses for rehabilitation program services and assistance which the Secretary is authorized to provide under subsection (a) of section 3104 of title 38, United States Code, other than under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and (11) of that subsection, shall be charged to this account. (*Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.*)

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0137-0-1-702	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0101 Sons and daughters .....	438	470	490
0102 Spouses .....	76	87	93
0191 Total education and training .....	514	557	583
0201 Vocational rehabilitation training .....	623	669	723
0202 Subsistence allowance .....	438	533	569
0203 Automobiles and adaptive equipment .....	116	121	127
0204 Housing grants .....	63	72	76
0205 Housing Technology Grants .....		1	1
0291 Total special assistance to disabled veterans .....	1,240	1,396	1,496
0301 Work study .....	39	49	52
0302 Payments to States .....	19	19	19
0303 All-volunteer assistance: Basic benefits and all other .....	11,151	12,853	13,845
0304 Veterans Retraining Assistance Program .....	413		

0305	Tuition Assistance .....	6	5	4
0306	Licensing and Certification .....	2	2	3
0307	Reporting fees .....	14	14	15
0308	Reimbursement to GOE .....		1	1
0309	Contract Counseling .....		6	6
0391	Total All-volunteer assistance and other .....	11,644	12,949	13,945
0799	Total direct obligations .....	13,398	14,902	16,024
0801	Veterans and servicepersons basic benefits .....	1		
0802	Veterans and servicepersons supplementary benefits .....	24	30	29
0803	Chapter 1606 reservists benefits .....	112	113	117
0804	Chapter 1606 reservists supplementary benefits .....	40	41	42
0805	Chapter 1607 reservists benefits .....	56	51	52
0807	Chapter 33 DoD Reimbursements .....	127	157	148
0899	Total reimbursable obligations .....	360	392	388
0900	Total new obligations .....	13,758	15,294	16,412
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>				
Unobligated balance:				
1000	Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	845	584	679
Budget authority:				
Appropriations, mandatory:				
1200	Appropriation .....	13,136	14,997	15,345
1260	Appropriations, mandatory (total) .....	13,136	14,997	15,345
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:				
1800	Collected .....	360	392	388
1801	Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources .....	1		
1850	Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total) .....	361	392	388
1900	Budget authority (total) .....	13,497	15,389	15,733
1930	Total budgetary resources available .....	14,342	15,973	16,412
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
1941	Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	584	679	
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>				
Unpaid obligations:				
3000	Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	646	689	1,256
3010	Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	13,758	15,294	16,412
3020	Outlays (gross) .....	-13,715	-14,727	-16,401
3050	Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	689	1,256	1,267
Uncollected payments:				
3060	Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....		-1	-1
3070	Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-1		
3090	Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	-1	-1	-1
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
3100	Obligated balance, start of year .....	646	688	1,255
3200	Obligated balance, end of year .....	688	1,255	1,266
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>				
Mandatory:				
4090	Budget authority, gross .....	13,497	15,389	15,733
Outlays, gross:				
4100	Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	12,224	13,455	14,467
4101	Outlays from mandatory balances .....	1,491	1,272	1,934
4110	Outlays, gross (total) .....	13,715	14,727	16,401
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:				
Offsetting collections (collected) from:				
4120	Federal sources .....	-360	-392	-388
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:				
4140	Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-1		
4160	Budget authority, net (mandatory) .....	13,136	14,997	15,345
4170	Outlays, net (mandatory) .....	13,355	14,335	16,013
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....	13,136	14,997	15,345
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....	13,355	14,335	16,013

**WORKLOAD - Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment**

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Evaluation and planning .....	78,018	78,798	79,586
Rehabilitation services .....	124,148	125,389	126,643
Employment services status .....	21,442	21,656	21,873
Vocational/educational counseling .....	19,204	19,396	19,590

**WORKLOAD - Education**

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Original claims .....	404,421	421,002	425,212
Adjustments/supplemental claims .....	3,971,393	4,134,220	4,175,562

For 2017, the Budget requests \$16,743,904,000 in advance appropriations for Readjustment Benefits. This request satisfies the requirement created by the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015

(Public Law 113–235) and prevents our Nation's Veterans from being adversely affected by budget delays.

This appropriation finances educational assistance allowances for certain servicemembers, veterans, and for eligible dependents of those: (a) veterans who died from service-connected causes or have a total and permanent rated service-connected disability; and (b) servicemembers who were captured or missing in action. In addition, certain disabled veterans are provided with vocational rehabilitation, specially adapted housing grants, and automobile grants with the associated approved adaptive equipment. Voluntary contributions by eligible servicemembers and matching contributions provided by the Department of Defense are included in the Post-Vietnam Era Veterans Education Account.

*The Post 9–11 GI Bill (Chapter 33).*—Public Law 110–252 greatly expanded education benefits beginning on August 1, 2009. Based on length of active duty service and training rate, trainees may be entitled to benefits including: tuition and fees, housing allowance, books and supplies stipend, kickers, and Yellow Ribbon matching payments. Certain active duty members of the Armed Forces may transfer benefits to a spouse or children.

*All volunteer force educational assistance (Montgomery GI Bill).*—Public Law 98–525, enacted October 19, 1984, established two new educational programs: an assistance program for veterans who enter active duty during the period beginning July 1, 1985; and an assistance program for certain members of the Selected Reserve. Public Law 108–375 established a program to provide educational assistance to members of the reserve components called or ordered to active service in response to a war or national emergency declared by the President or the Congress, in recognition of the sacrifices that those members make in answering the call to duty. The Readjustment Benefit appropriation pays the basic benefit allowance for veterans, except for certain Post-Vietnam Era Veterans Education participants who transferred to the Montgomery GI Bill program. Supplementary educational assistance, Post-Vietnam Era Veterans Education converters, reservists, and the National Call to Service Program are financed by payments from Department of Defense.

*Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance (Chapter 35).*—Benefits are provided to children and spouses of veterans who died of a service-connected disability or whose service-connected disability is rated permanent and total. In addition, dependents of servicemembers missing in action or interred by a hostile foreign government for more than 90 days are also eligible. The following table provides a comparison of trainees and costs for the Dependents Educational Assistance.

*The Veterans Retraining Assistance Program.*—Established under Public Law 112–56, is a program that, from July 1, 2012 through March 31, 2014, provides up to 12 months of retraining assistance to veterans at least 35 years of age but not more than 60 years of age, who are unemployed, received an honorable discharge and have no eligibility remaining for other education benefits. Veterans participating in this program would receive monthly payments equal to the three-year payment rate under the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) chapter 30.

The following table shows a caseload and cost comparison for these beneficiaries under existing legislation.

**CASELOAD AND AVERAGE COST DATA**

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Chapter 33:</b>			
Number of trainees .....	790,408	890,724	935,407
Average cost per trainee .....	\$13,606	\$14,082	\$14,508
Total cost (in millions) .....	\$10,755	\$12,543	\$13,571
<b>Chapter 30:</b>			
Number of trainees .....	77,389	66,695	54,188
Average cost per trainee .....	\$6,611	\$7,294	\$7,690
Total cost (in millions) .....	\$512	\$486	\$417
<b>Chapter 1606:</b>			
Number of trainees .....	63,745	63,037	63,364
Average cost per trainee .....	\$2,350	\$2,413	\$2,471

**READJUSTMENT BENEFITS—Continued**  
**CASELOAD AND AVERAGE COST DATA—Continued**

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Total cost (in millions) .....	\$150	\$152	\$157
Chapter 1607:			
Number of trainees .....	13,784	12,146	12,093
Average cost per trainee .....	\$4,089	\$4,199	\$4,300
Total cost (in millions) .....	\$56	\$51	\$52
Chapter 35 Sons and Daughters:			
Number of trainees .....	75,964	77,339	78,740
Average cost per trainee (in dollars) .....	\$5,761	\$6,082	\$6,228
Total cost (in millions) .....	\$438	\$470	\$490
Chapter 35 Wives and Widow(ers):			
Number of trainees .....	14,825	15,080	15,724
Average cost per trainee (in dollars) .....	\$5,128	\$5,766	\$5,905
Total cost (in millions) .....	\$76	\$87	\$93
Veterans Retraining Assistance Program:			
Number of trainees .....	52,288		
Average cost per trainee .....	\$7,891		
Total cost (in millions) .....	\$413	\$0	\$0

*Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Chapter 31).*—Servicemembers and veterans with service-connected disabilities receive the assistance necessary to help them prepare for, obtain, and maintain suitable employment. Comprehensive assessments may include interest and aptitude testing as well as specialized assessments such as functional capacity examinations. During the training phase of the program, eligible servicemembers and veterans are provided assistance for necessary training such as tuition, fees, books and supplies at colleges, technical schools and other training programs. A veteran enrolled in training receives a monthly subsistence allowance. Eligible veterans may also receive specialized or adaptive equipment to help them overcome a disability or enable them to compete with non-disabled individuals. At the completion of training, veterans are provided with employment and placement services, including supplies and equipment needed to enter employment, adaptive equipment and workplace accommodations, incentives to employers to reimburse them for hiring and training veterans with disabilities, and two final months of subsistence allowance.

**CASELOAD AND AVERAGE COST DATA**

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Chapter 31:			
Rehabilitation, Evaluation, Planning and Service cases .....	28,483	29,361	30,471
Number of trainees .....	99,839	102,934	106,804
Average cost per trainee (in dollars) .....	\$10,625	\$11,672	\$12,095
Total cost (in millions) .....	\$1,061	\$1,201	\$1,292

*Specially Adapted Housing Grants.*—Specially adapted housing grants are provided to certain severely disabled veterans. In 2015, the maximum grant amount was \$70,465. Veterans who suffer service-connected blindness or who have lost the use of both upper extremities can receive up to \$14,093 in 2015.

*Specially Adapted Housing Assistive Technology Grants.*—Under the Veterans Benefits Act of 2010, (Public Law 111–275), VA may provide grants of up to \$200,000 per fiscal year to individuals or entities for the development of specially adapted housing assistive technologies and limits to \$1 million the aggregate amount of such grants VA may award in any fiscal year.

*Automobile Grants and Adaptive Equipment.*—Certain disabled veterans are provided with automobile grants with the associated approved adaptive equipment. An allowance is provided to certain service-disabled veterans and servicemembers toward the purchase price of an automobile. The maximum allowance increased to \$20,114.34 in 2015, under The Veterans Benefits Act of 2010, (Public Law 111–275) and will continue to increase

based on the CPI-U. Adaptive equipment and the maintenance and replacement of such equipment is also provided.

**CASELOAD AND AVERAGE COST DATA**

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Housing grants:			
Number of housing grants .....	1,581	2,245	1,844
Average cost per grant .....	\$40,081	\$32,046	\$41,260
Total cost (in millions) .....	\$63	\$72	\$76
Number of housing technology grants .....	0	5	5
Average cost per grant .....	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Total cost (in millions) .....	\$0	\$1	\$1
Automobiles or other conveyances:			
Number of conveyances .....	2,324	2,344	2,344
Average benefit .....	\$17,632	\$18,260	\$18,911
Obligations (in millions) .....	\$41	\$43	\$44
Adaptive equipment (including maintenance, repair, and installation for automobiles):			
Number of items .....	7,549	7,549	7,549
Average benefit .....	\$9,923	\$10,398	\$10,896
Obligations (in millions) .....	\$75	\$78	\$82

*Tuition Assistance.*—Public Law 106–398, enacted October 30, 2000, allows the military services to pay up to 100 percent of tuition and expenses charged by a school for servicemembers. If a service department pays less than 100 percent, a servicemember eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill Active-duty (MGIB) or the Post 9–11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) can elect to receive VA benefits for all or a portion of the remaining expenses. Public Law 108–454 established a program that provides availability of education benefits for payment for national admissions exams and national exams for credit at institutions of higher education.

*The National Exams.*—The benefit allows VA to reimburse for the fee charged for national tests for admission to institutions of higher learning and national tests providing an opportunity for course credit at institutions of higher learning.

*Licensing and Certification Test Payments.*—Under Public Law 106–419, veterans and other eligible persons may receive up to \$2,000 to pay fees required for civilian occupational licensing and certification examinations needed to enter, maintain, or advance in employment in a vocation or profession, effective March 1, 2001.

*National Call to Service.*—The 2003 National Defense Authorization Act directs the Department of Defense to offer an active duty enlistment option of 15 months plus training time to facilitate interest in National Service. Program participants will be given the opportunity to select one of the following incentives: a \$5,000 enlistment bonus, repayment of student loans up to \$18,000, or one of two education allowances.

*Work-Study.*—Certain veterans, reservists, and dependents pursuing a program of rehabilitation, education or training, who are enrolled as full-time students, can work up to 250 hours per semester, receiving the Federal (\$7.25 as of July 24, 2009) or state minimum wage rate, whichever is higher.

*Payments to States.*—State approving agencies are reimbursed for the costs of inspecting, approving, and supervising programs of education and training offered by educational institutions and training establishments in which veterans, dependents, and reservists are enrolled or are about to enter.

*Reporting Fees.*—Reporting fees are paid to education and training institutions to help defray the costs of certifying education enrollment for veterans enrolled in training during a calendar year.

**Object Classification (in millions of dollars)**

Identification code 036–0137–0–1–702	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
41.0 Direct obligations: Grants, subsidies, and contributions .....	13,397	14,902	16,024

99.0	Reimbursable obligations .....	361	392	388
99.9	Total new obligations .....	13,758	15,294	16,412

**READJUSTMENT BENEFITS**  
(Legislative proposal, subject to PAYGO)

**Program and Financing** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0137–4–1–702	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0201 Adjustments to the Education Program .....			–21
0202 Improvements to the Vocational Rehabilitation Program .....			1
0203 Improvements to the Housing Grant Program .....			3
0204 Adjustments to Adaptive Equipment Program .....			–2
0900 Total new obligations (object class 41.0) .....			–19
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1200 Appropriation .....			–19
1260 Appropriations, mandatory (total) .....			–19
1900 Budget authority (total) .....			–19
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....			–19
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....			–19
3020 Outlays (gross) .....			19
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....			–19
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....			–19
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....			–19
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....			–19

Legislation will be proposed to: extend rounding-down of education cost-of-living adjustment through 2020; reauthorize the pilot expansion of certain work-study activities; increase the cap on contract vocational rehabilitation counseling; prevent VA from providing unlimited payment for flight training; pro-rate charges against entitlement for licensing and certification exams and national tests; and expand eligibility to receive refunds for Montgomery GI Bill contributions; expand eligibility for specially-adapted housing (SAH) grants; change authorization for automobile adaptive equipment; and authorize the Secretary to establish debts for breaching SAH contractual obligations.

**VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES**

For military and naval insurance, national service life insurance, servicemen's indemnities, service-disabled veterans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as authorized by chapters 19 and 21, title 38, United States Code, **[\$63,257,000]** \$169,080,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$91,920,000 shall become available on October 1, 2016. (Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.)

**Program and Financing** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0120–0–1–701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0011 VMLI Death Claims .....	31	31	32
0012 Payment to Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance .....	51	39	50
0100 Total direct expenses .....	82	70	82
0900 Total new obligations .....	82	70	82
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1	2	
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1200 Appropriation .....	78	63	77
1260 Appropriations, mandatory (total) .....	78	63	77

Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	5	5	5
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total) .....	5	5	5
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	83	68	82
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	84	70	82
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	2		

**Change in obligated balance:**

Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1	1	
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	82	70	82
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	–82	–71	–82
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	1		
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	1	1	
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	1		

**Budget authority and outlays, net:**

Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	83	68	82
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	78	68	82
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....	4	3	
4110 Outlays, gross (total) .....	82	71	82
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4123 Non-Federal sources .....	–5	–5	–5
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	78	63	77
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	77	66	77

**WORKLOAD**

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Policy service actions .....	917,068	875,117	830,822
Collections .....	720,967	647,900	573,100
Disability claims .....	42,678	49,970	48,990
Insurance awards .....	226,969	219,040	199,680

For 2017, the Budget requests \$91,920,000 in advance appropriations for Veterans Insurance and Indemnities. This request satisfies the requirement created by the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113–235) and prevents our Nation's Veterans from being adversely affected by budget delays.

*Note.*—Department of Veterans Affairs insurance policy loans are not an extension of Federal credit. Credit schedules previously shown for this account have been discontinued.

The insurance business line administers six life insurance programs, including two trust funds, two public enterprise funds, a trust revolving fund, and Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance (VMLI), and supervises four additional programs for the benefit of servicepersons, veterans, and their beneficiaries through contracts with a commercial company. All programs are operated on a commercial basis, to the extent possible, consistent with all applicable statutes. The insurance appropriation is the supplemental funding mechanism for the following Government life insurance activities: National Service Life Insurance (NSLI); Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance Fund (S-DVI); and Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance.

*National Service Life Insurance.*—Payments are made to the NSLI fund for certain World War II veterans for: (a) extra hazards of service; (b) gratuitous insurance granted to certain persons unable to apply for National Service Life Insurance; and (c) death claims on policies under the waiver of a premium while the insured was on active duty.

*Payment to Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance Fund.*—Payments are made to the S-DVI fund to supplement the premiums and other receipts of the fund in amounts necessary to pay claims on insurance policies issued to veterans with service-connected disabilities.

*Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance.*—Payments are made to mortgage holders under this program, which provides mortgage protection life insurance to veterans who have received a grant for specially adapted housing due to severe disabilities. The trend in the number and amount of insurance policies in force appears in the following table.

## VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES—Continued

## POLICIES AND INSURANCE IN FORCE

VMLI Policies	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Number of Policies .....	2,485	2,470	2,460
Amount of Insurance (dollars in millions) .....	\$312	\$316	\$329

## Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0120–0–1–701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
42.0 Direct obligations: Insurance claims and indemnities .....	79	67	78
99.0 Reimbursable obligations .....	3	3	4
99.9 Total new obligations .....	82	70	82

## VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

(Legislative proposal, subject to PAYGO)

Legislation will be proposed to expand eligibility for supplemental Service-Disabled Veterans' Insurance coverage for veterans over the age of 65.

## FILIPINO VETERANS EQUITY COMPENSATION FUND

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–1121–0–1–701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Filipino veterans equity compensation fund .....	1		
0900 Total new obligations (object class 42.0) .....	1		
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	57	56	56
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	57	56	56
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	56	56	56
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	1		
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	–1		
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Discretionary:			
Outlays, gross:			
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	1		
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	1		

This fund was established under the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009 (P.L. 110–329), to make payments to eligible persons who served in the Philippines during World War II. Payments were subsequently authorized by Congress in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (P.L. 111–5). Original funding of \$198,000,000 was supplemented by a transfer of \$67,000,000 authorized by P.L. 111–212 that remains available until expended. Payments to citizens of the United States are \$15,000. Payments to non-U.S. citizens are \$9,000.

## SERVICE-DISABLED VETERANS INSURANCE FUND

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–4012–0–3–701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0801 Capital investment .....	23	25	26
0802 Death claims .....	100	107	111
0803 All other .....	6	6	7
0804 Payments to GOE and IT .....	11	11	12
0900 Total new obligations .....	140	149	156
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	59	50	29

## Budget authority:

Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	131	128	142
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total) .....	131	128	142
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	131	128	142
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	190	178	171
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	50	29	15

## Change in obligated balance:

Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	16	17	16
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	140	149	156
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	–139	–150	–155
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	17	16	17
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	16	17	16
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	17	16	17

## Budget authority and outlays, net:

Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	131	128	142
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	61	128	142
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....	78	22	13
4110 Outlays, gross (total) .....	139	150	155
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4120 Federal sources .....	–51	–39	–50
4123 Baseline Program [Interest on loans] .....	–4	–6	–5
4123 Baseline Program [Premiums Earned] .....	–58	–63	–66
4123 Baseline Program [Repayments of Loan/Liens] .....	–18	–20	–21
4130 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) ....	–131	–128	–142
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory) .....	8	22	13
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	8	22	13

The Insurance Act of 1951 established the Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (S-DVI) program for veterans with service-connected disabilities. S-DVI is open to veterans who separated from the service on or after April 25, 1951. This fund finances the payment of claims on existing life insurance policies and remains open for new issues at standard rates to veterans having service-connected disabilities.

## OPERATING COSTS

*Death claims.*—Represents payments to designated beneficiaries.

*All other.*—Represents payments to policyholders who surrender their policies for their cash value and hold endowment policies which have matured.

*Capital investment.*—A policyholder may borrow up to 94 percent of the value of his or her policy.

*Administration.*—Represents the administrative costs of claims processing and account maintenance.

The trend in the number and amount of policies in force is indicated in the following table.

## POLICIES AND INSURANCE IN FORCE

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Number of policies (EOY) .....	260,895	271,517	279,897
Insurance in force (dollars in millions) (EOY) .....	\$2,725	\$2,780	\$2,872

*Financing.*—Operations are financed from premiums and other receipts. Additional funds are received by transfer from the Veterans Insurance and Indemnities appropriation, instead of direct appropriations to this fund.

*Operating results and financial condition.*—Since premium and other receipts are insufficient to cover operations, the fund continues to project liabilities in excess of assets. The deficit is expected to reach an estimated \$1,342 million by September 30, 2016. The expected deficit is financed by additional funds from the above-mentioned Veterans Insurance and Indemnities appropriations.

## Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–4012–0–3–701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Reimbursable obligations:			
33.0 Investments and loans .....	23	25	26



42.0	Insurance claims and indemnities .....	117	124	130
99.9	Total new obligations .....	140	149	156

## VETERANS REOPENED INSURANCE FUND

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4010-0-3-701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0801 Death claims .....	29	27	25
0802 Dividends .....	3	3	2
0803 All other .....	3	4	4
0804 Capital investment: policy loans .....	1	1	1
0900 Total new obligations .....	36	35	32
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	187	164	140
Budget authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	13	11	9
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total) .....	13	11	9
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	200	175	149
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	164	140	117
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	41	37	31
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	36	35	32
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-40	-41	-37
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	37	31	26
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	-3	-3	-3
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	-3	-3	-3
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	38	34	28
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	34	28	23
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	13	11	9
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....		11	9
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....	40	30	28
4110 Outlays, gross (total) .....	40	41	37
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4121 Baseline Program [Fund Earnings] .....	-10	-8	-7
4123 Baseline Program [Fund Premiums] .....	-1	-1	-1
4123 Baseline Program [Cash Collections] .....	-2	-2	-1
4130 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) ....	-13	-11	-9
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory) .....	27	30	28
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	27	30	28
<b>Memorandum (non-add) entries:</b>			
5000 Total investments, SOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	226	199	168
5001 Total investments, EOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	199	168	140

*Note.*—Department of Veterans Affairs insurance policy loans are not an extension of Federal credit. Credit schedules previously shown for this account have been discontinued.

This fund pays claims and administrative costs on participating life insurance policies issued during the period May 1, 1965, through May 2, 1966, under three life insurance programs: (1) service-disabled standard insurance; (2) service-disabled rated insurance; and (3) nonservice-disabled insurance availing disabled World War II and Korean conflict veterans an opportunity to acquire life insurance coverage who were no longer eligible for other government insurance.

*Budget program:*

*Death claims.*—Represents payments to designated beneficiaries.

*Dividends.*—Policyholders participate in the distribution of annual dividends.

*All other.*—This represents resources for the administrative costs of processing claims and maintaining the accounts, and to those policyholders who: (a) surrender their policies for cash value; (b) hold endowment policies which have matured; and (c) have purchased total disability income coverage and subsequently become disabled.

*Policy loans made.*—A policyholder may borrow up to 94 percent of the cash value of his policy at an interest rate adjusted to reflect private sector borrowing costs.

The following table reflects the decrease in the number of policies and the amount of insurance in force:

## POLICIES AND INSURANCE IN FORCE

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Number of policies .....	17,492	14,400	11,820
Insurance in force (dollars in millions) .....	\$185	\$154	\$128

*Financing.*—Operations are financed from premiums collected from policyholders and interest on investments. Excess earnings of the fund are distributed to the policyholders in the form of an annual dividend.

## Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4010-0-3-701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Reimbursable obligations:</b>			
33.0 Investments and loans .....	1	1	1
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities .....	31	30	27
43.0 Interest and dividends .....	4	4	4
99.9 Total new obligations .....	36	35	32

## SERVICEMEMBERS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FUND

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4009-0-3-701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0801 Premium payments .....	777	840	838
0802 Payments to carrier .....	19	12	
0803 Payment to GOE .....	3	3	3
0804 Other .....	46		
0900 Total new obligations .....	845	855	841
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1	1	1
Budget authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	845	855	841
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total) .....	845	855	841
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	846	856	842
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	1	1	1
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....		6	
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	845	855	841
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-839	-861	-841
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	6		
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....		6	
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	6		

## Budget authority and outlays, net:

Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	845	855	841
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	838	855	841
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....	1	6	
4110 Outlays, gross (total) .....	839	861	841

SERVICEMEMBERS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FUND—Continued  
Program and Financing—Continued

Identification code 036-4009-0-3-701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays: Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4123 Non-Federal sources .....	-845	-855	-841
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	-6	6	.....
<b>Memorandum (non-add) entries:</b>			
5000 Total investments, SOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	1	1	1
5001 Total investments, EOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	1	1	1

This fund finances the payment of group life insurance premiums to private insurance companies under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) Act of 1965, as amended. SGLI is a program for Servicemembers on active duty, ready reservists, members of the National Guard, members of the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service, cadets and midshipmen of the four service academies, and members of the Reserve Officer Training Corps. SGLI coverage is available in \$50,000 increments up to the maximum of \$400,000. Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) is a program of post-separation insurance which allows Servicemembers to convert their SGLI coverage to renewable term insurance. Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (FSGLI) is a program extended to the spouses and dependent children of members insured under the SGLI program. FSGLI provides up to a maximum of \$100,000 of insurance coverage for spouses, not to exceed the amount of SGLI the insured member has in force, and \$10,000 of free coverage for dependent children. Spousal coverage is issued in increments of \$10,000.

The Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Traumatic Injury Protection Program (TSGLI) became effective December 1, 2005. TSGLI provides for payment between \$25,000 and \$100,000 (depending on the type of injury) to any member of the uniformed services covered by SGLI who sustains a traumatic injury that results in certain serious losses.

## Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4009-0-3-701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
41.0 Reimbursable obligations: Grants, subsidies, and contributions .....	845	855	841
99.0 Reimbursable obligations .....	845	855	841

## VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND

For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the program, as authorized by subchapters I through III of chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code: *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That during fiscal year [2015] 2016, within the resources available, not to exceed \$500,000 in gross obligations for direct loans are authorized for specially adapted housing loans.

In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs, [ \$160,881,000 ] \$164,558,000. (*Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.*)

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-1119-0-1-704	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
Credit program obligations:			
0702 Loan guarantee subsidy .....	.....	277	270
0705 Reestimates of direct loan subsidy .....	3	4	.....
0706 Interest on reestimates of direct loan subsidy .....	4	3	.....
0707 Reestimates of loan guarantee subsidy .....	1,789	390	.....
0708 Interest on reestimates of loan guarantee subsidy .....	248	63	.....
0709 Administrative expenses .....	159	161	165
0900 Total new obligations .....	2,203	898	435

## Budgetary resources:

Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation .....	158	161	165
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	158	161	165
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1200 Appropriation .....	2,045	737	270
1260 Appropriations, mandatory (total) .....	2,045	737	270
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	2,203	898	435
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	2,203	898	435

## Change in obligated balance:

Unpaid obligations:			
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	2,203	898	435
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-2,203	-898	-435

## Budget authority and outlays, net:

Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	158	161	165
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	158	161	165
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	2,045	737	270
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	2,045	737	270
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	2,203	898	435
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	2,203	898	435

## Summary of Loan Levels, Subsidy Budget Authority and Outlays by Program (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-1119-0-1-704	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Direct loan levels supportable by subsidy budget authority:			
115001 Acquired Direct Loans .....	4	2	2
115004 Vendee Direct Loans .....	1	242	343
115999 Total direct loan levels .....	5	244	345
Direct loan subsidy (in percent):			
132001 Acquired Direct Loans .....	-5.00	-5.06	1.71
132004 Vendee Direct Loans .....	-24.13	-20.79	-25.58
132999 Weighted average subsidy rate .....	-8.83	-20.66	-25.42
Direct loan subsidy budget authority:			
133004 Vendee Direct Loans .....	.....	-50	-88
133999 Total subsidy budget authority .....	.....	-50	-88
Direct loan subsidy outlays:			
134004 Vendee Direct Loans .....	.....	-50	-88
134999 Total subsidy outlays .....	.....	-50	-88
Direct loan reestimates:			
135001 Acquired Direct Loans .....	1	-9	.....
135004 Vendee Direct Loans .....	-8	3	.....
135005 Acquired and Vendee Loan Reestimates .....	-1	-16	.....
135999 Total direct loan reestimates .....	-8	-22	.....
Guaranteed loan levels supportable by subsidy budget authority:			
215001 Housing Guaranteed Loans .....	98,535	102,733	108,016
215999 Total loan guarantee levels .....	98,535	102,733	108,016
Guaranteed loan subsidy (in percent):			
232001 Housing Guaranteed Loans .....	-02	0.27	0.25
232999 Weighted average subsidy rate .....	-02	0.27	0.25
Guaranteed loan subsidy budget authority:			
233001 Housing Guaranteed Loans .....	-20	277	270
233999 Total subsidy budget authority .....	-20	277	270
Guaranteed loan subsidy outlays:			
234001 Housing Guaranteed Loans .....	-20	277	270
234999 Total subsidy outlays .....	-20	277	270
Guaranteed loan reestimates:			
235001 Housing Guaranteed Loans .....	1,963	218	.....
235002 Guaranteed Loan Sale Securities—Vendee .....	67	-3	.....
235999 Total guaranteed loan reestimates .....	2,030	215	.....
Administrative expense data:			
3510 Budget authority .....	158	161	165
3590 Outlays from new authority .....	150	161	165

*Veterans Affairs (VA) Housing Program Account.*—The housing program helps eligible veterans, active duty personnel, surviving spouses, and members of the Reserves and National Guard purchase, retain, and adapt

homes in recognition of their service to the Nation. When a borrower purchases a home, the program operates by substituting the Federal Government's guaranty for a down payment that might otherwise be required.

Under 38 U.S.C. 3703, the guaranty amount for a borrower with full entitlement (first-time users of the program or users whose entitlement is fully restored) is as follows:

- (a) 50 percent for loans of \$45,000 or less;
- (b) \$22,500 for loans greater than \$45,000, but no more than \$56,250;
- (c) The lesser of \$36,000 or 40 percent of the loan amount for loans greater than \$56,250, but not more than \$144,000;
- (d) 25 percent of the loan amount for loans of \$144,001 to \$417,000; or
- (e) For certain loans in excess of \$417,000, the guaranty will be the lesser of: 25 percent of the county loan limit, or 25 percent of the loan.

This appropriation provides for the corporate leadership and operational support to VA's Housing business line. The Housing Program facilitates the extension of private capital, on more liberal terms than generally available to nonveterans, to assist veterans and servicemembers in obtaining housing credit, and assist veterans in retaining their homes during periods of temporary economic difficulty through intensive supplemental mortgage loan servicing.

*Guaranteed transitional housing loans for homeless veterans.*—Established as a pilot project by the Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 1998, Public Law 105–368, this program does not require any new loan subsidy funding. The program has originated no new loans since 2009. The program was canceled in 2012. The existing loan will continue to be serviced within the program's financing account.

**WORKLOAD**

[In thousands]

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Construction and valuation .....	467	459	459
Loan processing .....	1,244	1,222	1,223
Loan service and claims .....	129	140	140

**Object Classification** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–1119–0–1–704	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Direct obligations:			
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	158	161	165
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions .....	2,045	737	270
99.9 Total new obligations .....	2,203	898	435

**HOUSING DIRECT LOAN FINANCING ACCOUNT****Program and Financing** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–4127–0–3–704	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0003 Property sales expense .....	1	1	1
0004 Property management/other expense .....	5	5	4
0091 Direct program activities, subtotal .....	6	6	5
Credit program obligations:			
0710 Direct loan obligations .....	5	243	344
0713 Payment of interest to Treasury .....	33	210	242
0740 Negative subsidy obligations .....		50	88
0742 Downward reestimate paid to receipt account .....	12	18	
0743 Interest on downward reestimates .....	5	12	
0791 Direct program activities, subtotal .....	55	533	674
0900 Total new obligations .....	61	539	679
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	90	93	
1023 Unobligated balances applied to repay debt .....	–90	–93	
Financing authority:			
Borrowing authority, mandatory:			
1400 Borrowing authority .....	335	539	679

1422	Borrowing authority applied to repay debt .....	–230		
1440	Borrowing authority, mandatory (total) .....	105	539	679
	Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800	Collected .....	100	76	86
1825	Spending authority from offsetting collections applied to repay debt .....	–51	–76	–86
1850	Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total) .....	49		
1900	Financing authority (total) .....	154	539	679
1930	Total budgetary resources available .....	154	539	679
	Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941	Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	93		

**Change in obligated balance:**

	Unpaid obligations:			
3000	Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....			5
3010	Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	61	539	679
3020	Financing disbursements (gross) .....	–61	–534	–677
3050	Unpaid obligations, end of year .....		5	7
	Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100	Obligated balance, start of year .....			5
3200	Obligated balance, end of year .....		5	7

**Financing authority and disbursements, net:**

	Mandatory:			
4090	Financing authority, gross .....	154	539	679
	Financing disbursements:			
4110	Financing disbursements, gross .....	61	534	677
	Offsets against gross financing authority and disbursements:			
	Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4120	Federal sources: Payments from program account .....	–8	–7	
4120	Reimbursements from DLFA .....		–2	–1
4122	Interest on uninvested funds .....	–11		
4123	Interest and principal received on loans .....	–46	–52	–69
4123	Fees .....	–21	–5	–7
4123	Cash sale of properties .....		–10	–9
4123	Other .....	–14		
4130	Offsets against gross financing auth and disbursements (total) .....	–100	–76	–86
4160	Financing authority, net (mandatory) .....	54	463	593
4170	Financing disbursements, net (mandatory) .....	–39	458	591
4180	Financing authority, net (total) .....	54	463	593
4190	Financing disbursements, net (total) .....	–39	458	591

**Status of Direct Loans** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–4127–0–3–704	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Position with respect to appropriations act limitation on obligations:			
1111 Direct loan obligations from current-year authority .....	5	243	344
1150 Total direct loan obligations .....	5	243	344
Cumulative balance of direct loans outstanding:			
1210 Outstanding, start of year .....	525	452	662
1231 Disbursements: Direct loan disbursements .....	5	243	344
1251 Repayments: Repayments and prepayments .....	–47	–24	–28
Write-offs for default:			
1263 Direct loans .....	–3	–9	–5
1264 Other adjustments, net (+ or –) .....	–28		
1290 Outstanding, end of year .....	452	662	973

**Balance Sheet** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–4127–0–3–704	2013 actual	2014 actual
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Federal assets:		
1101 Fund balances with Treasury .....	91	93
Investments in US securities:		
1106 Receivables, net .....	2	5
1206 Non-Federal assets: Receivables, net .....	4	4
Net value of assets related to post-1991 direct loans receivable:		
1401 Direct loans receivable, gross .....	525	452
1402 Interest receivable .....	15	17
1404 Foreclosed property .....	16	27
1405 Allowance for subsidy cost .....	56	57
1499 Net present value of assets related to direct loans .....	612	553
1901 Other Federal assets: Other assets .....	1	1
1999 Total assets .....	710	656

## HOUSING DIRECT LOAN FINANCING ACCOUNT—Continued

## Balance Sheet—Continued

Identification code 036-4127-0-3-704	2013 actual	2014 actual
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Federal liabilities:		
2103 Debt .....	661	624
2105 Other .....	47	27
2207 Non-Federal liabilities: Other .....	2	5
2999 Total liabilities .....	710	656
4999 Total liabilities and net position .....	710	656

## HOUSING GUARANTEED LOAN FINANCING ACCOUNT

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4129-0-3-704	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0002 Losses on defaulted loans .....	937	1,153	1,295
0005 Payment to trustee reserve .....	23	21	20
0009 Property sales expense .....	140	137	155
0010 Property management expense .....	144	129	146
0011 Property improvement expense .....	6	6	6
0012 Loans acquired .....	4	2	2
0091 Direct program activities, subtotal .....	1,248	1,448	1,624
Credit program obligations:			
0711 Default claim payments on principal .....	1,571	1,896	2,099
0713 Payment of interest to Treasury .....	1		
0740 Negative subsidy obligations .....	20		
0742 Downward reestimate paid to receipt account .....	3	190	
0743 Interest on downward reestimates .....	4	48	
0791 Direct program activities, subtotal .....	1,599	2,134	2,099
0900 Total new obligations .....	2,847	3,582	3,723
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	5,065	7,429	8,147
Financing authority:			
Borrowing authority, mandatory:			
1400 Borrowing authority .....	12		
1440 Borrowing authority, mandatory (total) .....	12		
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	5,231	4,300	4,675
1825 Spending authority from offsetting collections applied to repay debt .....	-32		
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total) .....	5,199	4,300	4,675
1900 Financing authority (total) .....	5,211	4,300	4,675
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	10,276	11,729	12,822
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	7,429	8,147	9,099

## Change in obligated balance:

Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	345	340	67
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	2,847	3,582	3,723
3020 Financing disbursements (gross) .....	-2,852	-3,855	-3,716
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	340	67	74
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	345	340	67
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	340	67	74

## Financing authority and disbursements, net:

Mandatory:			
4090 Financing authority, gross .....	5,211	4,300	4,675
Financing disbursements:			
4110 Financing disbursements, gross .....	2,852	3,855	3,716
Offsets against gross financing authority and disbursements:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4120 Payments from program account .....	-2,037	-730	-270
4120 Recoveries from DLFA .....	-5	-244	-345
4122 Interest on uninvested funds .....	-172	-561	-602
4123 Funding fees .....	-1,361	-1,394	-1,516
4123 Cash sale of properties .....	-1,630	-1,371	-1,942
4123 Non-Federal sources .....	-26		

4130 Offsets against gross financing auth and disbursements (total) .....	-5,231	-4,300	-4,675
4160 Financing authority, net (mandatory) .....	-20		
4170 Financing disbursements, net (mandatory) .....	-2,379	-445	-959
4180 Financing authority, net (total) .....	-20		
4190 Financing disbursements, net (total) .....	-2,379	-445	-959

## Status of Guaranteed Loans (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4129-0-3-704	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Position with respect to appropriations act limitation on commitments:			
2111 Guaranteed loan commitments from current-year authority .....	98,535	102,733	108,016
2150 Total guaranteed loan commitments .....	98,535	102,733	108,016
2199 Guaranteed amount of guaranteed loan commitments .....	27,196	28,355	29,812
Cumulative balance of guaranteed loans outstanding:			
2210 Outstanding, start of year .....	348,243	397,893	454,047
2231 Disbursements of new guaranteed loans .....	98,535	102,733	108,016
2251 Repayments and prepayments .....	-46,350	-43,506	-46,713
Adjustments:			
2262 Terminations for default that result in acquisition of property .....	-1,571	-1,896	-2,099
2263 Terminations for default that result in claim payments .....	-964	-1,177	-1,318
2290 Outstanding, end of year .....	397,893	454,047	511,933
Memorandum:			
2299 Guaranteed amount of guaranteed loans outstanding, end of year .....	110,262	124,523	139,208

## Balance Sheet (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4129-0-3-704	2013 actual	2014 actual
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Federal assets:		
1101 Fund balances with Treasury .....	5,410	7,769
Investments in US securities:		
1106 Receivables, net .....	1,661	633
Net value of assets related to post-1991 acquired defaulted guaranteed loans receivable:		
1504 Accounts receivable from foreclosed property .....	6	20
1504 Foreclosed property .....	1,027	817
1599 Net present value of assets related to defaulted guaranteed loans .....	1,033	837
1999 Total assets .....	8,104	9,239
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Federal liabilities:		
2103 Debt .....	20	
2105 Other liabilities .....	19	219
Non-Federal liabilities:		
2201 Accounts payable .....	345	340
2204 Non-federal liabilities for loan guarantees .....	7,720	8,680
2999 Total liabilities .....	8,104	9,239
4999 Total liabilities and net position .....	8,104	9,239

## HOUSING LIQUIDATING ACCOUNT

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4025-0-3-704	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0105 Capital investments, guaranteed claims payment and other operating expenses .....	4	3	2
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1	1	
1022 Capital transfer of unobligated balances to general fund .....	-1	-1	
Budget authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	19	16	14
1820 Capital transfer of spending authority from offsetting collections to general fund .....	-14	-13	-12
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total) .....	5	3	2
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	5	3	2

Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
1941	Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	1		
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>				
Unpaid obligations:				
3000	Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	2	3	
3010	Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	4	3	2
3020	Outlays (gross) .....	-3	-6	-2
3050	Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	3		
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
3100	Obligated balance, start of year .....	2	3	
3200	Obligated balance, end of year .....	3		
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>				
Mandatory:				
4090	Budget authority, gross .....	5	3	2
Outlays, gross:				
4100	Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	1	3	2
4101	Outlays from mandatory balances .....	2	3	
4110	Outlays, gross (total) .....	3	6	2
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:				
Offsetting collections (collected) from:				
4123	Loan repayments and prepayments .....	-2	-1	-1
4123	Sale of homes, cash .....	-3	-3	-2
4123	Interest on loans .....	-1		
4123	Interest collection on Veteran liability debts .....	-3		
4123	Principal collection on Veteran liability debts .....	-10	-3	-3
4123	Non-Federal sources .....		-9	-8
4130	Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) ....	-19	-16	-14
4160	Budget authority, net (mandatory) .....	-14	-13	-12
4170	Outlays, net (mandatory) .....	-16	-10	-12
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....	-14	-13	-12
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....	-16	-10	-12
<b>Memorandum (non-add) entries:</b>				
5010	Total investments, SOY: non-Fed securities: Market value .....	140	140	140
5011	Total investments, EOY: non-Fed securities: Market value .....	140	140	140

**Status of Direct Loans** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4025-0-3-704	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Cumulative balance of direct loans outstanding:			
1210 Outstanding, start of year .....	8	5	4
1251 Repayments: Repayments and prepayments .....	-3	-1	-1
1290 Outstanding, end of year .....	5	4	3

**Status of Guaranteed Loans** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4025-0-3-704	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Cumulative balance of guaranteed loans outstanding:			
2210 Outstanding, start of year .....	341	237	164
2251 Repayments and prepayments .....	-102	-71	-49
2262 Adjustments: Terminations for default that result in acquisition of property .....	-2	-2	-1
2290 Outstanding, end of year .....	237	164	114
Memorandum:			
2299 Guaranteed amount of guaranteed loans outstanding, end of year .....	99	69	48
Addendum:			
Cumulative balance of defaulted guaranteed loans that result in loans receivable:			
2310 Outstanding, start of year .....	31	28	18
2351 Repayments of loans receivable .....	-11	-10	-6
2364 Other adjustments, net .....	8		
2390 Outstanding, end of year .....	28	18	12

**Balance Sheet** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4025-0-3-704	2013 actual	2014 actual
ASSETS:		
1101 Federal assets: Fund balances with Treasury .....	3	3
Non-Federal assets:		
1201 Investments in non-Federal securities, net .....	140	140
1206 Receivables, net .....	1	1
1601 Direct loans, gross .....	8	5

1602 Interest receivable .....	35	39
1603 Allowance for estimated uncollectible loans and interest (-) .....	-29	-28
1699 Value of assets related to direct loans .....	14	16
1701 Defaulted guaranteed loans, gross .....	31	28
1703 Allowance for estimated uncollectible loans and interest (-) .....		-1
1704 Defaulted guaranteed loans and interest receivable, net .....	31	27
1706 Foreclosed property .....	3	3
1799 Value of assets related to loan guarantees .....	34	30
1999 Total assets .....	192	190
LIABILITIES:		
Non-Federal liabilities:		
2201 Accounts payable .....	2	2
2204 Liabilities for loan guarantees .....	190	188
2999 Total liabilities .....	192	190
4999 Total liabilities and net position .....	192	190

**Object Classification** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4025-0-3-704	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Direct obligations:			
32.0 Land and structures .....	2	2	1
33.0 Investments and loans .....	2	1	1
99.9 Total new obligations .....	4	3	2

**NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT**

For administrative expenses to carry out the direct loan program authorized by subchapter V of chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code, **[\$1,130,000] \$1,134,000.** (*Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.*)

**VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT**

For the cost of direct loans, **[\$10,000] \$31,000**, as authorized by chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code: *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That funds made available under this heading are available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans not to exceed **[\$2,877,000] \$2,952,381.**

In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to carry out the direct loan program, **[\$361,000] \$367,000**, which may be paid to the appropriation for "General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration". (*Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.*)

**Program and Financing** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-1120-0-1-704	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
Credit program obligations:			
0705 Reestimates of direct loan subsidy .....	1	1	
0709 Administrative expenses .....	2	2	2
0900 Total new obligations .....	3	3	2
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	2	1	1
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation .....	1	2	2
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	1	2	2
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1200 Appropriation .....	1	1	
1260 Appropriations, mandatory (total) .....	1	1	
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	2	3	2
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	4	4	3
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	1	1	1
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....		1	1
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	3	3	2

## NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT—Continued

## Program and Financing—Continued

Identification code 036-1120-0-1-704	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-2	-3	-2
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	1	1	1
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....		1	1
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	1	1	1
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	1	2	2
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	1	2	2
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	1	1	.....
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	1	1	.....
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	2	3	2
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	2	3	2

## Summary of Loan Levels, Subsidy Budget Authority and Outlays by Program (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-1120-0-1-704	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Direct loan levels supportable by subsidy budget authority:			
115002 Native American Direct Loans .....	6	10	11
115003 Vocational Rehabilitation .....	2	3	3
115999 Total direct loan levels .....	8	13	14
Direct loan subsidy (in percent):			
132002 Native American Direct Loans .....	-16.75	-17.04	-18.08
132003 Vocational Rehabilitation .....	0.20	0.36	1.05
132999 Weighted average subsidy rate .....	-12.51	-13.02	-13.98
Direct loan subsidy budget authority:			
133002 Native American Direct Loans .....	-1	-2	-2
133999 Total subsidy budget authority .....	-1	-2	-2
Direct loan subsidy outlays:			
134002 Native American Direct Loans .....	-1	-2	-2
134999 Total subsidy outlays .....	-1	-2	-2
Direct loan reestimates:			
135002 Native American Direct Loans .....		1	.....
135999 Total direct loan reestimates .....		1	.....
Administrative expense data:			
3510 Budget authority .....	1	2	2
3590 Outlays from new authority .....	1	2	2

The Native American Veterans Housing Loan program provides direct loans to veterans living on trust lands under 38 U.S.C. chapter 37, section 3761. These loans are available to purchase, construct, or improve homes to be occupied as the veteran's residence. This program began as a pilot in 1993 and was made permanent on June 15, 2006, through Public Law 109-233.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Loan Program provides temporary loans to cover the costs of subsistence, tuition, books, supplies, and equipment in conjunction with service-connected disability benefits provided to Veterans participating in VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling Program as authorized by chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code. Repayment of these loans is made in monthly installments, without interest, through deductions from future payments of compensation, pension, subsistence allowance, educational assistance allowance, or retired pay.

## Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-1120-0-1-704	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Direct obligations:			
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	2	2	2
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions .....	1	1	.....
99.9 Total new obligations .....	3	3	2

## NATIVE AMERICAN DIRECT LOAN FINANCING ACCOUNT

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4130-0-3-704	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
Credit program obligations:			
0710 Direct loan obligations .....	6	10	11
0713 Payment of interest to Treasury .....	3	3	3
0740 Negative subsidy obligations .....	1	2	2
0900 Total new obligations .....	10	15	16
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	5	2	2
1023 Unobligated balances applied to repay debt .....	-4	.....	.....
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	1	2	2
Financing authority:			
Borrowing authority, mandatory:			
1400 Borrowing authority .....	8	13	14
1422 Borrowing authority applied to repay debt .....	-1	.....	.....
1440 Borrowing authority, mandatory (total) .....	7	13	14
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	8	10	10
1801 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources .....	1	.....	.....
1825 Spending authority from offsetting collections applied to repay debt .....	-5	-8	-8
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total) .....	4	2	2
1900 Financing authority (total) .....	11	15	16
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	12	17	18
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	2	2	2
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1	2	1
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	10	15	16
3020 Financing disbursements (gross) .....	-9	-16	-16
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	2	1	1
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....		-1	-1
3070 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-1	.....	.....
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	-1	-1	-1
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	1	1	.....
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	1	.....	.....
<b>Financing authority and disbursements, net:</b>			
Mandatory:			
4090 Financing authority, gross .....	11	15	16
Financing disbursements:			
4110 Financing disbursements, gross .....	9	16	16
Offsets against gross financing authority and disbursements:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4120 Federal sources .....	-2	-1	.....
4123 Non-federal sources - Repayments and prepayments of principal .....	-4	-6	-7
4123 Non-Federal sources - Interest received on loans .....	-2	-3	-3
4130 Offsets against gross financing auth and disbursements (total) .....	-8	-10	-10
Additional offsets against financing authority only (total):			
4140 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-1	.....	.....
4160 Financing authority, net (mandatory) .....	2	5	6
4170 Financing disbursements, net (mandatory) .....	1	6	6
4180 Financing authority, net (total) .....	2	5	6
4190 Financing disbursements, net (total) .....	1	6	6

## Status of Direct Loans (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4130-0-3-704	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Position with respect to appropriations act limitation on obligations:			
1111 Direct loan obligations from current-year authority .....	6	10	11
1150 Total direct loan obligations .....	6	10	11
Cumulative balance of direct loans outstanding:			
1210 Outstanding, start of year .....	58	59	63
1231 Disbursements: Direct loan disbursements .....	5	10	10

1251	Repayments: Repayments and prepayments .....	—4	—6	—7
1290	Outstanding, end of year .....	59	63	66

**Balance Sheet** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4130-0-3-704	2013 actual	2014 actual
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Federal assets:		
1101 Fund balances with Treasury .....	6	3
Investments in US securities:		
1106 Receivables, net .....	2	1
Net value of assets related to post-1991 direct loans receivable:		
1401 Direct loans receivable, gross .....	58	59
1402 Interest receivable .....	1	2
1405 Other assets .....	2	3
1499 Net present value of assets related to direct loans .....	61	64
1999 Total assets .....	69	68
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Federal liabilities:		
2103 Federal liabilities debt .....	68	67
2105 Other liabilities .....	1	1
2999 Total liabilities .....	69	68
4999 Total liabilities and net position .....	69	68

**TRANSITIONAL HOUSING DIRECT LOAN FINANCING ACCOUNT****Program and Financing** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4258-0-3-704	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	5	5	5
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	5	5	5
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	5	5	5
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3001 Adjustments to unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1		
3020 Financing disbursements (gross) .....	—1		
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	1		
<b>Financing authority and disbursements, net:</b>			
Mandatory:			
Financing disbursements:			
4110 Financing disbursements, gross .....	1		
4190 Financing disbursements, net (total) .....	1		

**Status of Direct Loans** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4258-0-3-704	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Position with respect to appropriations act limitation on obligations:			
1121 Limitation available from carry-forward .....	95	95	95
1143 Unobligated limitation carried forward .....	—95	—95	—95
1150 Total direct loan obligations .....			
Cumulative balance of direct loans outstanding:			
1210 Outstanding, start of year .....	5	5	5
1290 Outstanding, end of year .....	5	5	5

**Balance Sheet** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4258-0-3-704	2013 actual	2014 actual
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Federal assets:		
1101 Federal assets: Fund balances with Treasury .....	5	5
1401 Net value of assets related to post-1991 direct loans receivable:		
Direct loans receivable, gross .....	5	5
1999 Total assets .....	10	10
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Federal liabilities:		
2103 Debt .....	5	5

2105	Loan Guaranty/Other Liabilities .....	5	5
2999	Total liabilities .....	10	10
4999	Total liabilities and net position .....	10	10

**VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DIRECT LOAN FINANCING ACCOUNT****Program and Financing** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4112-0-3-702	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
Credit program obligations:			
0710 Direct loan obligations .....	2	3	3
0900 Total new obligations .....	2	3	3
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1	1	1
1023 Unobligated balances applied to repay debt .....	—1		
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....		1	1
Financing authority:			
Borrowing authority, mandatory:			
1400 Authority to borrow (indefinite) .....	3	3	3
1422 Borrowing authority applied to repay debt .....	—1		
1440 Borrowing authority, mandatory (total) .....	2	3	3
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	2	3	3
1825 Spending authority from offsetting collections applied to repay debt .....	—1	—3	—3
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total) .....	1		
1900 Financing authority (total) .....	3	3	3
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	3	4	4
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	1	1	1
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	2	3	3
3020 Financing disbursements (gross) .....	—2	—3	—3

**Financing authority and disbursements, net:**

Mandatory:			
4090 Financing authority, gross .....	3	3	3
Financing disbursements:			
4110 Financing disbursements, gross .....	2	3	3
Offsets against gross financing authority and disbursements:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4123 Repayments and prepayments of principal .....	—2	—3	—3
4180 Financing authority, net (total) .....	1		

**Status of Direct Loans** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4112-0-3-702	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Position with respect to appropriations act limitation on obligations:			
1111 Direct loan obligations from current-year authority .....	2	3	3
1150 Total direct loan obligations .....	2	3	3
Cumulative balance of direct loans outstanding:			
1210 Outstanding, start of year .....	2	2	2
1231 Disbursements: Direct loan disbursements .....	2	3	3
1251 Repayments: Repayments and prepayments .....	—2	—3	—3
1290 Outstanding, end of year .....	2	2	2

**Balance Sheet** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4112-0-3-702	2013 actual	2014 actual
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Federal assets:		
Investments in US securities:		
1104 Investments US Securities .....	1	1
1401 Net value of assets related to post-1991 direct loans receivable:		
Direct loans receivable, gross .....	2	2
1999 Total assets .....	3	3
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Federal liabilities: Debt .....	3	3

# VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DIRECT LOAN FINANCING ACCOUNT—Continued

## Balance Sheet—Continued

Identification code 036-4112-0-3-702	2013 actual	2014 actual
4999 Total liabilities and net position .....	3	3

## Trust Funds

### POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERANS EDUCATION ACCOUNT

#### Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8133-0-7-702	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	63	63	63
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	63	63	63
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	63	63	63
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1	1	1
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	1	1	1
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	1	1	1
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	1	1	1

This account consists of voluntary contributions by eligible servicemembers and matching contributions provided by the Department of Defense. The fund provides educational assistance payments to participants who entered the service after December 31, 1976, and are pursuing training under chapter 32, title 38, U.S.C. Section 901 is a non-contributory program with educational assistance provided by the Department of Defense. Public Law 99-576, enacted October 28, 1986, closed the program permanently for new enrollments effective March 31, 1987. Public Law 106-419, enacted November 1, 2000, provides qualified participants in this program another opportunity (through October 31, 2001) to convert to the All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance program (Montgomery GI Bill). The estimated activity in the fund follows:

#### CONTRIBUTIONS, PARTICIPANTS, DISENROLLMENTS, REFUNDS AND TRAINEES

	(total dollars)	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Total program obligations .....		\$425,000	\$398,000	\$362,000
Number of disenrollments .....		259	242	218
Total refunds .....		\$350,000	\$327,000	\$295,000
Average Refund .....		\$1,353	\$1,353	\$1,353
Total trainees .....		8	8	7
Total trainee cost .....		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Average trainee cost .....		\$1,082	\$1,082	\$1,082
Section 901 trainees .....		9	9	8
Total Section 901 trainee cost .....		\$0	\$0	\$0
Average Section 901 trainee cost .....		\$7,325	\$7,325	\$7,325

### NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE FUND

#### Special and Trust Fund Receipts (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8132-0-7-701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
0100 Balance, start of year .....	5,156	4,564	4,024
Receipts:			
0220 NSLI Fund, Premium and Other Receipts .....	34	41	34
0240 NSLI Fund, Interest .....	272	220	183
0299 Total receipts and collections .....	306	261	217
0400 Total: Balances and collections .....	5,462	4,825	4,241
Appropriations:			
0500 National Service Life Insurance Fund .....	-306	-261	-217
0501 National Service Life Insurance Fund .....	-592	-540	-557

0599 Total appropriations .....	-898	-801	-774
0799 Balance, end of year .....	4,564	4,024	3,467

#### Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8132-0-7-701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Death claims .....	640	595	566
0002 Disability claims .....	4	3	3
0003 Matured endowments .....	61	62	76
0004 Cash surrenders .....	25	22	20
0005 Dividends .....	78	55	47
0006 Interest paid on dividend credits and deposits .....	57	27	25
0007 Payment to general operating expenses .....	15	18	19
0091 Total operating expenses .....	880	782	756
0201 Capital investment: Policy loans .....	21	19	18
0799 Total direct obligations .....	901	801	774
0801 Death claims .....	103	121	82
0802 Disability claims .....	1	1	.....
0803 Matured endowments .....	10	12	11
0804 Cash surrenders .....	4	4	3
0805 Dividends .....	13	11	7
0806 Interest paid on dividend credits and deposits .....	5	6	4
0807 Payment to general operating expenses .....	2	4	3
0899 Total reimbursable obligations .....	138	159	110
0900 Total new obligations .....	1,039	960	884

<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1201 Appropriation (special or trust fund) .....	306	261	217
1203 Appropriation (previously unavailable) .....	592	540	557
1260 Appropriations, mandatory (total) .....	898	801	774
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	141	159	110
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total) .....	141	159	110
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	1,039	960	884
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	1,039	960	884

<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1,107	1,053	857
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	1,039	960	884
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-1,093	-1,156	-1,007
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	1,053	857	734
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	1,107	1,053	857
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	1,053	857	734

<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	1,039	960	884
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	501	420	424
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....	592	736	583
4110 Outlays, gross (total) .....	1,093	1,156	1,007
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4123 Non-Federal sources .....	-141	-159	-110
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	898	801	774
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	952	997	897

<b>Memorandum (non-add) entries:</b>			
5000 Total investments, SOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	6,256	5,629	5,013
5001 Total investments, EOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	5,629	5,013	4,333

*Note.*—Department of Veterans Affairs insurance policy loans are not an extension of Federal credit. Credit schedules previously shown for this account have been discontinued.

This fund was established in 1940. It is for the World War II servicemember's and veterans' insurance program. Over 22 million policies were issued under this program. Activity of the fund reflects a declining claim workload. The trend in the number and amount of policies in force is shown as follows:



**POLICIES AND INSURANCE IN FORCE**

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Number of policies .....	438,252	375,497	315,557
Insurance in force (dollars in millions) .....	\$5,462	\$4,635	\$3,882

This fund is operated on a commercial basis to the extent possible. The income of the fund is derived from premium receipts, interest on investments, and payments which are made to the fund from the Veterans Insurance and Indemnities appropriation.

Assets of the fund, which are largely invested in special interest-bearing Treasury securities and in policy loans, are expected to decrease from an estimated \$5,043 million as of September 30, 2015 to \$4,321 million as of September 30, 2016. The actuarial estimate of policy obligations as of September 30, 2016, totals \$4,235 million, leaving a balance of \$86 million for contingency reserves.

**Status of Funds** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8132-0-7-701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Unexpended balance, start of year:			
0100 Balance, start of year .....	6,264	5,618	4,882
0199 Total balance, start of year .....	6,264	5,618	4,882
Cash income during the year:			
Current law:			
Offsetting receipts (proprietary):			
1220 NSLI Fund, Premium and Other Receipts .....	34	41	34
Offsetting receipts (intragovernmental):			
1240 NSLI Fund, Interest .....	272	220	183
Offsetting collections:			
1280 National Service Life Insurance Fund .....	141	159	110
1299 Income under present law .....	447	420	327
3299 Total cash income .....	447	420	327
Cash outgo during year:			
Current law:			
4500 National Service Life Insurance Fund .....	-1,093	-1,156	-1,007
4599 Outgo under current law (-) .....	-1,093	-1,156	-1,007
6599 Total cash outgo (-) .....	-1,093	-1,156	-1,007
Unexpended balance, end of year:			
8700 Uninvested balance (net), end of year .....	-11	-131	-131
8701 National Service Life Insurance Fund .....	5,629	5,013	4,333
8799 Total balance, end of year .....	5,618	4,882	4,202

**Object Classification** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8132-0-7-701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Direct obligations:			
33.0 Investments and loans .....	21	19	18
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities .....	730	682	665
43.0 Interest and dividends .....	150	100	92
99.0 Direct obligations .....	901	801	775
99.0 Reimbursable obligations .....	138	159	109
99.9 Total new obligations .....	1,039	960	884

**UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE FUND****Special and Trust Fund Receipts** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8150-0-7-701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
0100 Balance, start of year .....	6	4	3
Appropriations:			
0500 United States Government Life Insurance Fund .....	-2	-1	-1
0799 Balance, end of year .....	4	3	2

**Program and Financing** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8150-0-7-701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0001 Death claims .....	1	1	1
0007 Other costs .....	1		

0900 Total new obligations .....	2	1	1
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**Budgetary resources:**

Budget authority:			
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1203 Appropriation (previously unavailable) .....	2	1	1
1260 Appropriations, mandatory (total) .....	2	1	1
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	2	1	1
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	2	1	1

**Change in obligated balance:**

Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	3	2	1
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	2	1	1
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-3	-2	-2
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	2	1	
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	3	2	1
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	2	1	

**Budget authority and outlays, net:**

Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	2	1	1
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	1		
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....	2	2	2
4110 Outlays, gross (total) .....	3	2	2
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	2	1	1
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	3	2	2

**Memorandum (non-add) entries:**

5000 Total investments, SOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	10	7	5
5001 Total investments, EOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	7	5	4

*Note.*—Department of Veterans Affairs insurance policy loans are not an extension of Federal credit. Credit schedules previously shown for this account have been discontinued.

This fund was established in 1919 to receive premiums and pay claims on insurance issued under the provisions of the War Risk Insurance Act. The general decline in the activity of the fund is indicated in the following table:

**POLICIES AND INSURANCE IN FORCE**

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Number of policies .....	1,071	645	316
Insurance in force (dollars in millions) .....	\$2	\$1	\$1

The fund is operated on a commercial basis to the extent possible. The income of the fund is derived from interest on investments. Effective January 1, 1983, premiums were discontinued because reserves held in the fund were adequate to meet future liabilities of the program.

Assets of the fund, which are largely invested in interest-bearing securities and policy loans, are estimated to decrease from \$5.3 million as of September 30, 2015, to \$3.5 million as of September 30, 2016, as an increasing number of policies mature through death or disability. The actuarial evaluation of policy obligations as of September 30, 2016, totals \$3.1 million, leaving a balance of \$0.5 million for contingency reserves.

**Status of Funds** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8150-0-7-701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Unexpended balance, start of year:			
0100 Balance, start of year .....	10	8	6
0199 Total balance, start of year .....	10	8	6
Cash outgo during year:			
Current law:			
4500 United States Government Life Insurance Fund .....	-3	-2	-2
4599 Outgo under current law (-) .....	-3	-2	-2
6599 Total cash outgo (-) .....	-3	-2	-2
Manual Adjustments:			
7692 Rounding adjustment .....	1		
7699 Total adjustments .....	1		
Unexpended balance, end of year:			
8700 Uninvested balance (net), end of year .....	1	1	

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE FUND—Continued  
Status of Funds—Continued

Identification code 036–8150–0–7–701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
8701 United States Government Life Insurance Fund .....	7	5	4
8799 Total balance, end of year .....	8	6	4

## Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–8150–0–7–701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Direct obligations:			
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities .....	1	1	1
43.0 Interest and dividends .....	1		
99.9 Total new obligations .....	2	1	1

## VETERANS SPECIAL LIFE INSURANCE FUND

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–8455–0–8–701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0801 Death claims .....	119	128	132
0802 Cash surrenders .....	6	6	5
0803 Dividends .....	44	39	36
0804 All other .....	11	22	21
0805 Payments to insurance account .....	6	8	8
0806 Capital investment .....	9	8	8
0900 Total new obligations .....	195	211	210

## Budgetary resources:

Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1,478	1,434	1,357
Budget authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	153	134	123
1801 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources .....	–2		
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total) .....	151	134	123
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	1,629	1,568	1,480
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	1,434	1,357	1,270

## Change in obligated balance:

Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	463	448	417
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	195	211	210
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	–210	–242	–224
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	448	417	403
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	–26	–24	–24
3070 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	2		
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	–24	–24	–24
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	437	424	393
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	424	393	379

## Budget authority and outlays, net:

Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	151	134	123
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....		134	123
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....	210	108	101
4110 Outlays, gross (total) .....	210	242	224
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4121 Baseline Program [Fund Earnings] .....	–101	–90	–82
4123 Baseline Program [Repayment of loans] .....	–14	–13	–12
4123 Baseline Program [Fund Premiums] .....	–34	–28	–26
4123 Baseline Program [Interest on Loans] .....	–4	–3	–3
4130 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) ....	–153	–134	–123
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4140 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	2		
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory) .....	57	108	101

4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	57	108	101
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## Memorandum (non-add) entries:

5000 Total investments, SOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	1,914	1,863	1,749
5001 Total investments, EOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	1,863	1,749	1,649

*Note.*—Department of Veterans Affairs insurance policy loans are not an extension of Federal credit. Credit schedules previously shown for this account have been discontinued.

This fund finances the payment of claims on life insurance policies issued before January 3, 1957, to veterans who served in the Armed Forces subsequent to April 1, 1951. No new policies can be issued. Policyholders may elect to purchase total disability income coverage with the payment of additional premiums.

## Benefit program:

*Death claims.*—Represents payments to designated beneficiaries.

*Cash surrenders.*—A policyholder may terminate his or her insurance by cashing in the policy for its cash value.

*Dividends.*—Policyholders participate in the distribution of annual dividends.

*All other.*—Classified in this category are payments to policyholders who: (a) hold endowment policies which have matured; (b) have purchased total disability income coverage and subsequently become disabled; and (c) are paid interest on dividend credits and deposits.

The following table reflects the decrease in the number of policies and the amounts of insurance in force:

## POLICIES AND INSURANCE IN FORCE

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Number of policies .....	130,637	121,120	111,150
Insurance in force (dollars in millions) .....	\$1,847	\$1,722	\$1,602

*Financing.*—Payments from this fund are financed primarily from premium receipts and interest on investments.

## Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–8455–0–8–701	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Reimbursable obligations:			
33.0 Investments and loans .....	9	8	8
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities .....	121	144	148
43.0 Interest and dividends .....	65	59	54
99.9 Total new obligations .....	195	211	210

## DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

## Federal Funds

## CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

For constructing, altering, extending, and improving any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code, not otherwise provided for, including planning, architectural and engineering services, construction management services, maintenance or guarantee period services costs associated with equipment guarantees provided under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility and storm drainage system construction costs, and site acquisition, where the estimated cost of a project is more than the amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38, United States Code, or where funds for a project were made available in a previous major project appropriation, **[\$561,800,000]** *\$1,143,800,000*, of which **[\$527,800,000]** *\$1,063,800,000* shall remain available until September 30, **[2019]** *2020*, and of which **[\$34,000,000]** *\$80,000,000* shall remain available until expended: *Provided*, That except for advance planning activities, including needs assessments which may or may not lead to capital investments, and other capital asset management related activities, including portfolio development and management activities, and investment strategy studies funded through the advance planning fund and the planning and design activities funded through the design fund, including needs assessments which may or may not lead to capital investments, and salaries and associated costs of the resident engineers who oversee those capital investments funded through this account, and funds provided for the purchase of land for the

National Cemetery Administration through the land acquisition line item, none of the funds made available under this heading shall be used for any project **[which]** *that has not been notified to the Congress through the budgetary process or that has not been approved by the Congress [in the budgetary process] through statute, joint resolution, or in the explanatory statement accompanying such Act and presented to the President at the time of enrollment: Provided further, That funds made available under this heading for fiscal year [2015] 2016, for each approved project shall be obligated: (1) by the awarding of a construction documents contract by September 30, [2015] 2016; and (2) by the awarding of a construction contract by September 30, [2016] 2017: Provided further, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall promptly submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a written report on any approved major construction project for which obligations are not incurred within the time limitations established above. (Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.)*

**Program and Financing** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0110-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Medical programs .....	668	839	1,051
0002 National cemeteries .....	95	47	152
0005 Staff offices .....	6	6	7
0900 Total new obligations .....	769	892	1,210
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	2,348	1,921	1,591
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation .....	342	562	1,143
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	342	562	1,143
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	342	562	1,143
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	2,690	2,483	2,734
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	1,921	1,591	1,524
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1,796	1,651	1,823
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	769	892	1,210
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-914	-720	-825
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	1,651	1,823	2,208
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	1,796	1,651	1,823
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	1,651	1,823	2,208
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	342	562	1,143
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	15	4	8
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	899	716	817
4020 Outlays, gross (total) .....	914	720	825
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	342	562	1,143
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	914	720	825

The Construction, Major Projects appropriation funds construction projects costing more than \$10 million. Funding is included for the next phases that will provide facility improvements in Saint Louis, MO; site work and utilities in Louisville, KY, and Alameda, CA; seismic corrections to buildings in American Lake, WA, and West Los Angeles, CA; a new research building in San Francisco, CA; a new mental health facility in Long Beach, CA; a Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Livermore, CA; a replacement community living center in Perry Point, MD; and gravesite expansion projects in Bayamon, PR, Portland, OR, Riverside, CA, and Pensacola, FL. Additional funds are provided to fund salaries and associated expenses of resident engineers who oversee the Department's capital investments and to support advance planning and design activities.

**Object Classification** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0110-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Direct obligations:</b>			
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	33	33	35

25.3 Other goods and services from Federal sources .....	3	3	3
26.0 Supplies and materials .....		3	3
31.0 Equipment .....	1	3	3
32.0 Land and structures .....	732	850	1,166
99.9 Total new obligations .....	769	892	1,210

**CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS**

For constructing, altering, extending, and improving any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Affairs, including planning and assessments of needs which may lead to capital investments, architectural and engineering services, maintenance or guarantee period services costs associated with equipment guarantees provided under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility and storm drainage system construction costs, and site acquisition, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections 316, 2404, 2406, and chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code, not otherwise provided for, where the estimated cost of a project is equal to or less than the amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38, United States Code, **[\$495,200,000] \$406,200,000**, to remain available until September 30, **[2019] 2020**, along with unobligated balances of previous "Construction, Minor Projects" appropriations which are hereby made available for any project where the estimated cost is equal to or less than the amount set forth in such section: *Provided*, That funds made available under this heading shall be for: (1) repairs to any of the nonmedical facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department which are necessary because of loss or damage caused by any natural disaster or catastrophe; and (2) temporary measures necessary to prevent or to minimize further loss by such causes. *(Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.)*

**Program and Financing** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0111-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Medical programs .....	405	434	294
0002 National cemeteries .....	89	80	80
0003 Regional offices .....	22	31	45
0004 Staff offices .....	14	21	35
0005 Choice Act, P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 .....		383	128
0900 Total new obligations .....	530	949	582
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	416	601	658
1001 Discretionary unobligated balance brought fwd, Oct 1 .....		324	
1011 Unobligated balance transfer from other acct [036-0160] .....		511	
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	416	1,112	658
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation .....	715	495	406
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	715	495	406
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	715	495	406
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	1,131	1,607	1,064
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	601	658	482
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	882	1,025	1,292
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	530	949	582
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-387	-682	-661
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	1,025	1,292	1,213
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	882	1,025	1,292
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	1,025	1,292	1,213
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	715	495	406
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	19	89	73
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	368	501	332
4020 Outlays, gross (total) .....	387	590	405
Mandatory:			
Outlays, gross:			
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....		92	256

## CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS—Continued

## Program and Financing—Continued

Identification code 036-0111-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	715	495	406
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	387	682	661

The Construction, Minor Projects appropriation, which funds construction projects costing equal to or less than \$10 million, is used to improve the infrastructure of medical facilities and other Department-owned facilities to reduce the risk to patient life and safety, correct code deficiencies, and improve national cemeteries and regional and staff offices.

## Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0111-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Direct obligations:			
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	17	17	16
26.0 Supplies and materials .....		4	4
31.0 Equipment .....		6	6
32.0 Land and structures .....	513	922	556
99.9 Total new obligations .....	530	949	582

## GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES

For grants to assist States to acquire or construct State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to remodel, modify, or alter existing hospital, nursing home, and domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing care to veterans as authorized by sections 8131 through 8137 of title 38, United States Code, **[\$90,000,000]** \$80,000,000, to remain available until expended. (*Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.*)

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0181-0-1-703	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Grants for construction of state extended care facilities .....	87	106	80
0900 Total new obligations (object class 41.0) .....	87	106	80
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	28	26	10
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation .....	85	90	80
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	85	90	80
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	113	116	90
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	26	10	10
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	273	250	270
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	87	106	80
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-110	-86	-86
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	250	270	264
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	273	250	270
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	250	270	264
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	85	90	80
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....		2	2
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	110	84	84
4020 Outlays, gross (total) .....	110	86	86
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	85	90	80
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	110	86	86

## GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS CEMETERIES

For grants to assist States and tribal organizations in establishing, expanding, or improving veterans cemeteries as authorized by section 2408 of title 38, United States Code, **[\$46,000,000]** \$45,000,000, to remain available until expended. (*Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.*)

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0183-0-1-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Grants for construction of state veterans cemeteries .....	51	46	45
0900 Total new obligations (object class 41.0) .....	51	46	45
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	16	11	11
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation .....	46	46	45
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	46	46	45
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	62	57	56
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	11	11	11
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	66	77	68
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	51	46	45
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-40	-55	-43
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	77	68	70
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	66	77	68
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	77	68	70
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	46	46	45
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....		25	24
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	40	30	19
4020 Outlays, gross (total) .....	40	55	43
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	46	46	45
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	40	55	43

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

## (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary operating expenses of the Department of Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including administrative expenses in support of Department-wide capital planning, management and policy activities, uniforms, or allowances therefor; not to exceed \$25,000 for official reception and representation expenses; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General Services Administration for security guard services, **[\$321,591,000]** \$346,659,000, of which not to exceed **[\$9,660,000]** \$17,332,000 shall remain available until September 30, **[2016]** 2017: Provided, That funds provided under this heading may be transferred to "General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration". (*Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.*)

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0142-0-1-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0014 General administration .....	418	333	347
0806 General administration, reimbursable program .....	322	378	489
0900 Total new obligations .....	740	711	836
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	22	11	

Budget authority:				
Appropriations, discretionary:				
1100	Appropriation .....	416	322	347
1131	Unobligated balance of appropriations permanently reduced .....	-2		
1160	Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	414	322	347
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:				
1700	Collected .....	322	378	489
1750	Spending auth from offsetting collections, disc (total) .....	322	378	489
1900	Budget authority (total) .....	736	700	836
1930	Total budgetary resources available .....	758	711	836
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
1940	Unobligated balance expiring .....	-7		
1941	Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	11		

<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>				
Unpaid obligations:				
3000	Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	184	180	187
3010	Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	740	711	836
3011	Obligations incurred, expired accounts .....	-8		
3020	Outlays (gross) .....	-736	-704	-834
3050	Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	180	187	189
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
3100	Obligated balance, start of year .....	184	180	187
3200	Obligated balance, end of year .....	180	187	189

<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>				
Discretionary:				
4000	Budget authority, gross .....	736	700	836
Outlays, gross:				
4010	Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	587	632	765
4011	Outlays from discretionary balances .....	149	72	69
4020	Outlays, gross (total) .....	736	704	834
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:				
Offsetting collections (collected) from:				
4030	Federal sources .....	-322	-378	-489
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....	414	322	347
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....	414	326	345

**General Administration.**—Includes departmental executive direction, departmental support offices and the General Counsel. The Pershing Hall Revolving Fund was created to operate and manage Pershing Hall, an asset of the United States, located in Paris, France. All operating expenses for Pershing Hall are borne by the revolving fund and all receipts generated by the operation of Pershing Hall are deposited in the revolving fund.

**Object Classification** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0142-0-1-705				
Direct obligations:				
Personnel compensation:				
11.1	Full-time permanent .....	240	186	202
11.5	Other personnel compensation .....	5	3	5
11.9	Total personnel compensation .....	245	189	207
12.1	Civilian personnel benefits .....	73	56	60
21.0	Travel and transportation of persons .....	3	6	7
23.1	Rent .....	1	21	22
23.2	Rental payments to others .....	11	1	1
23.3	Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges .....	2	3	5
24.0	Printing and reproduction .....	1	1	1
25.2	Other services from non-Federal sources .....	76	42	33
26.0	Supplies and materials .....	2	2	1
31.0	Equipment .....	4	2	
41.0	Grants, subsidies, and contributions .....		10	10
99.0	Direct obligations .....	418	333	347
99.0	Reimbursable obligations .....	322	378	489
99.9	Total new obligations .....	740	711	836

**Employment Summary**

Identification code 036-0142-0-1-705				
1001	Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	2,286	1,735	1,836
2001	Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	919	1,114	1,280

**BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS**

For necessary operating expenses of the Board of Veterans Appeals, **[\$99,294,000]** \$107,884,000, of which not to exceed **[\$9,429,000]** \$10,788,000 shall remain available until September 30, **[2016]2017**. (*Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.*)

**Program and Financing** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-1122-0-1-705				
2014 actual				
2015 est.				
2016 est.				
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>				
0014	Board of Veterans' Appeals .....		99	108
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>				
Budget authority:				
Appropriations, discretionary:				
1100	Appropriation .....		99	108
1160	Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....		99	108
1930	Total budgetary resources available .....		99	108
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>				
Unpaid obligations:				
3000	Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....			15
3010	Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....		99	108
3020	Outlays (gross) .....		-84	-104
3050	Unpaid obligations, end of year .....		15	19
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
3100	Obligated balance, start of year .....			15
3200	Obligated balance, end of year .....		15	19
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>				
Discretionary:				
4000	Budget authority, gross .....		99	108
Outlays, gross:				
4010	Outlays from new discretionary authority .....		84	91
4011	Outlays from discretionary balances .....			13
4020	Outlays, gross (total) .....		84	104
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....		99	108
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....		84	104

The mission of the Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board or BVA), as set forth in 38 U.S.C. § 7101(a) is to conduct hearings and consider and dispose of appeals properly before the Board in a timely manner. The Board's goal is to issue quality decisions in compliance with the requirements of the law, including the precedential decisions of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC) and other federal courts. The Board makes final decisions on behalf of the Secretary on appeals from decisions of local Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Offices. The Board reviews all appeals for entitlement to veterans' benefits, including claims for service connection, increased disability ratings, total disability ratings, pension, insurance benefits, educational benefits, home loan guaranties, vocational rehabilitation, dependency and indemnity compensation, and healthcare delivery.

**Object Classification** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-1122-0-1-705				
2014 actual				
2015 est.				
2016 est.				
Direct obligations:				
Personnel compensation:				
11.1	Full-time permanent .....		62	70
11.5	Other personnel compensation .....		2	2
11.9	Total personnel compensation .....		64	72
12.1	Civilian personnel benefits .....		21	22
23.2	Rental payments to others .....		9	9
25.2	Other services from non-Federal sources .....		5	5
99.9	Total new obligations .....		99	108

BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS—Continued  
Employment Summary

Identification code 036–1122–0–1–705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....		676	669

## GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

For necessary operating expenses of the Veterans Benefits Administration, not otherwise provided for, including hire of passenger motor vehicles, reimbursement of the General Services Administration for security guard services, and reimbursement of the Department of Defense for the cost of overseas employee mail, **[\$2,534,254,000] \$2,697,734,000: Provided**, That expenses for services and assistance authorized under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and (11) of section 3104(a) of title 38, United States Code, that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines are necessary to enable entitled veterans: (1) to the maximum extent feasible, to become employable and to obtain and maintain suitable employment; or (2) to achieve maximum independence in daily living, shall be charged to this account: *Provided further*, That of the funds made available under this heading, not to exceed **[\$124,000,000] \$134,800,000** shall remain available until September 30, **[2016] 2017**. (*Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.*)

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0151–0–1–705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0010 Compensation and pensions .....	2,021	2,020	2,167
0011 Education .....	196	198	207
0012 Vocational rehabilitation and counseling .....	245	313	323
0013 Insurance .....	1	1	1
0799 Total direct obligations .....	2,463	2,532	2,698
0801 Compensation and pensions .....	250	293	366
0802 Education .....		1	1
0804 Insurance .....	30	34	34
0805 Housing .....	135	138	139
0899 Total reimbursable obligations .....	415	466	540
0900 Total new obligations .....	2,878	2,998	3,238
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	40	52	52
1012 Unobligated balance transfers between expired and unexpired accounts .....	21		
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	61	52	52
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation .....	2,465	2,534	2,698
1130 Appropriations permanently reduced .....		–2	
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	2,465	2,532	2,698
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected .....	415	466	540
1750 Spending auth from offsetting collections, disc (total) .....	415	466	540
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	2,880	2,998	3,238
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	2,941	3,050	3,290
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1940 Unobligated balance expiring .....	–11		
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	52	52	52
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	344	405	465
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	2,878	2,998	3,238
3011 Obligations incurred, expired accounts .....	–44		
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	–2,773	–2,938	–3,074
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	405	465	629
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	–1	–1	–1
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	–1	–1	–1
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	343	404	464
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	404	464	628

## Budget authority and outlays, net:

Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	2,880	2,998	3,238
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	2,443	2,520	2,692
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	330	418	382
4020 Outlays, gross (total) .....	2,773	2,938	3,074
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4030 Federal sources .....	–415	–466	–540
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	2,465	2,532	2,698
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	2,358	2,472	2,534

*General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration.*—The total cost of administering veterans insurance programs is funded through direct appropriations to this account and through reimbursements from the insurance trust fund. This appropriation provides for the Department's top management direction and administrative support, including fiscal, personnel, and legal services, as well as for the administration of veteran benefits.

*Note.*—Reflects FTE treated as reimbursements in all years and the effects of Credit Reform, per P.L. 101–508.

## Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0151–0–1–705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent .....	1,339	1,274	1,400
11.5 Other personnel compensation .....	90	92	99
11.9 Total personnel compensation .....	1,429	1,366	1,499
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	425	427	430
13.0 Benefits for former personnel .....	3	3	3
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons .....	42	39	38
22.0 Transportation of things .....	2	2	2
23.1 Rent .....	90	119	125
23.2 Rental payments to others .....	23	26	30
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges .....	32	37	39
24.0 Printing and reproduction .....	3	6	6
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	397	480	498
26.0 Supplies and materials .....	9	10	10
31.0 Equipment .....	7	16	17
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities .....	1	1	1
99.0 Direct obligations .....	2,463	2,532	2,698
99.0 Reimbursable obligations .....	415	466	540
99.9 Total new obligations .....	2,878	2,998	3,238

## Employment Summary

Identification code 036–0151–0–1–705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	18,600	19,650	20,425
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	2,222	1,451	1,446

## OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General, to include information technology, in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), **[\$126,411,000] \$126,766,000**, of which **[\$12,141,000] \$12,676,000** shall remain available until September 30, **[2016] 2017**. (*Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.*)

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0170–0–1–705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0101 Office of Inspector General (Direct) .....	119	128	127
0192 Total direct program .....	119	128	127
0801 Office of Inspector General (Reimbursable) .....	4	6	6
0900 Total new obligations .....	123	134	133
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....		2	

Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100	Appropriation .....	121	126
		127	127
1160	Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	121	126
		127	127
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700	Collected .....	4	6
		6	6
1750	Spending auth from offsetting collections, disc (total) .....	4	6
		6	6
1900	Budget authority (total) .....	125	132
		133	133
1930	Total budgetary resources available .....	125	134
		133	133
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941	Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	2	
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000	Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	22	26
		34	34
3010	Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	123	134
		133	133
3020	Outlays (gross) .....	-119	-126
		-129	-129
3050	Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	26	34
		38	38
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100	Obligated balance, start of year .....	22	26
		34	34
3200	Obligated balance, end of year .....	26	34
		38	38
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Discretionary:			
4000	Budget authority, gross .....	125	132
		133	133
Outlays, gross:			
4010	Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	104	101
		102	102
4011	Outlays from discretionary balances .....	15	25
		27	27
4020	Outlays, gross (total) .....	119	126
		129	129
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4030	Federal sources .....	-4	-6
		-6	-6
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....	121	126
		127	127
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....	115	120
		123	123

This appropriation provides for carrying out the independent oversight responsibilities of the *Inspector General Act of 1978*. This oversight includes VA-wide audit, investigation, health care inspection, and management support functions to identify and report weaknesses and deficiencies that create conditions for actual or potential fraud and other criminal activity, mismanagement, and waste in VA programs and operations. The audit function plans and conducts internal programmatic and financial audits and evaluations of all facets of VA operations. The health care inspection function performs legislatively mandated medical care quality assurance reviews and oversight of VA health care programs. The investigative function performs criminal and administrative investigations of improper and illegal activities involving VA operations, personnel, beneficiaries, and other parties.

#### Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0170-0-1-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1	Full-time permanent .....	69	70
		72	72
11.5	Other personnel compensation .....		6
		4	4
11.9	Total personnel compensation .....	69	76
		76	76
12.1	Civilian personnel benefits .....	24	26
		26	26
21.0	Employee Travel .....	5	5
		5	5
23.1	Rental payments to GSA .....	6	6
		6	6
23.3	Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges .....	2	1
		1	1
25.2	Other services from non-Federal sources .....	11	11
		11	11
31.0	Equipment .....	2	3
		2	2
99.0	Direct obligations .....	119	128
		127	127
99.0	Reimbursable obligations .....	4	6
		6	6
99.9	Total new obligations .....	123	134
		133	133

#### Employment Summary

Identification code 036-0170-0-1-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
1001	Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	613	660
		650	650

2001	Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	28	31	31
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#### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses for information technology systems and telecommunications support, including developmental information systems and operational information systems; for pay and associated costs; and for the capital asset acquisition of information technology systems, including management and related contractual costs of said acquisitions, including contractual costs associated with operations authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, **[\$3,903,344,000]** **\$4,133,363,000**, plus reimbursements: *Provided*, That **[\$1,039,000,000]** **\$1,115,757,000** shall be for pay and associated costs, of which not to exceed **[\$30,792,000]** **\$34,800,000** shall remain available until September 30, **[2016]** **2017**: *Provided further*, That **[\$2,316,009,000]** **\$2,512,863,000** shall be for operations and maintenance, of which not to exceed **[\$160,000,000]** **\$175,000,000** shall remain available until September 30, **[2016]** **2017**: *Provided further*, That **[\$548,335,000]** **\$504,743,000** shall be for information technology systems development, modernization, and enhancement, and shall remain available until September 30, **[2016]**: *Provided further*, That amounts made available for information technology systems development, modernization, and enhancement may not be obligated or expended until the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Veterans Affairs submits to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a certification of the amounts, in parts or in full, to be obligated and expended for each development project: **2017**: *Provided further*, That amounts made available for salaries and expenses, operations and maintenance, and information technology systems development, modernization, and enhancement may be transferred among the three subaccounts after the Secretary of Veterans Affairs **[requests from]** *submits notice thereof* to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress **[the authority to make the transfer and an approval is issued]**: *Provided further*, That amounts made available for the "Information Technology Systems" account for development, modernization, and enhancement may be transferred among projects or to newly defined projects: *Provided further*, That no project may be increased or decreased by more than **[\$1,000,000]** **\$3,000,000** of cost prior to submitting **[a request]** *notice thereof* to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress **[to make the transfer and an approval is issued, or absent a response, a period of 30 days has elapsed]**: *Provided further*, That funds under this heading may be used by the Interagency Program Office through the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop a standard data reference terminology model: *Provided further*, That of the funds made available for information technology systems development, modernization, and enhancement for VistA Evolution, not more than 25 percent may be obligated or expended until the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, and such Committees approve, a report that describes: (1) the status of and changes to the VistA Evolution program plan (hereinafter referred to as the "Plan"), VistA 4 product roadmap ("Roadmap"), or the VistA Evolution cost estimate, dated March 24, 2014; (2) any changes to the scope or functionality of projects within the VistA Evolution program as established in the Plan; (3) any refinements to the cost estimate presented in the Plan, including those based on actual costs incurred; (4) a Project Management Accountability System resourced schedule for every development project within the VistA Evolution program, including a testing methodology schedule; (5) progress toward developing and implementing all levels of interoperability, including semantic interoperability, between the electronic health record systems of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs; and (6) a detailed governance structure for the VistA Evolution program, including the establishment of a single program director and integrator who shall have responsibility for the entire program: *Provided further*, That the funds made available under this heading for information technology systems development, modernization, and enhancement, shall be for the projects, and in the amounts, specified under this heading in the explanatory statement described in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated Act): *(Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.)*

#### Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0167-0-1-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001	Development .....	510	696
		500	500
0002	Operations and maintenance .....	2,136	2,315
		2,511	2,511
0003	Administrative and salaries .....	1,020	1,053
		1,115	1,115

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS—Continued  
Program and Financing—Continued

Identification code 036-0167-0-1-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
0004 P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 - IT Support .....		203	173
0799 Total direct obligations .....	3,666	4,267	4,299
0801 Development .....	6	20	5
0802 Operations and maintenance .....	24	9	26
0803 Administrative and salaries .....	10	26	26
0899 Total reimbursable obligations .....	40	55	57
0900 Total new obligations .....	3,706	4,322	4,356
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	140	169	174
1011 Unobligated balance transfer from other acct [036-0160] ....		377	
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	140	546	174
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation .....	3,703	3,903	4,133
1120 Appropriations transferred to other accts [036-0169] .....	-7	-7	-7
1130 Appropriations permanently reduced .....		-1	
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	3,696	3,895	4,126
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected .....	35	55	57
1701 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources .....	5		
1750 Spending auth from offsetting collections, disc (total) .....	40	55	57
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	3,736	3,950	4,183
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	3,876	4,496	4,357
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1940 Unobligated balance expiring .....	-1		
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	169	174	1
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1,713	1,899	2,183
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	3,706	4,322	4,356
3011 Obligations incurred, expired accounts .....	-53		
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-3,467	-4,038	-4,265
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	1,899	2,183	2,274
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....		-5	-5
3070 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-5		
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	-5	-5	-5
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	1,713	1,894	2,178
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	1,894	2,178	2,269
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	3,736	3,950	4,183
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	2,061	2,376	2,580
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	1,406	1,571	1,514
4020 Outlays, gross (total) .....	3,467	3,947	4,094
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4030 Federal sources .....	-35	-55	-57
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4050 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-5		
4070 Budget authority, net (discretionary) .....	3,696	3,895	4,126
4080 Outlays, net (discretionary) .....	3,432	3,892	4,037
Mandatory:			
Outlays, gross:			
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....		91	171
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	3,696	3,895	4,126
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	3,432	3,983	4,208

The Information Technology (IT) Systems appropriation funds IT services such as systems development and performance, operations and maintenance, information protection, and customer support. This appropriation enables the effective and efficient delivery of services to the nation's largest healthcare network as well as the veterans benefits and corporate business lines within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

**Development.**—The Office of Information & Technology invests in projects designed to improve the delivery of VA services and benefits for veterans and their families. The Veterans Benefits Management System's development continues to progress and has seen successes to date. This account also supports improvements in the Electronic Healthcare Record.

**Operations and Maintenance.**—The Office of Information & Technology purchases, maintains, manages, and supports all the computer, phone, telecommunication, and data systems equipment for all VA facilities.

VA's IT systems will also receive funding support to improve veterans access to healthcare in 2015 and 2016 under the Veterans Choice Act, P.L. 113-146.

## Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0167-0-1-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent .....	645	668	683
11.1 Full-time permanent - Choice Act, P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 ....		10	23
11.9 Total personnel compensation .....	645	678	706
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	197	197	202
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits -Choice Act, P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 .....		3	5
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons .....	6	9	9
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges .....	741	748	754
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	1,617	2,113	2,120
25.2 Other services from non-Federal -Choice Act, P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 .....		101	45
26.0 Supplies and materials .....	6	9	11
26.0 Supplies and materials - Choice Act, P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 ....		10	7
31.0 Equipment .....	425	317	343
31.0 Equipment - Choice Act, P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 .....		80	95
32.0 Land and structures .....	9	2	2
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities .....	21		
99.0 Direct obligations .....	3,667	4,267	4,299
99.0 Reimbursable obligations .....	39	55	57
99.9 Total new obligations .....	3,706	4,322	4,356

## Employment Summary

Identification code 036-0167-0-1-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	7,208	7,421	7,517
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	83	94	98

## NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

For necessary expenses of the National Cemetery Administration for operations and maintenance, not otherwise provided for, including uniforms or allowances therefor; cemeterial expenses as authorized by law; purchase of one passenger motor vehicle for use in cemeterial operations; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and repair, alteration or improvement of facilities under the jurisdiction of the National Cemetery Administration, **[\$256,800,000] \$266,220,000**, of which not to exceed **[\$25,600,000] \$26,600,000** shall remain available until September 30, **[2016] 2017**. (*Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.*)

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0129-0-1-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0201 Administrative expenses .....	259	257	266
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	11	1	1
1012 Unobligated balance transfers between expired and unexpired accounts .....	4		
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	15	1	1
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation .....	250	257	266



1131	Unobligated balance of appropriations permanently reduced .....	-1		
1160	Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	249	257	266
1930	Total budgetary resources available .....	264	258	267
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
1940	Unobligated balance expiring .....	-4		
1941	Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	1	1	1

**Change in obligated balance:**

Unpaid obligations:				
3000	Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	101	87	68
3010	Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	259	257	266
3011	Obligations incurred, expired accounts .....	-5		
3020	Outlays (gross) .....	-268	-276	-264
3050	Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	87	68	70
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
3100	Obligated balance, start of year .....	101	87	68
3200	Obligated balance, end of year .....	87	68	70

**Budget authority and outlays, net:**

Discretionary:				
4000	Budget authority, gross .....	249	257	266
Outlays, gross:				
4010	Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	187	194	205
4011	Outlays from discretionary balances .....	81	82	59
4020	Outlays, gross (total) .....	268	276	264
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....	249	257	266
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....	268	276	264

The mission of the National Cemetery Administration is to honor veterans with final resting places in national shrines and with lasting tributes that commemorate their service to our Nation. The National Cemetery Administration's vision is to serve all veterans and their families with the utmost dignity, respect, and compassion. Every national cemetery will be a place that inspires visitors to understand and appreciate the service and sacrifice of our Nation's veterans. There are six related programs managed by the National Cemetery Administration including: (1) burying eligible veterans and their family members in national cemeteries and maintaining the graves and their environs as national shrines; (2) administering grants to States and Tribal organizations in establishing, expanding, improving, or operating veterans cemeteries; (3) providing headstones and markers for the graves of eligible veterans; (4) providing presidential memorial certificates to family and friends of deceased veterans, recognizing the veterans' contribution and service to the Nation; (5) providing graveliners or partial reimbursement for a privately purchased outer burial receptacle for each new grave in open national cemeteries administered by the National Cemetery Administration; and (6) recording First Notice of Veteran Deaths into VA electronic files to ensure timely termination of benefits and next-of-kin notification of possible entitlement to survivor benefits.

The National Cemetery Administration also reflects budget information for the National Cemetery Gift Fund and the National Cemetery Administration Facilities Operation Fund. Through the Gift Fund, the Secretary is authorized to accept gifts and bequests which are made for the purpose of beautifying national cemeteries or are determined to be beneficial to such cemeteries, or are made for the purpose of the operation, maintenance, or improvement of the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona. Through the Facilities Operation Fund, the Secretary is authorized to lease any undeveloped land and unused or underutilized buildings of the National Cemetery Administration, or parts or parcels thereof, for a term not to exceed 10 years. Proceeds from such leases are deposited in the Facilities Operation Fund, and are available to cover costs incurred by the National Cemetery Administration in the operation and maintenance of property of the Administration.

**Object Classification (in millions of dollars)**

Identification code 036-0129-0-1-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent .....	101	103	106
11.3 Other than full-time permanent .....	4	5	5

11.9 Total personnel compensation .....	105	108	111
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	35	38	40
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons .....	3	5	5
22.0 Transportation of things .....	2		
23.1 Rent .....	2	2	3
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges .....	7	7	7
24.0 Printing and reproduction .....	2	2	2
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	83	72	73
26.0 Supplies and materials .....	10	11	11
31.0 Equipment .....	7	11	13
32.0 Land and structures .....	3	1	1
99.9 Total new obligations .....	259	257	266

**Employment Summary**

Identification code 036-0129-0-1-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	1,712	1,767	1,789

**SUPPLY FUND****Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)**

Identification code 036-4537-0-4-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0801 Reimbursable program-COGS-Merchandizing .....	893	1,019	1,024
0802 Reimbursable program-Other-Operations .....	198	395	403
0803 Reimbursable program-COGS-Printing and publications .....	29	29	29
0804 Reimbursable program-Other .....	83	85	88
0805 Reimbursable program-Equipment-Procurement services and distribution .....	395	572	582
0900 Total new obligations .....	1,598	2,100	2,126

**Budgetary resources:**

Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	787	249	249
Budget authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	1,304	2,100	2,126
1801 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources .....	-244		
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total) .....	1,060	2,100	2,126
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	1,847	2,349	2,375
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	249	249	249

**Change in obligated balance:**

Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1,402	1,565	1,851
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	1,598	2,100	2,126
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-1,435	-1,814	-2,100
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	1,565	1,851	1,877
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	-1,964	-1,720	-1,720
3070 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	244		
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	-1,720	-1,720	-1,720
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	-562	-155	131
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	-155	131	157

**Budget authority and outlays, net:**

Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	1,060	2,100	2,126
Outlays, gross:			
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....	1,435	1,814	2,100
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4120 Federal sources .....	-1,176	-2,100	-2,126
4123 Non-Federal sources .....	-128		
4130 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) ....	-1,304	-2,100	-2,126
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4140 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	244		
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory) .....	131	-286	-26
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	131	-286	-26

Under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. 8121, the Supply Fund is responsible for the operation and maintenance of a supply system for VA. In this capa-

## SUPPLY FUND—Continued

city, it provides policy and oversight to VA's acquisition and logistics programs, and provides best value acquisition of goods and services through its National Acquisition Center, Denver Acquisition and Logistics Center, Service and Distribution Center, Technology Acquisition Center and Strategic Acquisition Center. Operating as an intra-governmental revolving fund without fiscal year limitations, the Supply Fund is financed by revenue from fees on acquisitions of supplies, equipment, and services for both VA and other Government agency (OGA) customers.

## Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4537-0-4-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Reimbursable obligations:			
11.1 Personnel compensation: Full-time permanent .....	119	136	141
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	2	2	3
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons .....	8	12	12
23.1 Rental payments to GSA .....	5	5	5
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges .....	5	7	7
24.0 Printing and reproduction .....	8	8	8
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	281	322	349
26.0 Supplies and materials .....	362	414	436
31.0 Equipment .....	801	1,194	1,165
32.0 Land and structures .....	7		
99.9 Total new obligations .....	1,598	2,100	2,126

## Employment Summary

Identification code 036-4537-0-4-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	1,013	2,100	2,126

## FRANCHISE FUND

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4539-0-4-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0801 Franchise Fund (Reimbursable) .....	672	796	830
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	108	139	146
Budget authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected .....	653	803	837
1701 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources .....	50		
1750 Spending auth from offsetting collections, disc (total) .....	703	803	837
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	811	942	983
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	139	146	153
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	182	256	207
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts .....	672	796	830
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-598	-845	-829
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	256	207	208
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	-89	-139	-139
3070 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-50		
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	-139	-139	-139
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	93	117	68
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	117	68	69
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	703	803	837
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	309	602	628
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	289	243	201
4020 Outlays, gross (total) .....	598	845	829

Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4030 Federal sources .....	-653	-803	-837
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4050 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-50		
4080 Outlays, net (discretionary) .....	-55	42	-8
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	-55	42	-8

The VA Franchise Fund was established under the authority of the Government Management Reform Act of 1994 and the VA and Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Act of 1997. VA was selected by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in 1996 as one of the six executive branch agencies to establish a franchise fund pilot program. Created as a revolving fund, the VA Franchise Fund began providing common administrative support services to the VA and other government agencies in 1997 on a fee-for-service basis. In 2006, under the Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, Public Law 109-114, permanent status was conferred upon the VA Franchise Fund. VA Enterprise Centers are the lines of business within the VA Franchise Fund and are expected to have net billings of about \$830 million and employ 1,658 in 2016. The Franchise Fund concept is intended to increase competition for government administrative services, resulting in lower costs and higher quality.

## Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4539-0-4-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Reimbursable obligations:			
11.1 Personnel compensation: Full-time permanent .....	92	127	126
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	29	38	43
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons .....	1	3	3
23.1 Rental payments to GSA .....		1	1
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges .....	84	106	119
24.0 Printing and reproduction .....	4	7	7
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	387	418	451
26.0 Supplies and materials .....	4	11	11
31.0 Equipment .....	71	85	69
99.9 Total new obligations .....	672	796	830

## Employment Summary

Identification code 036-4539-0-4-705	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	1,153	1,625	1,658

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

## (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 201. Any appropriation for fiscal year [2015]2016 for "Compensation and Pensions", "Readjustment Benefits", and "Veterans Insurance and Indemnities" may be transferred as necessary to any other of the mentioned appropriations: *Provided*, That before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall [request from] *submit notice thereof* to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress [the authority to make the transfer and such Committees issue an approval, or absent a response, a period of 30 days has elapsed].

## (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 202. Amounts made available for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year [2015]2016, in this or any other Act, under the "Medical Services", "Medical Support and Compliance", and "Medical Facilities" accounts may be transferred among the accounts: *Provided*, That [any transfers between the "Medical Services" and "Medical Support and Compliance" accounts of 1 percent or less of the total amount appropriated to the account in this or any other Act may take place subject to notification from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the amount and purpose of the transfer: *Provided further*, That any transfers between the "Medical Services" and "Medical Support and Compliance" accounts in excess of 1 percent, or exceeding the cumulative 1 percent for the fiscal year, may take place only after the Secretary requests from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer and an approval is issued: *Provided further*, That any transfers to or from the "Medical Facilities" account may take place only after the Secretary requests from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer and an approval is issued] *before a transfer*

may take place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit notice thereof to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

SEC. 203. Appropriations available in this title for salaries and expenses shall be available for services authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code; hire of passenger motor vehicles; lease of a facility or land or both; and uniforms or allowances therefore, as authorized by sections 5901 through 5902 of title 5, United States Code.

SEC. 204. No appropriations in this title (except the appropriations for "Construction, Major Projects", and "Construction, Minor Projects") shall be available for the purchase of any site for or toward the construction of any new hospital or home.

SEC. 205. No appropriations in this title shall be available for hospitalization or examination of any persons (except beneficiaries entitled to such hospitalization or examination under the laws providing such benefits to veterans, and persons receiving such treatment under sections 7901 through 7904 of title 5, United States Code, or the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)), unless reimbursement of the cost of such hospitalization or examination is made to the "Medical Services" account at such rates as may be fixed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

SEC. 206. Appropriations available in this title for "Compensation and Pensions", "Readjustment Benefits", and "Veterans Insurance and Indemnities" shall be available for payment of prior year accrued obligations required to be recorded by law against the corresponding prior year accounts within the last quarter of fiscal year [2014] 2015.

SEC. 207. Appropriations available in this title shall be available to pay prior year obligations of corresponding prior year appropriations accounts resulting from sections 3328(a), 3334, and 3712(a) of title 31, United States Code, except that if such obligations are from trust fund accounts they shall be payable only from "Compensation and Pensions".

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 208. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during fiscal year [2015] 2016, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, from the National Service Life Insurance Fund under section 1920 of title 38, United States Code, the Veterans' Special Life Insurance Fund under section 1923 of title 38, United States Code, and the United States Government Life Insurance Fund under section 1955 of title 38, United States Code, reimburse the "General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration" and "Information Technology Systems" accounts for the cost of administration of the insurance programs financed through those accounts: *Provided*, That reimbursement shall be made only from the surplus earnings accumulated in such an insurance program during fiscal year [2015] 2016 that are available for dividends in that program after claims have been paid and actuarially determined reserves have been set aside: *Provided further*, That if the cost of administration of such an insurance program exceeds the amount of surplus earnings accumulated in that program, reimbursement shall be made only to the extent of such surplus earnings: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall determine the cost of administration for fiscal year [2015] 2016 which is properly allocable to the provision of each such insurance program and to the provision of any total disability income insurance included in that insurance program.

SEC. 209. Amounts deducted from enhanced-use lease proceeds to reimburse an account for expenses incurred by that account during a prior fiscal year for providing enhanced-use lease services, may be obligated during the fiscal year in which the proceeds are received.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 210. Funds available in this title or funds for salaries and other administrative expenses shall also be available to reimburse the Office of Resolution Management of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication under section 319 of title 38, United States Code, for all services provided at rates which will recover actual costs but not to exceed [\$42,904,000] \$43,700,000 for the Office of Resolution Management and \$3,400,000 for the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication: *Provided*, That payments may be made in advance for services to be furnished based on estimated costs: *Provided further*, That amounts received shall be credited to the "General Administration" and "Information Technology Systems" accounts for use by the office that provided the service.

SEC. 211. No appropriations in this title shall be available to enter into any new lease of real property if the estimated annual rental cost is more than \$1,000,000, unless the Secretary submits a report [which] to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress [approve within 30 days following the date on which the report is received].

SEC. 212. No funds of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall be available for hospital care, nursing home care, or medical services provided to any person under chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, for a non-service-connected disability described in section 1729(a)(2) of such title, unless that person has disclosed to the

Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in such form as the Secretary may require, current, accurate third-party reimbursement information for purposes of section 1729 of such title: *Provided*, That the Secretary may recover, in the same manner as any other debt due the United States, the reasonable charges for such care or services from any person who does not make such disclosure as required: *Provided further*, That any amounts so recovered for care or services provided in a prior fiscal year may be obligated by the Secretary during the fiscal year in which amounts are received.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 213. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, proceeds or revenues derived from enhanced-use leasing activities (including disposal) may be deposited into the "Construction, Major Projects" and "Construction, Minor Projects" accounts and be used for construction (including site acquisition and disposition), alterations, and improvements of any medical facility under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Such sums as realized are in addition to the amount provided for in "Construction, Major Projects" and "Construction, Minor Projects".

SEC. 214. Amounts made available under "Medical Services" are available—

- (1) for furnishing recreational facilities, supplies, and equipment; and
- (2) for funeral expenses, burial expenses, and other expenses incidental to funerals and burials for beneficiaries receiving care in the Department.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 215. Such sums as may be deposited to the Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A of title 38, United States Code, may be transferred to "Medical Services", to remain available until expended for the purposes of that account.

SEC. 216. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may enter into agreements with Indian tribes and tribal organizations which are party to the Alaska Native Health Compact with the Indian Health Service, and Indian tribes and tribal organizations serving rural Alaska which have entered into contracts with the Indian Health Service under the Indian Self Determination and Educational Assistance Act, to provide healthcare, including behavioral health and dental care. The Secretary shall require participating veterans and facilities to comply with all appropriate rules and regulations, as established by the Secretary. The term "rural Alaska" shall mean those lands sited within the external boundaries of the Alaska Native regions specified in sections 7(a)(1)-(4) and (7)-(12) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1606), and those lands within the Alaska Native regions specified in sections 7(a)(5) and 7(a)(6) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1606), which are not within the boundaries of the municipality of Anchorage, the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the Kenai Peninsula Borough or the Matanuska Susitna Borough.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 217. Such sums as may be deposited to the Department of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Fund pursuant to section 8118 of title 38, United States Code, may be transferred to the "Construction, Major Projects" and "Construction, Minor Projects" accounts, to remain available until expended for the purposes of these accounts.

[SEC. 218. None of the funds made available in this title may be used to implement any policy prohibiting the Directors of the Veterans Integrated Services Networks from conducting outreach or marketing to enroll new veterans within their respective Networks.]

[SEC. 219. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a quarterly report on the financial status of the Veterans Health Administration.]

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. [220] 218. Amounts made available under the "Medical Services", "Medical Support and Compliance", "Medical Facilities", "General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration", "General Administration", and "National Cemetery Administration" accounts for fiscal year [2015] 2016 may be transferred to or from the "Information Technology Systems" account: *Provided*, That before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall [request from] submit notice thereof to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress [the authority to make the transfer and an approval is issued].

[SEC. 221. Of the amounts made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2015, in this or any other Act, under the "Medical Facilities" account for nonrecurring maintenance, not more than 20 percent of the funds made available shall be obligated during the last 2 months of that fiscal year: *Provided*, That the Secretary may waive this requirement after providing written notice to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.]

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. [222] 219. Of the amounts appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year [2015] 2016 for "Medical Services", "Medical Support and Compliance", "Medical Facilities", "Construction, Minor Projects", and "Information Technology Systems", up to [\$259,251,213] \$266,303,000, plus reimbursements, may be transferred to the Joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans

Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 3571) and may be used for operation of the facilities designated as combined Federal medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): *Provided*, That additional funds may be transferred from accounts designated in this section to the Joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund upon written notification by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That section 223 of Title II of Division I of Public Law 113–235 is repealed.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. [223] 220. Of the amounts appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs which become available on October 1, [2015] 2016, for "Medical Services", "Medical Support and Compliance", and "Medical Facilities", up to [\$245,398,000] \$265,675,000, plus reimbursements, may be transferred to the Joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 3571) and may be used for operation of the facilities designated as combined Federal medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): *Provided*, That additional funds may be transferred from accounts designated in this section to the Joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund upon written notification by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. [224] 221. Such sums as may be deposited to the Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A of title 38, United States Code, for healthcare provided at facilities designated as combined Federal medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500) shall also be available: (1) for transfer to the Joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 3571); and (2) for operations of the facilities designated as combined Federal medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500).

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. [225] 222. Of the amounts available in this title for "Medical Services", "Medical Support and Compliance", and "Medical Facilities", a minimum of \$15,000,000 shall be transferred to the DOD-VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund, as authorized by section 8111(d) of title 38, United States Code, to remain available until expended, for any purpose authorized by section 8111 of title 38, United States Code.

(INCLUDING [RESCISSIONS] CANCELLATION OF FUNDS)

SEC. [226] 223. (a) Of the funds appropriated in title II of division [J] I of Public Law [113–76] 113–235, the following amounts which became available on October 1, [2014] 2015, are hereby [rescinded] *permanently cancelled* from the following accounts in the amounts specified:

(1) "Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical Services", \$1,400,000,000.

(2) "Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical Support and Compliance", \$100,000,000.

(3) "Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical Facilities", \$250,000,000.

(b) In addition to amounts provided elsewhere in this Act, an additional amount is appropriated to the following accounts in the amounts specified to remain available until September 30, [2016] 2017:

(1) "Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical Services", \$1,400,000,000.

(2) "Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical Support and Compliance", \$100,000,000.

(3) "Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical Facilities", \$250,000,000.

[SEC. 227. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of all bid savings in major construction projects that total at least \$5,000,000, or 5 percent of the programmed amount of the project, whichever is less: *Provided*, That such notification shall occur within 14 days of a contract identifying the programmed amount: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress 14 days prior to the obligation of such bid savings and shall describe the anticipated use of such savings.]

[SEC. 228. The scope of work for a project included in "Construction, Major Projects" may not be increased above the scope specified for that project in the ori-

ginal justification data provided to the Congress as part of the request for appropriations.]

[SEC. 229. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a quarterly report that contains the following information from each Veterans Benefits Administration Regional Office: (1) the average time to complete a disability compensation claim; (2) the number of claims pending more than 125 days; (3) error rates; (4) the number of claims personnel; (5) any corrective action taken within the quarter to address poor performance; (6) training programs undertaken; and (7) the number and results of Quality Review Team audits: *Provided*, That each quarterly report shall be submitted no later than 30 days after the end of the respective quarter.]

[SEC. 230. The Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a reprogramming request if at any point during fiscal year 2015, the funding allocated for a medical care initiative identified in the fiscal year 2015 expenditure plan is adjusted by more than \$25,000,000 from the allocation shown in the corresponding congressional budget justification. Such a reprogramming request may go forward only if the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress approve the request or if a period of 14 days has elapsed.]

[SEC. 231. Of the funds provided to the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2015 for "Medical Services" and "Medical Support and Compliance", a maximum of \$8,371,000 may be obligated from the "Medical Services" account and a maximum of \$114,703,000 may be obligated from the "Medical Support and Compliance" account for the VistA Evolution and electronic health record interoperability projects: *Provided*, That funds in addition to these amounts may be obligated for the VistA Evolution and electronic health record interoperability projects upon written notification by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.]

[SEC. 232. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall provide written notification to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress 15 days prior to organizational changes which result in the transfer of 25 or more full-time equivalents from one organizational unit of the Department of Veterans Affairs to another.]

(INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

[SEC. 233. (a) There is hereby rescinded an aggregate amount of \$41,000,000 from the total budget authority provided for fiscal year 2015 for discretionary accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs in—

(1) this Act; or

(2) any advance appropriation for fiscal year 2015 in prior appropriation Acts.

(b) The Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a report specifying the account and amount of each rescission not later than 20 days following enactment of this Act.]

[SEC. 234. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall provide on a quarterly basis to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress notification of any single national outreach and awareness marketing campaign in which obligations exceed \$2,000,000.]

[SEC. 235. None of the funds in this or any other Act may be used to close Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hospitals, domiciliaries, or clinics, conduct an environmental assessment, or to diminish healthcare services at existing Veterans Health Administration medical facilities located in Veterans Integrated Service Network 23 as part of a planned realignment of VA services until the Secretary provides to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a report including the following elements: (1) a national realignment strategy that includes a detailed description of realignment plans within each Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN), including an updated Long Range Capital Plan to implement realignment requirements; (2) an explanation of the process by which those plans were developed and coordinated within the VISN; (3) a cost vs. benefit analysis of each planned realignment, including the cost of replacing Veterans Health Administration services with contract care or other outsourced services; (4) an analysis of how any such planned realignment of services will impact access to care for veterans living in rural or highly rural areas, including travel distances and transportation costs to access a VA medical facility and availability of local specialty and primary care; (5) an inventory of VA buildings with historic designation and the methodology used to determine the buildings' condition and utilization; (6) a description of how any realignment will be consistent with requirements under the National Historic Preservation Act; and (7) consideration given for reuse of historic buildings within newly identified realignment requirements: *Provided*, That this provision shall not apply to capital projects in VISN 23, or any other VISN, which have been authorized or approved by Congress.]

[SEC. 236. None of the funds available to the Department of Veterans Affairs, in this or any other Act, may be used to replace the current system by which the Veterans Integrated Service Networks select and contract for diabetes monitoring supplies and equipment.]

【SEC. 237. None of the funds made available in this Act or prior Acts may be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to expand the dialysis pilot program approved by the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health in August 2010 and by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in September 2010 or to create any new dialysis capability provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs in any facility that is not an initial facility under the pilot program until the later of the following dates:

(1) September 30, 2015.

(2) The date on which an independent analysis of the dialysis pilot program has been conducted at each initial facility and has been submitted to the Committees on Appropriations and the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of both Houses of Congress.】

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 【238】224. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, upon determination that such action is necessary to address needs of the Veterans Health Administration, may transfer to the "Medical Services" account any discretionary appropriations made available for fiscal year 【2015】2016 in this title (except appropriations made to the "General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration" account) or any discretionary unobligated balances within the Department of Veterans Affairs, including those appropriated for fiscal year 【2015】2016, that were provided in advance by appropriations Acts: *Provided*, That transfers shall be made only with the approval of the Office of Management and Budget: *Provided further*, That the transfer authority provided in this section is in addition to any other transfer authority provided by law: *Provided further*, That no amounts may be transferred from amounts that were designated by Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That such authority to transfer may not be used unless for higher priority items, based on emergent healthcare requirements, than those for which originally appropriated and in no case where the item for which funds are requested has been denied by Congress: *Provided further*, That, upon determination that all or part of the funds transferred from an appropriation are not necessary, such amounts may be transferred back to that appropriation and shall be available for the same purposes as originally appropriated: *Provided further*, That before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall 【request from】*submit notice thereof* to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress 【the authority to make the transfer and receive approval of that request】.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 【239】225. Amounts made available for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 【2015】2016, under the "Board of Veterans Appeals" and the "General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration" accounts may be transferred between such accounts: *Provided*, That before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall 【request from】*submit notice thereof* to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress 【the authority to make the transfer and such Committees issue an approval】.

【(RESCISSION OF FUNDS)】

【SEC. 240. Of the unobligated balances available within the "DOD-VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund", \$15,000,000 are hereby rescinded.】

【SEC. 241. Subsection (b) of section 504 of the Veterans' Benefits Improvements Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–275; 38 U.S.C. 5101 note) is amended to read as follows:

"(b) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may carry out the pilot program under this section as follows:

(1) In fiscal years before fiscal year 2015, through not more than 10 regional offices of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(2) In fiscal year 2015, through not more than 12 regional offices of the Department.

(3) In fiscal year 2016, through not more than 15 regional offices of the Department.

(4) In fiscal year 2017 and each fiscal year thereafter, through such regional offices of the Department as the Secretary considers appropriate."】

【SEC. 242. Section 101(d)(2)(B)(ii) of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–146; 38 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended by adding at the end the following new subclause:

"(III) With respect to furnishing care or services under this section in Alaska, the Alaska Fee Schedule of the Department of Veterans Affairs will be followed, except for when another payment agreement, including a contract or provider agreement, is in place. With respect to care or services furnished under this section in a State with an All-Payer Model Agreement under the Social Security Act that became effective on January 1, 2014, the Medicare payment rates under clause (i) shall be calculated based on the payment rates under such agreement."】

【SEC. 243. Section 1710(e)(1)(F) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking "January 1, 1957", and inserting "August 1, 1953".】

【ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN ACCOUNTS OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS】

【SEC. 244. (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 117 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking "medical care accounts of the Department" each place it appears and inserting "covered accounts of the Department";

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking "beginning with fiscal year 2011";, and

(B) by striking "discretionary" each place it appears;

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking "medical care accounts of the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs account" and inserting "accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs account";

(B) in paragraph (1), by inserting "Veterans Health Administration," and after "(1)";

(C) in paragraph (2), by inserting "Veterans Health Administration," after "(2)";

(D) in paragraph (3), by inserting "Veterans Health Administration," after "(3)";

(E) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (3) as paragraphs (4) through (6), respectively;

(F) by inserting before paragraph (4), as redesignated by subparagraph (E), the following new paragraphs:

"(1) Veterans Benefits Administration, Compensation and Pensions.

(2) Veterans Benefits Administration, Readjustment Benefits.

(3) Veterans Benefits Administration, Veterans Insurance and Indemnities."; and

(G) in the subsection heading, by striking "Medical Care Accounts" and inserting "Covered Accounts of the Department"; and

(4) in the section heading, by striking "certain medical care accounts" and inserting "certain accounts".

(b) APPLICABILITY.—Section 117 of title 38, United States Code, shall apply as follows:

(1) With respect to an account described in paragraph (4), (5), or (6) of subsection (c) of such section, as redesignated by subsection (a) of this section, for each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2011.

(2) With respect to an account described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of such subsection (c), as added by subsection (a) of this section, for each fiscal year beginning with 2017.

(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 1 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 117 and inserting the following new item:

"117. Advance appropriations for certain accounts."

(d) CONFORMING AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking the first paragraph (37) and inserting the following new paragraph:

"(37) information on estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the budget is submitted for the following accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs:

(A) Veterans Benefits Administration, Compensation and Pensions.

(B) Veterans Benefits Administration, Readjustment Benefits.

(C) Veterans Benefits Administration, Veterans Insurance and Indemnities.

(D) Veterans Health Administration, Medical Services.

(E) Veterans Health Administration, Medical Support and Compliance.

(F) Veterans Health Administration, Medical Facilities."; and

(2) by redesignating the second paragraph (37), as added by section 11(a)(2) of the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–352; 124 Stat. 3881), as paragraph (39).】

(*Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.*)

## GENERAL FUND RECEIPT ACCOUNTS

(in millions of dollars)

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Offsetting receipts from the public:			
036-275130 Native American Direct Loans, Downward Reestimate of Subsidies .....	1		
036-273330 Housing Downward Reestimates .....	24	268	
036-275110 Native American Veteran Housing Loans, Negative Subsidies .....	1	2	2

## General Fund Receipt Accounts—Continued

	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
036-143500 General Fund Proprietary Interest Receipts, not Otherwise Classified .....	5	8	10
036-322000 All Other General Fund Proprietary Receipts Including Budget Clearing Accounts .....	42	40	40
036-275510 Housing Negative Subsidies .....	20	50	88
036-247300 Contributions from Military Personnel, Veteran's Educational Assistance Act of 1984 .....	159	201	171
General Fund Offsetting receipts from the public .....	252	569	311
Intragovernmental payments:			
036-388500 Undistributed Intragovernmental Payments and Receivables from Cancelled Accounts .....	21	5	5
General Fund Intragovernmental payments .....	21	5	5

## TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 501. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

SEC. 502. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used for any program, project, or activity, when it is made known to the Federal entity or official to which the funds are made available that the program, project, or activity is not in compliance with any Federal law relating to risk assessment, the protection of private property rights, or unfunded mandates.

SEC. 503. All departments and agencies funded under this Act are encouraged, within the limits of the existing statutory authorities and funding, to expand their use of "E-Commerce" technologies and procedures in the conduct of their business practices and public service activities.

SEC. 504. Unless stated otherwise, all reports and notifications required by this Act shall be submitted to the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

SEC. 505. None of the funds made available in this Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government except pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority provided in, this or any other appropriations Act.

SEC. 506. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used for a project or program named for an individual serving as a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner of the United States House of Representatives.

SEC. 507. (a) Any agency receiving funds made available in this Act, shall, subject to subsections (b) and (c), post on the public Web site of that agency any report required to be submitted by the Congress in this or any other Act, upon the determination by the head of the agency that it shall serve the national interest.

(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to a report if—

- (1) the public posting of the report compromises national security; or
- (2) the report contains confidential or proprietary information.

(c) The head of the agency posting such report shall do so only after such report has been made available to the requesting Committee or Committees of Congress for no less than 45 days.

SEC. 508. (a) None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

(b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out criminal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

SEC. 509. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used by an agency of the executive branch to pay for first-class travel by an employee of the agency in contravention of sections 301–10.122 through 301–10.124 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

SEC. 510. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to execute a contract for goods or services, including construction services, where the contractor has not complied with Executive Order No. 12989.

SEC. 511. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans Affairs to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles for any executive fleet, or for an agency's fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum—Federal Fleet Performance, dated May 24, 2011. ]

SEC. 512. (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense in this Act may be used to construct, renovate, or expand any facility in the United States, its territories, or possessions to house any individual detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for the purposes of detention or imprisonment in the custody or under the control of the Department of Defense.

(b) The prohibition in subsection (a) shall not apply to any modification of facilities at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

(c) An individual described in this subsection is any individual who, as of June 24, 2009, is located at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and who—

(1) is not a citizen of the United States or a member of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

(2) is—

(A) in the custody or under the effective control of the Department of Defense; or

(B) otherwise under detention at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. ]

(Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.)