

# 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; **[\$1,078,993,000] \$1,031,808,000**, which shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under this heading that become available on October 1, **[2016] 2017**; and, in addition, **[\$44,886,554,000] \$49,161,165,000**, plus reimbursements, shall become available on October 1, **[2017] 2018**, and shall remain available until September 30, **[2018] 2019**: *Provided*, That, of the amount made available on October 1, **[2017] 2018**, under this heading, \$1,400,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, **[2019] 2020**: *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: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that sufficient amounts appropriated under this heading for medical supplies and equipment are available for the acquisition of prosthetics designed specifically for female veterans: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall provide access to therapeutic listening devices to veterans struggling with mental health related problems, substance abuse, or traumatic brain injury. (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.*)

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

Identification code 036-0160-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
0100 Balance, start of year .....	292	1,723	9,305
Receipts:			
Current law:			
1130 Pharmaceutical Co-payments, MCCF .....	631	535	456
1130 Medical Care Collections Fund, Third Party Prescription Claims .....	100	109	115
1130 Enhanced-use Lease Proceeds, MCCF .....	1	2	.....
1130 First Party Collections, MCCF .....	190	205	204
1130 Third Party Collections, MCCF .....	2,544	2,402	2,431
1130 Parking Fees, MCCF .....	4	4	4
1130 Compensated Work Therapy, MCCF .....	61	61	63
1130 MCCF, Long-term Care Copayments .....	2	3	2
1140 Payments from Compensation and Pension, MCCF .....	1	2	2
1199 Total current law receipts .....	3,534	3,323	3,277
1999 Total receipts .....	3,534	3,323	3,277
2000 Total: Balances and receipts .....	3,826	5,046	12,582
Appropriations:			
Current law:			
2101 Medical Care Collections Fund .....	-3,503	-3,322	-3,271
2172 Medical Services .....	.....	.....	.....
2172 Medical Services .....	.....	.....	.....
2174 Medical Services .....	1,400	134	.....
2174 Medical Services .....	.....	7,246	.....
2199 Total current law appropriations .....	-2,103	4,259	-3,057
2999 Total appropriations .....	-2,103	4,259	-3,057

5099 Balance, end of year ..... 1,723 9,305 9,525

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

Identification code 036-0160-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Outpatient care .....	15,216	15,472	17,073
0002 Inpatient care .....	7,565	8,168	8,747
0004 Mental health care .....	5,361	5,793	6,296
0005 Long-term care .....	3,149	3,341	3,612
0006 Pharmacy .....	6,256	6,648	6,974
0007 Prosthetics care .....	2,908	3,414	3,689
0008 Dental care .....	614	752	808
0009 Rehabilitation .....	201	779	815
0011 Readjustment Counseling .....	203	195	196
0012 Caregivers (Title I) P.L. 111-163 .....	487	494	571
0013 Prior-Year Recoveries .....	246	.....	.....
0014 Non-VA Care (Payments) .....	9,089	.....	.....
0015 CHAMPVA (VA Portion) .....	.....	343	353
0022 P.L. 113-146, Hires .....	1,270	713	.....
0023 P.L. 113-146, Sec. 301 .....	13	17	32
0024 P.L. 113-146, Supplies/Equipment .....	16	23	.....
0025 P.L. 113-146, Mobile Clinic Video .....	11	3	.....
0026 P.L. 113-146, Activations .....	41	.....	.....
0029 P.L. 113-146, Prior Year Recoveries .....	1	.....	.....
0030 Audit Adjustment .....	149	.....	.....
0091 Total operating expenses .....	52,796	46,155	49,166
0101 Outpatient care .....	810	933	777
0102 Inpatient care .....	261	300	250
0103 Mental health care .....	40	46	38
0104 Long-term care .....	69	79	66
0105 Pharmacy .....	25	29	24
0106 Prosthetics care .....	28	32	27
0107 Dental care .....	25	29	24
0108 Rehabilitation .....	8	9	8
0109 Readjustment Counseling .....	8	9	8
0113 P.L. 113-146, Hires .....	1	.....	.....
0114 P.L. 113-146, Supplies/Equipment .....	26	26	.....
0191 Total Capital Investment .....	1,301	1,492	1,222
0799 Total direct obligations .....	54,097	47,647	50,388
0801 Medical Services (Reimbursable) .....	119	153	153
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	54,216	47,800	50,541
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1,882	1,539	1,742
1001 Discretionary unobligated balance brought fwd, Oct 1 .....	.....	667	.....
1011 Unobligated balance transfer from other acct [036-0111] .....	195	.....	.....
1011 Unobligated balance transfer from other acct [036-0162] .....	330	.....	.....
1011 Unobligated balance transfer from other acct [036-0152] .....	9	.....	.....
1020 Adjustment of unobligated bal brought forward, Oct 1 .....	.....	223	.....
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations .....	237	.....	.....
1033 Recoveries of prior year paid obligations .....	9	.....	.....
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	2,662	1,762	1,742
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation .....	3,769	1,079	1,032
1120 Appropriations transferred to other accts [036-0169] .....	-196	.....	.....
1120 Appropriations transferred to other accts [036-0165] .....	-15	.....	.....
1120 Appropriations transferred to other acct [036-0110] .....	-39	.....	.....
1120 Appropriations transferred to other acct [036-0181] .....	-20	.....	.....
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-5287] .....	3,485	2,456	2,999
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0169] .....	10	.....	.....
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	6,994	3,535	4,031
Advance appropriations, discretionary:			
1170 Advance appropriation .....	47,603	51,673	44,887
1172 Advance appropriations transferred to other accounts [036-0165] .....	.....	-15	-15
1172 Advance appropriations transferred to other accounts [036-0169] .....	.....	-186	-199
1174 Advance appropriations permanently reduced .....	-1,400	-134	.....
1174 Advance appropriations permanently reduced .....	.....	-7,246	.....
1180 Advanced appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	46,203	44,092	44,673
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected .....	116	150	150
1701 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources .....	3	3	3
1750 Spending auth from offsetting collections, disc (total) .....	119	153	153

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Program and Financing—Continued

Identification code 036-0160-0-1-703		2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
1900	Budget authority (total) .....	53,316	47,780	48,857
1930	Total budgetary resources available .....	55,978	49,542	50,599
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
1940	Unobligated balance expiring .....	-223		
1941	Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	1,539	1,742	58
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>				
Unpaid obligations:				
3000	Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	7,089	7,931	7,330
3001	Adjustments to unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	-868		
3010	New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	54,216	47,800	50,541
3011	Obligations ("upward adjustments"), expired accounts .....	957		
3020	Outlays (gross) .....	-52,453	-48,401	-48,326
3040	Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired .....	-237		
3041	Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired .....	-773		
3050	Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	7,931	7,330	9,545
Uncollected payments:				
3060	Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	-6	-6	-9
3070	Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-3	-3	-3
3071	Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, expired .....	3		
3090	Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	-6	-9	-12
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
3100	Obligated balance, start of year .....	6,215	7,925	7,321
3200	Obligated balance, end of year .....	7,925	7,321	9,533
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>				
Discretionary:				
4000	Budget authority, gross .....	53,316	47,780	48,857
Outlays, gross:				
4010	Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	45,651	41,394	42,168
4011	Outlays from discretionary balances .....	5,437	6,578	5,743
4020	Outlays, gross (total) .....	51,088	47,972	47,911
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:				
Offsetting collections (collected) from:				
4030	Federal sources .....	-65	-50	-40
4033	Non-Federal sources .....	-244	-100	-110
4040	Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) .....	-309	-150	-150
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:				
4050	Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-3	-3	-3
4052	Offsetting collections credited to expired accounts .....	184		
4053	Recoveries of prior year paid obligations, unexpired accounts .....	9		
4060	Additional offsets against budget authority only (total) .....	190	-3	-3
4070	Budget authority, net (discretionary) .....	53,197	47,627	48,704
4080	Outlays, net (discretionary) .....	50,779	47,822	47,761
Mandatory:				
Outlays, gross:				
4101	Outlays from mandatory balances .....	1,365	429	415
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....	53,197	47,627	48,704
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....	52,144	48,251	48,176

For 2019, the Budget requests \$70.7 billion in advance appropriations for the four medical care appropriations: Medical Services, Medical Community Care, 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 2018, Medical Care appropriations are increased by \$2.7 billion over the 2018 enacted advance appropriations of \$66.4 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 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") to improve 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. Public Law 115-26, enacted April 19, 2017, amended the Veterans Choice Act to eliminate the August 7, 2017 sunset date for the Veterans Choice Program, thus allowing the program to operate until all of the money in the Veterans Choice Fund is expended. To further continue the program, the Budget requests \$2.9 billion in mandatory budget authority in 2018 and \$3.5 billion in 2019.

With the resources requested for 2018 and 2019, VA will provide the highest quality health care services for veterans. VA estimates it will treat 7.0 million patients in 2018 and 7.1 million patients in 2019. Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn (OEF/OIF/OND) veterans are expected to be 858,552 in 2018 (12.2 percent of the total) and 887,098 in 2019 (12.4 percent of the total).

**Medical Care Collections Fund (MCCF).**—VA estimates collections of nearly \$3.3 billion in both 2018 and 2019, representing nearly 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 2017 enacted advance appropriation of \$51.7 billion, augmented with \$1.1 billion (as provided in Public Law 114-223); the 2018 enacted advance appropriation of \$44.9 billion, together with an additional \$1.0 billion as requested in this Budget; and the 2019 advance appropriation request of \$49.2 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, outpatient 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 (Public Law 113-146): \$874 million in unobligated balances remained available at the start of 2017.

**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 three programs: CHAMPVA and other dependent programs, readjustment counseling, and Caregivers. 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 VA's Congressional Justification materials. 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 2018 are estimated to be \$18,003 million for this health service category, which includes funding for ambulatory care in VA hospital-based and community-based clinics.

Estimated operating levels are:

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Outpatient Visits (excludes Mental Health):			
Staff .....	72,664,723	75,117,597	77,155,873

**Inpatient care.**—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2018 are estimated to be \$8,997 million, which includes funding for inpatient care in VA medical centers.

Estimated operating levels are:

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Patients Treated .....	453,293	445,464	437,635

**Mental health care.**—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2018 are estimated to be \$6,334 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:

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Average daily census (ADC) .....	8,341	8,260	8,133
Outpatient Visits/Encounters .....	13,397,001	13,965,965	14,503,778

**Long term services and supports.**—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2018 are estimated to be \$3,678 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:

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Institutional (ADC) .....	9,084	8,889	8,645
Non-Institutional Visits/Procedures .....	2,633,814	2,790,072	2,895,940

**Prosthetics care.**—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2018 are estimated to be \$3,716 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 their 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 2018 are estimated to be \$832 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:

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Dental Procedures .....	4,544,714	4,728,650	4,904,945

**Rehabilitation.**—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2018 are estimated to be \$823 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:

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
ADC .....	1,163	1,165	1,162

**Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) Programs.**—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2018 are estimated to be \$353 million (excludes care in the community portion found under the new Medical Community Care appropriation) for pharmacy and medical service personnel dealing with CHAMPVA matters.

**Readjustment Counseling.**—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2018 are estimated to be \$204 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:

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Visits .....	1,797,663	1,887,546	1,981,923

**Caregivers (Title I) Programs.**—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2018 are estimated to be \$571 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:

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Caregiver Stipend (dollars) .....	421,839,000	424,618,000	489,244,000
Caregiver Caseload .....	26,989	33,345	37,144

**Pharmacy.**—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2018 are estimated to be \$6,998 million for pharmacy costs. VA's use of medication therapies is a fundamental underpinning of how VA delivers health care today. VA's primary focus is on diagnosis and treatment in an ambulatory environment and home environment basis with institutional care as the modality of last resort.

Estimated operating levels are:

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Number of 30-day Prescriptions (millions) .....	278	283	294

**Public Law 113–146, Veterans Choice Act, Section 801.**—The Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–146) ("Veterans Choice Act") was enacted on August 7, 2014. The 2018 Budget supports implementation of the Veterans Choice Act and the Administration's goal of providing timely, high-quality health care for our Nation's veterans. The Veterans Choice Act provided \$5 billion in mandatory funding in Section 801 to increase veterans' access to health care by hiring more physicians and staff and improving the VA's physical infrastructure. Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2018 are estimated to be \$32 million for Section 301/302, hiring medical staff, and supplies and materials.

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Estimated obligations in the Medical Services account are:

Dollars in Millions	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
FTE & Other Costs	\$1,325	\$782	\$0
Section 301/302 Activities	\$13	\$0	\$32
Activations	\$41	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,379	\$782	\$32

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0160-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Direct obligations:</b>			
<b>Personnel compensation:</b>			
11.1 Full-time permanent	16,738	17,758	19,250
11.1 Full-time permanent - P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801	1,020	554	
11.3 Other than full-time permanent	353	374	406
11.3 Other than full-time permanent - P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801	22	12	
11.5 Other personnel compensation	1,926	2,045	2,216
11.5 Other personnel compensation - P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801	117	64	
11.9 Total personnel compensation	20,176	20,807	21,872
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits	6,414	6,916	7,644
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits - P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801	155	84	
13.0 Benefits for former personnel	9	9	9
21.0 Travel & Transportation of Persons	975	1,025	1,066
22.0 Transportation of things	17	18	18
23.2 Rent, Communications & Utilities	417	450	487
23.2 Rent, Communications & Utilities - P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801	1		
24.0 Printing and reproduction	9	9	9
25.2 Other contractual services	11,840	4,925	5,229
25.2 Other contractual serv. - P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801	22	21	32
26.0 Supplies & Materials	10,639	11,275	12,228
26.0 Supplies & Materials - P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801	15	23	
31.0 Equipment	1,272	1,466	1,222
31.0 Equipment - P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801	26	24	
32.0 Land and structures	2		
41.0 Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	1,712	595	572
44.0 Prior-year Recoveries	246		
44.0 Prior Year Recoveries - P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801	1		
92.0 Audit Adjustment	149		
99.0 Direct obligations	54,097	47,647	50,388
99.0 Reimbursable obligations	119	153	153
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	54,216	47,800	50,541

Employment Summary

Identification code 036-0160-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment	222,974	228,966	234,668
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment	1,872	1,872	1,872

MEDICAL COMMUNITY CARE

For necessary expenses for furnishing health care to individuals pursuant to chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, at non-Department facilities, **[\$7,246,181,000, plus reimbursements, of which \$2,000,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2020; ] \$254,000,000, which shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under this heading that become available on October 1, 2017; and, in addition, [\$9,409,118,000] \$8,384,704,000, plus reimbursements, shall become available on October 1, [2017] 2018, and shall remain available until September 30, [2018] 2019: Provided, That of the amount made available on October 1, [2017] 2018, under this heading, [\$1,500,000,000] \$2,000,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, [2021] 2022. (Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.)**

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0140-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Ambulatory		2,338	2,321
0002 Dental		67	101
0003 Inpatient		774	1,552
0004 LTSS: Facility Based Services		956	1,032
0005 LTSS: Home & Community Based Services		695	806
0006 Mental Health		274	315
0007 CHAMPVA & Other Dependent Programs		1,653	1,610
0008 State Home Programs		1,312	1,346
0009 Camp Lejeune, Veterans Families		6	7

0010 Indian Health Services			24
0011 Caregiver			29
9900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts		8,075	9,143

Budgetary resources:

<b>Budget authority:</b>			
<b>Appropriations, discretionary:</b>			
1100 Appropriation		7,246	254
1120 Appropriations transferred to other acct [036-0169]		-21	
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-5287]		850	256
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total)		8,075	510
<b>Advance appropriations, discretionary:</b>			
1170 Advance appropriation			9,409
1172 Advance appropriations transferred to other accounts [036-0169]			-26
1180 Advanced appropriation, discretionary (total)			9,383
1900 Budget authority (total)		8,075	9,893
1930 Total budgetary resources available		8,075	9,893
<b>Memorandum (non-add) entries:</b>			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year			750

Change in obligated balance:

<b>Unpaid obligations:</b>			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1			1,672
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts		8,075	9,143
3020 Outlays (gross)		-6,403	-9,822
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year			1,672
<b>Memorandum (non-add) entries:</b>			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year			1,672
3200 Obligated balance, end of year		1,672	993

Budget authority and outlays, net:

<b>Discretionary:</b>			
4000 Budget authority, gross		8,075	9,893
<b>Outlays, gross:</b>			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority		6,403	8,351
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances			1,471
4020 Outlays, gross (total)		6,403	9,822
4180 Budget authority, net (total)		8,075	9,893
4190 Outlays, net (total)		6,403	9,822

For 2019, the Budget requests \$8.4 billion in advance appropriations for Medical Community Care. 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. The Medical Community Care appropriation provides for the furnishing of hospital care and medical services to eligible veterans through agreements with certain eligible entities that have an agreement to provide such care and services for VA. Medical Community Care will be the source of funding for care that VA provides to veterans through community providers that is not provided through the Veterans Choice Program.

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0140-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Direct obligations:</b>			
25.2 Other Contractual Services		6,755	7,797
41.0 State Homes		1,320	1,346
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts		8,075	9,143

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.), **\$284,397,000, which shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under this heading that become available on October 1, 2017; and, in addition, [\$6,654,480,000] \$7,239,156,000, plus reimbursements, shall become available on October 1, [2017] 2018, and shall remain available until September 30, [2018] 2019: Provided, That,**

of the amount made available on October 1, [2017] 2018, under this heading, \$100,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, [2019] 2020. (Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.)

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

Identification code 036-0152-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 VA Medical Centers & Other Field Activities .....	3,868	4,167	4,526
0002 VISN Headquarters .....	166	223	227
0003 VHA Central Office .....	608	653	666
0005 Office of Informatics & Analytics .....	240	236	232
0008 Employee Education Service Center .....	62	82	84
0009 VHA Service Center .....	257	245	250
0013 Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacies .....	17	19	20
0014 National Center for Patient Safety .....	7	9	9
0016 Community Care .....	707	724	796
0017 VHA Member Services .....	88	114	116
0025 P.L. 113-146, Activations .....	5		
0026 P.L. 113-146, Section 301/302 Activities .....	2		14
0091 Total operating expenses .....	6,027	6,472	6,940
0102 VAMCs & Other Field Activities .....	24	31	32
0109 VHA Service Center .....	1	1	1
0116 Community Care .....	2	2	2
0117 VHA Member Services .....	1	1	1
0191 Total Capital Investment .....	28	35	36
0293 Total direct program .....	6,055	6,507	6,976
0799 Total direct obligations .....	6,055	6,507	6,976
0801 Medical Support and Compliance (Reimbursable) .....	13	19	19
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	6,068	6,526	6,995
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	126	104	69
1001 Discretionary unobligated balance brought fwd, Oct 1 .....		85	
1010 Unobligated balance transfer to other accts [036-0160] .....	-9		
1011 Unobligated balance transfer from other acct [036-0162] .....	9		
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	126	104	69
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation .....	100		284
1120 Appropriations transferred to other accts [036-0169] .....	-27		
1120 Appropriations transferred to other acct [036-0110] .....	-85		
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0169] .....	1		
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	-11		284
Advance appropriations, discretionary:			
1170 Advance appropriation .....	6,144	6,524	6,655
1172 Advance appropriations transferred to other accounts [036-0169] .....		-26	-28
1174 Advance appropriations permanently reduced .....	-100	-26	
1180 Advanced appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	6,044	6,472	6,627
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected .....	13	19	19
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	6,046	6,491	6,930
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	6,172	6,595	6,999
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	104	69	4
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	791	883	1,049
3001 Adjustments to unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....			
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	6,068	6,526	6,995
3011 Obligations ("upward adjustments"), expired accounts .....	40		
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-5,898	-6,360	-6,790
3041 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired .....	-57		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	883	1,049	1,254
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 .....	729	882	1,048
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	882	1,048	1,253
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	6,046	6,491	6,930

Outlays, gross:				
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	5,285	5,760	6,151	
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	607	593	632	
4020 Outlays, gross (total) .....	5,892	6,353	6,783	
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:				
Offsetting collections (collected) from:				
4030 Federal sources .....	-13	-19	-19	
4033 Non-Federal sources .....	-10			
4040 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) ....	-23	-19	-19	
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:				
4052 Offsetting collections credited to expired accounts .....	10			
4060 Additional offsets against budget authority only (total) .....	10			
4070 Budget authority, net (discretionary) .....	6,033	6,472	6,911	
4080 Outlays, net (discretionary) .....	5,869	6,334	6,764	
Mandatory:				
Outlays, gross:				
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....	6	7	7	
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	6,033	6,472	6,911	
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	5,875	6,341	6,771	

For 2019, the Budget requests \$7.2 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 2017 through 2019: the 2017 enacted advance appropriation of \$6.5 billion; the 2018 enacted advance appropriation of \$6.7 billion, together with an additional \$284 million as requested in this Budget; and the 2019 advance appropriation request of \$7.2 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 (Public Law 113-146): \$20 million in unobligated balances remained available at the start of 2017.

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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent .....	3,085	3,250	3,384
11.1 Full-time permanent - Choice Act, P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 ....	4		
11.3 Other than full-time permanent .....	66	69	72
11.5 Other personnel compensation .....	355	374	389
11.9 Total personnel compensation .....	3,510	3,693	3,845
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	1,217	1,288	1,352
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits - Choice Act, P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 .....	1		
13.0 Benefits for former personnel .....	2	2	2
21.0 Travel & Transportation of Persons .....	52	53	60
22.0 Transportation of things .....	11	12	12
23.0 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges .....	126	130	133
24.0 Printing and reproduction .....	17	18	18
25.2 Other contractual services .....	1,004	1,195	1,421
25.2 Other contractual services - Choice Act, P.L. 113-146, Section 801 .....	2		14
26.0 Medical supplies and materials .....	86	81	83
31.0 Equipment .....	27	35	36
99.0 Direct obligations .....	6,055	6,507	6,976
99.0 Reimbursable obligations .....	13	19	19
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	6,068	6,526	6,995

**Employment Summary**

Identification code 036-0152-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	49,685	51,353	52,230

MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE—Continued  
Employment Summary—Continued

Identification code 036-0152-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 DOD-VA health care sharing incentive fund .....	63	56	66
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	138	82	23
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations .....	7	7	13
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	145	89	36
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1121 Transferred from DOD account [097-0130] .....	15	15	15
1121 Appropriations transferred from VA account [036-0160] .....	15		
1131 Unobligated balance of appropriations permanently reduced .....	-30	-40	
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....		-25	15
Advance appropriations, discretionary:			
1173 Advance appropriations transferred from VA account [036-0160] .....		15	15
1900 Budget authority (total) .....		-10	30
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	145	79	66
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	82	23	
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	70	59	100
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	63	56	66
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-67	-8	-16
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired .....	-7	-7	-13
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	59	100	137
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	70	59	100
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	59	100	137
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....		-10	30
Outlays, gross:			
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	67	8	16
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....		-10	30
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	67	8	16

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 2018, 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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Direct obligations:			
11.1 Personnel compensation: Full-time permanent .....	5	5	5
25.1 Advisory and assistance services .....	49	42	52

26.0	Supplies and materials .....	1	1	1
31.0	Equipment .....	8	8	8
99.9	Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	63	56	66

Employment Summary

Identification code 036-0165-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	47	47	57

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; [\$247,668,000] \$1,079,795,000, which shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under this heading that become available on October 1, [2016] 2017; and, in addition, [\$5,434,880,000] \$5,914,288,000, plus reimbursements, shall become available on October 1, [2017] 2018, and shall remain available until September 30, [2018] 2019: *Provided*, That, of the amount made available on October 1, [2017] 2018, under this heading, \$250,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, [2019] 2020. (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.*)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0162-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Energy & Green Management .....	3	39	12
0002 Engineering & Environmental Management Services .....	578	613	651
0003 Engineering Service .....	797	811	859
0004 Grounds Maintenance & Fire Protection .....	91	94	100
0005 Leases .....	346	658	710
0008 Operating Equipment Maintenance & Repair .....	207	213	225
0009 Other Facilities Operation Support .....	31	72	32
0011 Plant Operation .....	723	666	734
0012 Recurring Maintenance & Repair .....	489	488	517
0013 Textile Care Processing & Management .....	155	187	198
0014 Transportation .....	170	166	176
0023 Prior-Year Recoveries .....	16		
0025 P.L. 113-146, Activations .....	2		
0026 P.L. 113-146, Leases .....	169	24	
0028 P.L. 113-146, Non-Recurring Maintenance .....	4		
0029 P.L. 113-146, Sec. 301 .....		12	4
0030 P.L. 113-146, Prior year Recoveries .....	30		
0091 Total operating expenses .....	3,811	4,043	4,218
0101 Energy & Green Management .....	18		
0102 Engineering & Environmental Management Services .....	61	15	18
0103 Engineering Service .....	9	18	21
0104 Grounds Maintenance & Fire Protection .....	4	3	3
0105 Leases .....	47	83	244
0106 Non-Recurring Maintenance .....	867	1,060	1,870
0107 Operating Equipment Maintenance & Repair .....	16	12	14
0108 Other Facilities Operation Support .....		4	5
0109 Plant Operation .....	13	49	57
0110 Recurring Maintenance & Repair .....	12	18	21
0111 Textile Care Processing & Management .....	37	7	8
0122 Transportation .....	1	7	8
0124 P.L. 113-146, Activations .....	1		
0125 P.L. 113-146, Leases .....	33		
0126 P.L. 113-146, Legionella .....	31	93	
0127 P.L. 113-146, Non-Recurring Maintenance .....	504	10	
0191 Total capital investment .....	1,654	1,379	2,269
0799 Total direct obligations .....	5,465	5,422	6,487
0801 Medical Facilities (Reimbursable) .....	13	17	17
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	5,478	5,439	6,504
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1,239	155	11

1001	Discretionary unobligated balance brought fwd, Oct 1 .....	10	.....	.....
1010	Unobligated balance transfer to other accts [036-0160] .....	-330	.....	.....
1010	Unobligated balance transfer to other accts [036-0152] .....	-9	.....	.....
1021	Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations .....	46	.....	.....
1033	Recoveries of prior year paid obligations .....	1	.....	.....
1050	Unobligated balance (total) .....	947	155	11
Budget authority:				
Appropriations, discretionary:				
1100	Appropriation .....	355	248	1,080
1120	Appropriations transferred to other accts [036-0169] .....	-37	.....	.....
1120	Appropriations transferred to other acct [036-0110] .....	-313	.....	.....
1121	Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0169] .....	2	.....	.....
1160	Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	7	248	1,080
Advance appropriations, discretionary:				
1170	Advance appropriation .....	4,915	5,074	5,435
1172	Advance appropriations transferred to other accounts [036-0169] .....	.....	-35	-37
1174	Advance appropriations permanently reduced .....	-250	-9	.....
1180	Advanced appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	4,665	5,030	5,398
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:				
1700	Collected .....	13	17	17
1701	Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources .....	1	.....	.....
1750	Spending auth from offsetting collections, disc (total) .....	14	17	17
1900	Budget authority (total) .....	4,686	5,295	6,495
1930	Total budgetary resources available .....	5,633	5,450	6,506
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
1941	Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	155	11	2

<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>				
Unpaid obligations:				
3000	Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	2,927	2,996	2,935
3001	Adjustments to unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	-171	.....	.....
3010	New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	5,478	5,439	6,504
3011	Obligations ("upward adjustments"), expired accounts .....	241	.....	.....
3020	Outlays (gross) .....	-5,256	-5,500	-6,257
3040	Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired .....	-46	.....	.....
3041	Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired .....	-177	.....	.....
3050	Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	2,996	2,935	3,182
Uncollected payments:				
3060	Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	-1	-1	-1
3070	Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-1	.....	.....
3071	Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, expired .....	1	.....	.....
3090	Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	-1	-1	-1
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
3100	Obligated balance, start of year .....	2,755	2,995	2,934
3200	Obligated balance, end of year .....	2,995	2,934	3,181

<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>				
Discretionary:				
4000	Budget authority, gross .....	4,686	5,295	6,495
Outlays, gross:				
4010	Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	3,231	3,966	4,875
4011	Outlays from discretionary balances .....	1,557	1,061	1,167
4020	Outlays, gross (total) .....	4,788	5,027	6,042
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:				
Offsetting collections (collected) from:				
4030	Federal sources .....	-10	-10	-10
4033	Non-Federal sources .....	-39	-7	-7
4040	Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) .....	-49	-17	-17
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:				
4050	Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-1	.....	.....
4052	Offsetting collections credited to expired accounts .....	36	.....	.....
4060	Additional offsets against budget authority only (total) .....	35	.....	.....
4070	Budget authority, net (discretionary) .....	4,672	5,278	6,478
4080	Outlays, net (discretionary) .....	4,739	5,010	6,025
Mandatory:				
Outlays, gross:				
4101	Outlays from mandatory balances .....	468	473	215
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:				
Offsetting collections (collected) from:				
4123	Non-Federal sources .....	-1	.....	.....
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:				
4143	Recoveries of prior year paid obligations, unexpired accounts .....	1	.....	.....
4170	Outlays, net (mandatory) .....	467	473	215
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....	4,672	5,278	6,478
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....	5,206	5,483	6,240

For 2019, the Budget requests advance appropriations of \$5.9 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 2017 through 2019: the 2017 enacted advance appropriation of \$5.1 billion, together with an additional \$248 million (as directed in Public Law 114-223); the 2018 enacted advance appropriation of \$5.4 billion, together with an additional \$1.1 billion as requested in this Budget; and the 2019 advance appropriation request of \$5.9 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 (Public Law 113-146): \$144 million in unobligated balances remained available at the start of 2017.

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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.	
Direct obligations:				
Personnel compensation:				
11.1	Full-time permanent .....	1,112	1,163	1,206
11.3	Other than full-time permanent .....	23	24	25
11.5	Other personnel compensation .....	128	134	139
11.9	Total personnel compensation .....	1,263	1,321	1,370
12.1	Civilian personnel benefits .....	452	480	503
13.0	Benefits for former personnel .....	1	1	1
21.0	Travel & Transportation of Persons .....	37	38	39
22.0	Transportation of things .....	14	15	15
23.2	Rent, Communications & Utilities .....	876	1,172	1,239
23.2	Rent, Communications & Utilities - P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 .....	169	24	.....
24.0	Printing and reproduction .....	.....	1	1
25.2	Other Contractual Services .....	637	661	719
25.2	Other Contractual Services - P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 .....	5	12	4
26.0	Supplies & Materials .....	310	318	327
26.0	Supplies & Materials - P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 .....	1	.....	.....
31.0	Equipment .....	104	68	110
31.0	Equipment - P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 .....	1	.....	.....
32.0	Lands & Structures .....	981	1,208	2,159
32.0	Lands & Structures - P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 .....	568	103	.....
44.0	P.L. 113-146, Non Section 801 - Prior Year Recoveries .....	16	.....	.....
44.0	P.L. 113-146, Section 801 - Prior Year Recoveries .....	30	.....	.....
99.0	Direct obligations .....	5,465	5,422	6,487
99.0	Reimbursable obligations .....	13	17	17
99.9	Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	5,478	5,439	6,504

**Employment Summary**

Identification code 036-0162-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.	
1001	Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	23,434	24,253	24,699
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, **[\$675,366,000] \$640,000,000**, plus reimbursements, shall remain available until September 30, **[2018: Provided, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that sufficient amounts appropriated under this heading are available for prosthetic research specifically for female veterans, and for toxic exposure research] 2019. (Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.)**

MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH—Continued  
Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0161-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Bio-medical laboratory science research .....	211	198	186
0002 Rehabilitation research .....	112	109	102
0003 Health services research .....	112	109	102
0004 Clinical science research .....	225	266	250
0091 Total operating expenses .....	660	682	640
0799 Total direct obligations .....	660	682	640
0801 Medical and Prosthetic Research (Reimbursable) .....	35	40	40
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	695	722	680
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	75	62	53
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations .....	35		
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	110	62	53
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation .....	631	675	640
1120 Appropriations transferred to other acct (036-0110) .....	-20		
1130 Appropriations permanently reduced .....		-2	
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	611	673	640
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected .....	36	40	40
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	647	713	680
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	757	775	733
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	62	53	53
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	219	247	284
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	695	722	680
3011 Obligations ("upward adjustments"), expired accounts .....	3		
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-620	-685	-677
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired .....	-35		
3041 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired .....	-15		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	247	284	287
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	-4	-4	-4
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	-4	-4	-4
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	215	243	280
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	243	280	283
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	647	713	680
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	378	508	484
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	242	177	193
4020 Outlays, gross (total) .....	620	685	677
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4030 Federal sources .....	-22	-24	-24
4033 Non-Federal sources .....	-15	-16	-16
4040 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) ....	-37	-40	-40
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4052 Offsetting collections credited to expired accounts .....	1		
4060 Additional offsets against budget authority only (total) .....	1		
4070 Budget authority, net (discretionary) .....	611	673	640
4080 Outlays, net (discretionary) .....	583	645	637
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	611	673	640
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	583	645	637

For 2018, the total budgetary resources of \$ 1.8 billion is comprised of \$640 million in direct appropriations, \$544 million in medical care support such as physicians' pay, utilities and other overhead, \$400 million in Federal grants, and \$170 million in other non-federal resources. The research program will support 3,040 full time equivalents through direct appropriation.

This account is an intramural research program that has had outstanding success that has led to critical clinical achievements that improve the health and quality of life for Veterans and the Nation. As a health research program focused exclusively on the needs of Veterans, VA Research continues to play a vital role in the care and rehabilitation of our men and women who have served in uniform. Building on more than 90 years of discovery and innovation engaging Veterans as research volunteers, VA Research has a proud track record of transforming VA health care by bringing new evidence-based treatments and technologies into everyday clinical care.

In 2018, VA will invest in research that expands prevention and treatment possibilities for Veterans at risk for suicide. VA is currently undertaking and awaiting the results of a cooperative study on Lithium (an oral medication), the largest such trial on suicide prevention to date. Other interventions must also be evaluated and those first studies will be starting early in 2018.

A particular goal for VA Research in 2018 is to use the Million Veteran Program (MVP) to advance precision medicine. MVP is a groundbreaking genomic research program that is collecting genetic samples and general health information from 1 million Veterans. MVP will use genetic analysis to improve treatments, thus improving care for Veterans and all Americans. Currently, MVP has enrolled more than 544,000 Veterans. Investigators have already completed initial analyses of MVP genetic data in studies on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and Gulf War Illness, and further analyses are underway.

Research to benefit Gulf War Veterans remains a priority. As directed by Senate Report 111-40, the VA research program ensures that no less than \$15 million is available for Gulf War research each year; the actual amount spent on such research depends on the quantity and quality of research proposals. VA has worked to develop Gulf War researchers to ensure that research proposals of high scientific merit are submitted. Funding for 2017 is estimated at \$15 million.

The opioid addiction epidemic is a major clinical and public health problem. Opioids are used to treat chronic pain, but they are associated with dangerous side effects including depressed breathing, cognitive impairment, and the potential for addiction. In 2018, VA will expand pain management research in two areas, one nearer term and the other longer term: testing and implementing complementary approaches, and working other drug models and current drugs in the market to test their efficacy for treating pain.

VA is expanding research efforts to improve women Veterans health, by studying how VA provides for women Veterans general and gender-specific health care needs, and understanding military experiences of women Veterans as well as later health risk factors.

VA works closely with other federal agencies to assure effective use of scarce taxpayer resources in executing its research mission. VA conducts joint programmatic reviews with the Department of Defense (DoD) and National Institutes of Health (NIH) to ensure that research efforts are well coordinated, benefiting Veterans and the American public.

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]

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Medical and prosthetic research appropriation .....	631	673	640
VA Medical Care Support .....	526	572	544
Other Federal and Non-Federal Resources .....	581	595	570
Reimbursements .....	36	40	40
<b>Total program resources .....</b>	<b>1,774</b>	<b>1,880</b>	<b>1,794</b>

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

Identification code 036-0161-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Direct obligations:</b>			
<b>Personnel compensation:</b>			
11.1 Full-time permanent .....	248	249	248
11.3 Other than full-time permanent .....	1	1	2
11.5 Other personnel compensation .....	5	5	4
11.9 Total personnel compensation .....	254	255	254
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	89	90	87
21.0 Employee travel .....	5	6	4
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges .....	3	2	2
24.0 Printing and reproduction .....	1	1	1
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	234	254	229
26.0 Supplies and materials .....	37	39	33
31.0 Equipment .....	37	35	30
99.0 Direct obligations .....	660	682	640
99.0 Reimbursable obligations .....	35	40	40
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	695	722	680

**Employment Summary**

Identification code 036-0161-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	2,997	3,059	3,040
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	141	141	115

**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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Joint DOD-VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund (Direct) .....	391	412	428
0801 Joint DOD-VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund (Reimbursable) .....	7	9	16
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	398	421	444

**Budgetary resources:**

Identification code 036-0169-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Unobligated balance:</b>			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	8	6	5
<b>Budget authority:</b>			
<b>Appropriations, discretionary:</b>			
1120 Appropriations transferred to other acct [036-0160] .....	-10		
1120 Appropriations transferred to other acct [036-0152] .....	-1		
1120 Appropriations transferred to other acct [036-0162] .....	-2		
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0162] .....	37		
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0152] .....	27		
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0160] .....	196		
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0167] .....	7	7	8
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [097-0130] .....	120	120	116
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-5287] .....	18	16	16
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0140] .....		21	
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	392	164	140
<b>Advance appropriations, discretionary:</b>			
1173 Advance appropriations transferred from other accounts [036-0140] .....			26
1173 Advance appropriations transferred from other accounts [036-0152] .....		26	28
1173 Advance appropriations transferred from other accounts [036-0160] .....		186	199

1173 Advance appropriations transferred from other accounts [036-0162] .....		35	37
1180 Advanced appropriation, discretionary (total) .....		247	290
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected .....	7	9	16
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	399	420	446
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	407	426	451
<b>Memorandum (non-add) entries:</b>			
1940 Unobligated balance expiring .....	-3		
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	6	5	7

**Change in obligated balance:**

<b>Unpaid obligations:</b>			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	92	86	89
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	398	421	444
3011 Obligations ("upward adjustments"), expired accounts .....	16		
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-396	-418	-443
3041 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired .....	-24		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	86	89	90
<b>Memorandum (non-add) entries:</b>			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	92	86	89
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	86	89	90

**Budget authority and outlays, net:**

<b>Discretionary:</b>			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	399	420	446
<b>Outlays, gross:</b>			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	330	378	402
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	66	40	41
4020 Outlays, gross (total) .....	396	418	443
<b>Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:</b>			
<b>Offsetting collections (collected) from:</b>			
4030 Federal sources .....	-7	-8	-15
4033 Non-Federal sources .....	-1	-1	-1
4040 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) .....	-8	-9	-16
<b>Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:</b>			
4052 Offsetting collections credited to expired accounts .....	1		
4070 Budget authority, net (discretionary) .....	392	411	430
4080 Outlays, net (discretionary) .....	388	409	427
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	392	411	430
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	388	409	427

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 2017 and 2018, VA expects to transfer funds from the Medical Services, Medical Community Care, 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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Direct obligations:</b>			
11.1 Personnel compensation: Full-time permanent .....	171	177	184
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	56	61	63
25.1 Advisory and assistance services .....	78	80	82
26.0 Supplies and materials .....	28	62	65
31.0 Equipment .....	14	16	17
32.0 Land and structures .....	14	16	17
99.0 Direct obligations .....	391	412	428
99.0 Reimbursable obligations .....	7	9	16
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	398	421	444

**Employment Summary**

Identification code 036-0169-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	2,038	2,172	2,172

MEDICAL CARE COLLECTIONS FUND

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-5287-0-2-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1101 Appropriation (special or trust fund) .....	3,503	3,322	3,271
1120 Appropriations transferred to other accts (036-0160) .....	-3,485	-2,456	-2,999
1120 Appropriations transferred to other accts (036-0169) .....	-18	-16	-16
1120 Appropriations transferred to other acct (036-0140) .....		-850	-256
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....			
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....			

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 Medical Services, Medical Community Care, and the Joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund (Joint Demonstration Fund) appropriations where they remain available until expended for the purposes of this account. In 2016, over \$3.5 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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0801 Reimbursable operating expenses .....	260	257	275
0802 Reimbursable direct operations .....	164	173	173
0810 Reimbursable capital investment: Sales program: Purchase of equipment and leasehold .....	9	20	20
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	433	450	468

<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	15	25	34
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations .....	1		
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	16	25	34
Budget authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	441	458	477
1801 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources .....	1	1	1
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total) .....	442	459	478
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	458	484	512
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	25	34	44

<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	61	48	36
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	433	450	468
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-445	-462	-481
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired .....	-1		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	48	36	23
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	-4	-5	-6
3070 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-1	-1	-1
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	-5	-6	-7
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	57	43	30
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	43	30	16

Budget authority and outlays, net:

Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	442	459	478
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	368	449	467
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....	77	13	14
4110 Outlays, gross (total) .....	445	462	481
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4120 Federal sources .....		-1	-1
4123 Non-Federal sources .....	-441	-457	-476
4130 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) .....	-441	-458	-477
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4140 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-1	-1	-1
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory) .....	4	4	4
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....			
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	4	4	4

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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Reimbursable obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent .....	133	133	143
11.3 Other than full-time permanent .....	3	3	3
11.9 Total personnel compensation .....	136	136	146
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	45	45	45
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons .....	3	3	3
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	6	6	6
26.0 Supplies and materials .....	223	240	248
31.0 Equipment .....	20	20	20
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	433	450	468

Employment Summary

Identification code 036-4014-0-3-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	3,410	3,450	3,500

VETERANS CHOICE FUND

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0172-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Veterans Choice Fund - Administrative .....	117	406	
0002 Veterans Choice Fund - Program .....	2,645	3,441	626
0003 Emergency Hep-C .....	1		
0004 Emergency Non-VA Care .....	470		
0091 Direct program activities, subtotal .....	3,233	3,847	626
0109 Capital Investment .....		30	
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	3,233	3,877	626

<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	8,201	4,503	626
1020 Adjustment of unobligated bal brought forward, Oct 1 .....	-1,100		
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations .....	635		
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	7,736	4,503	626
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	7,736	4,503	626
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	4,503	626	

<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	564	1,745	3,105
3001 Adjustments to unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1		
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	3,233	3,877	626

3020	Outlays (gross) .....	-2,517	-2,517	-1,900
3040	Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired .....	-635		
3050	Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	1,745	3,105	1,831
	Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100	Obligated balance, start of year .....	1,664	1,745	3,105
3200	Obligated balance, end of year .....	1,745	3,105	1,831

**Budget authority and outlays, net:**

	Mandatory:			
	Outlays, gross:			
4101	Outlays from mandatory balances .....	2,517	2,517	1,900
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....			
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....	2,517	2,517	1,900

**Summary of Budget Authority and Outlays** (in millions of dollars)

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Enacted/requested:			
Outlays .....	2,517	2,517	1,900
Legislative proposal, subject to PAYGO:			
Budget Authority .....			2,874
Outlays .....			718
Total:			
Budget Authority .....			2,874
Outlays .....	2,517	2,517	2,618

The Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 ("Veterans Choice Act"), Public Law 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. In July 2015, Congress provided emergency funding for Hepatitis C (\$500,000,000) and Care in the Community (\$2,848,500,000) by passing Public Law 114-41, the Surface Transportation and Veterans Health Care Choice Improvement Act of 2015, which gave VA temporary authority to use Veterans Choice Fund dollars on other programs. This authority ended on October 1, 2015 and did not extend into fiscal year 2016.

Public Law 115-26 amended the Veterans Choice Act to eliminate the August 7, 2017 sunset date for the Veterans Choice Program, thus allowing the program to operate until all of the money in the Veterans Choice Fund is expended.

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

Identification code 036-0172-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent .....	4	9	
11.3 Other than full-time permanent .....		1	
11.9 Total personnel compensation .....	4	10	
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	1	2	
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons .....		10	
25.2 Other contract services .....	2,535	3,855	626
25.2 Audit Adjustment .....	693		
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	3,233	3,877	626

**Employment Summary**

Identification code 036-0172-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	58	131	

**VETERANS CHOICE FUND**

(Legislative proposal, subject to PAYGO)

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

Identification code 036-0172-4-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0001 Veterans Choice Fund - Administrative .....			31
0002 Veterans Choice Fund - Program .....			2,843

0091	Direct program activities, subtotal .....			2,874
0900	Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....			2,874

**Budgetary resources:**

	Budget authority:			
	Appropriations, mandatory:			
1200	Appropriation .....			2,874
1930	Total budgetary resources available .....			2,874

**Change in obligated balance:**

	Unpaid obligations:			
3010	New obligations, unexpired accounts .....			2,874
3020	Outlays (gross) .....			-718
3050	Unpaid obligations, end of year .....			2,156
	Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3200	Obligated balance, end of year .....			2,156

**Budget authority and outlays, net:**

	Mandatory:			
4090	Budget authority, gross .....			2,874
	Outlays, gross:			
4100	Outlays from new mandatory authority .....			718
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....			2,874
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....			718

To continue the Veterans Choice Program, the Budget requests \$2.9 billion in mandatory budget authority in 2018 and \$3.5 billion in 2019 and each subsequent outyear.

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

Identification code 036-0172-4-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent .....			9
11.3 Other than full-time permanent .....			1
11.9 Total personnel compensation .....			10
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....			2
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons .....			12
25.2 Other contract services .....			2,814
26.0 Supplies and materials .....			36
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....			2,874

**Employment Summary**

Identification code 036-0172-4-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....			131

**Trust Funds**

**GENERAL POST FUND, NATIONAL HOMES**

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

Identification code 036-8180-0-7-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
0100 Balance, start of year .....			9
Receipts:			
Current law:			
1130 General Post Fund, National Homes, Deposits .....	21	31	31
1140 General Post Fund, National Homes, Interest on Investments .....	2	2	2
1199 Total current law receipts .....	23	33	33
1999 Total receipts .....	23	33	33
2000 Total: Balances and receipts .....	23	33	42
Appropriations:			
Current law:			
2101 General Post Fund, National Homes .....	-23	-24	-25
5099 Balance, end of year .....		9	17

GENERAL POST FUND, NATIONAL HOMES—Continued

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8180-0-7-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Religious, recreational, and entertainment activities .....	21	22	23
0003 Therapeutic residence maintenance .....	1	1	1
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	22	23	24
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	106	107	108
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1201 Appropriation (special or trust fund) .....	23	24	25
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	129	131	133
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	107	108	109
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	3	3	3
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	22	23	24
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-22	-23	-24
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	3	3	3
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	3	3	3
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	3	3	3
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	23	24	25
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....		20	21
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....	22	3	3
4110 Outlays, gross (total) .....	22	23	24
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	23	24	25
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	22	23	24
<b>Memorandum (non-add) entries:</b>			
5000 Total investments, SOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	106	106	107
5001 Total investments, EOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	106	107	108

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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Direct obligations:			
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	7	8	8
26.0 Supplies and materials .....	13	13	14
31.0 Equipment .....	1	1	1
32.0 Land and structures .....	1	1	1
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	22	23	24

**BENEFITS PROGRAMS**

*Federal Funds*

VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

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, **[\$90,119,449,000] \$95,768,462,000**, to remain available until expended and to become available on October 1, **[2017] 2018: Provided**, That not to exceed **[\$17,224,000] \$17,882,000** of the amount made available for fiscal year **[2018] 2019** 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: *Provided further, That, of the funds made available under this heading in this Act and in Public Law 114-223, such sums as may be necessary shall be reimbursed to "General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration" and "Information Technology Systems" for necessary expenses in carrying out the pilot program for disability examinations authorized by section 504 of Public Law 104-275, as amended (38 U.S.C. § 5101 note), to include associated expenses authorized by section 111 of title 38, United States Code. (Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.)*

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0102-0-1-701	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0101 Veterans .....	67,483	71,440	77,485
0102 Survivors .....	6,443	6,767	7,113
0191 Compensation sub-total .....	73,926	78,207	84,598
0200 Other compensation expenses .....	73,926	78,207	84,598
0201 Chapter 18 .....	20	20	21
0202 Clothing allowance .....	103	107	115
0203 Misc assistance (EAJ, SAFD) .....	13	13	13
0204 Medical exam pilot program .....	308	765	778
0205 OBRA payment to VBA and IT .....	3	3	4
0206 Reinstated entitlement program for survivors .....	1	1	1
0291 Total other compensation expenses .....	448	909	932
0293 Total compensation .....	74,374	79,116	85,530
0302 Veterans .....	3,645	3,743	3,901
0303 Survivors .....	1,808	1,938	2,089
0391 Pensions sub total .....	5,453	5,681	5,990
0401 Reimbursements to GOE, IT and VHA .....	15	13	14
0492 Total pensions .....	5,468	5,694	6,004
0501 Caskets and Urns .....	1	1	1
0502 Burial allowance .....	27	28	29
0503 Burial plots .....	20	20	21
0504 Service-connected deaths .....	61	62	65
0505 Burial flags .....	19	23	24
0506 Headstones and markers .....	81	80	77
0508 Graveliners .....	6	6	4
0509 Pre-Place Crypts .....	16	16	22
0591 Total burial program .....	231	236	243
0900 Total new obligations (object class 42.0) .....	80,073	85,046	91,777
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	5,818	2,842	3,879
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations .....	9		
1033 Recoveries of prior year paid obligations .....	222		
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	6,049	2,842	3,879
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1200 Appropriation .....	76,866		
Advance appropriations, mandatory:			
1270 Advance appropriation .....		86,083	90,119
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	76,866	86,083	90,119
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	82,915	88,925	93,998

Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
1941	Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	2,842	3,879	2,221
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>				
Unpaid obligations:				
3000	Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	6,038	143	1,008
3010	New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	80,073	85,046	91,777
3020	Outlays (gross) .....	-85,959	-84,181	-84,173
3040	Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired .....	-9		
3050	Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	143	1,008	8,612
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
3100	Obligated balance, start of year .....	6,038	143	1,008
3200	Obligated balance, end of year .....	143	1,008	8,612
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>				
Mandatory:				
4090	Budget authority, gross .....	76,866	86,083	90,119
Outlays, gross:				
4100	Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	74,103	81,196	79,285
4101	Outlays from mandatory balances .....	11,856	2,985	4,888
4110	Outlays, gross (total) .....	85,959	84,181	84,173
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:				
Offsetting collections (collected) from:				
4123	Non-Federal sources .....	-222		
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:				
4143	Recoveries of prior year paid obligations, unexpired accounts .....	222		
4160	Budget authority, net (mandatory) .....	76,866	86,083	90,119
4170	Outlays, net (mandatory) .....	85,737	84,181	84,173
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....	76,866	86,083	90,119
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....	85,737	84,181	84,173

**Summary of Budget Authority and Outlays (in millions of dollars)**

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Enacted/requested:</b>			
Budget Authority .....	76,866	86,083	90,119
Outlays .....	85,737	84,181	84,173
<b>Legislative proposal, subject to PAYGO:</b>			
Budget Authority .....			-3,225
Outlays .....			-3,225
<b>Total:</b>			
Budget Authority .....	76,866	86,083	86,894
Outlays .....	85,737	84,181	80,948

**WORKLOAD**

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Compensation Completed Claims:</b>			
Rating .....	1,122,718	1,165,759	1,208,699
Other Claims .....	2,367,585	2,488,251	2,500,458
<b>Pension Completed Claims:</b>			
Rating .....	150,089	155,843	161,583
Other Non-Rating Claims .....	394,467	434,776	425,762

For 2019, the Budget requests \$95,768,462,000 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, 2018, is expected to be 2.8 percent.

**AVERAGE NUMBER OF COMPENSATION CASES AND PAYMENTS**

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Veterans:</b>			
Cases .....	4,269,523	4,446,347	4,616,764
Average payment per case, per year .....	\$15,805	\$16,067	\$16,784
Total obligations (in millions) .....	\$67,482	\$71,439	\$77,486
<b>Survivors:</b>			
Cases .....	394,813	408,013	419,948
Average payment per case, per year .....	\$16,320	\$16,586	\$16,938
Total obligations (in millions) .....	\$6,443	\$6,767	\$7,113
<b>Chapter 18:</b>			
Children .....	1,155	1,146	1,137
Average payment per case, per year .....	\$17,704	\$17,757	\$18,254
Total obligations (in millions) .....	\$20	\$20	\$21
<b>Clothing allowance:</b>			
Number of veterans .....	132,575	137,858	143,070
Average payment per case, per year .....	\$777	\$780	\$801
Total obligations (in millions) .....	\$103	\$107	\$115
<b>Special Allowance for Dependents:</b>			
Cases .....	37	34	31
Average benefit .....	\$2,394	\$2,401	\$2,468
Total obligations (in millions) .....	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Equal Access to Justice Act:</b>			
Cases .....	2,858	2,799	2,740
Average benefit .....	\$4,688	\$4,702	\$4,820
Total Obligations (in millions) .....	\$13	\$13	\$13
<b>REPS:</b>			
Cases .....	18	14	11
Average benefit .....	\$38,564	\$48,448	\$54,505
Total Obligations (in millions) .....	\$1	\$1	\$1

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, 2018, is expected to be 2.8 percent.

**AVERAGE NUMBER OF PENSION CASES AND PAYMENTS**

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Veterans:</b>			
Cases .....	291,904	288,630	289,178
Average payment per case, per year .....	\$12,485	\$12,970	\$13,488
Total obligations (in millions) .....	\$3,644	\$3,743	\$3,901
<b>Survivors:</b>			
Cases .....	203,771	203,194	204,006
Average payment per case, per year .....	\$8,874	\$9,536	\$10,241
Total obligations (in millions) .....	\$1,808	\$1,938	\$2,089

Burial benefits in 2017 provide for: (a) the payment of an allowance of \$749 (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 \$749 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.

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ity; (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

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Burial allowance .....	34,993	36,057	37,212
Burial plot .....	25,142	25,907	26,737
Service-connected deaths .....	19,147	20,294	21,222
Burial flags .....	481,164	497,644	497,644
Headstones and markers .....	365,179	369,511	373,895
Graveliners .....	11,210	11,343	11,478
Preplaced crypts .....	29,575	29,926	30,281
Caskets and Urns .....	298	302	305

COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS

(Legislative proposal, subject to PAYGO)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0102-4-1-701	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0101 COLA Round Down .....			-20
0102 Individual Unemployability (IU) Program Modernization .....			-3,205
0900 Total new obligations (object class 42.0) .....			-3,225
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, mandatory:			
Advance appropriations, mandatory:			
1270 Advance appropriation .....			-3,225
1900 Budget authority (total) .....			-3,225
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....			-3,225
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....			-3,225
3020 Outlays (gross) .....			3,225
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....			-3,225
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....			-3,225
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....			-3,225
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....			-3,225

*Round-Down of the Computation of the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Service-Connected Compensation and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) for Ten Years.*—VA proposes to amend title 38, U.S. Code (U.S.C.), sections 1104(a) and 1303(a) to provide a ten-year round-down provision of the computation of the COLA for service-connected compensation and DIC. Public Law 108-183 extended the ending date of this provision from 2011 to 2013, but the provision has now expired. The COLA round-down provision for ten years, beginning in 2018, results in cost savings. Benefit savings to the Compensation and Pensions account are estimated to be \$19.8 million in 2018, \$65.5 million in 2019, \$627.2 million over five years, and \$2.7 billion over ten years.

*Modernization of the Individual Unemployability (IU) Program.*—VA currently provides additional disability compensation benefits to Veterans, irrespective of age, who it deems unable to obtain or maintain gainful employment due to their service-connected disabilities through a program called Individual Unemployability (IU). The IU program is a part of VA's disability compensation program that allows VA to pay certain Veterans disability compensation at the 100 percent rate, even though VA has not rated their service-connected disabilities at the total level. These Veterans have typically received an original disability ratings between 60 and 100 percent. Under this proposal, Veterans eligible for Social Security retirement benefits would have their IU terminated upon reaching the minimum retirement age for Social Security purposes, or upon enactment of the proposal if the Veteran is already in receipt of Social Security retirement benefits.

These Veterans would continue to receive VA disability benefits based on their original disability rating, at the scheduler evaluation level. IU benefits would not be terminated for Veterans who are ineligible for Social Security retirement benefits, thus allowing them to continue to receive IU past minimum retirement age. Savings to the Compensation and Pensions account are estimated to be \$3.2 billion in 2018, \$17.9 billion over five years, and \$40.8 billion over ten years.

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, **[\$13,708,648,000] \$11,832,175,000**, to remain available until expended and to become available on October 1, **[2017] 2018: 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, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.*)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0137-0-1-702	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0101 Sons and daughters .....	441	459	478
0102 Spouses .....	79	78	81
0191 Total education and training .....	520	537	559
0201 Vocational rehabilitation training .....	742	783	842
0202 Subsistence allowance .....	573	722	752
0203 Automobiles and adaptive equipment .....	135	177	185
0204 Housing Grants .....	103	111	116
0205 Housing Technology Grants .....	1	1	
0291 Total special assistance to disabled veterans .....	1,554	1,794	1,895
0301 Work study .....	42	48	50
0302 Payments to States .....	19	19	19
0303 All-volunteer assistance: Basic benefits and all other .....	11,810	12,064	12,313
0305 Tuition Assistance .....	6	5	5
0306 Licensing and Certification .....	2	3	3
0307 Reporting fees .....	10	9	10
0308 Reimbursement to GOE .....		1	1
0309 Contract Counseling .....	4	6	6
0391 Total All-volunteer assistance and other .....	11,893	12,155	12,407
0799 Total direct obligations .....	13,967	14,486	14,861
0802 Veterans and servicepersons supplementary benefits .....	17	18	19
0803 Chapter 1606 reservists benefits .....	110	106	101
0804 Chapter 1606 reservists supplementary benefits .....	30	29	28
0805 Chapter 1607 reservists benefits .....	21	21	21
0807 Chapter 33 DoD Reimbursements .....	120	128	133
0899 Total reimbursable obligations .....	298	302	302
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	14,265	14,788	15,163
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	2,320	2,914	4,769
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations .....	4		
1033 Recoveries of prior year paid obligations .....	244		
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	2,568	2,914	4,769
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1200 Appropriation .....	14,313		
Advance appropriations, mandatory:			
1270 Advance appropriation .....		16,341	13,709
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	298	302	302
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	14,611	16,643	14,011
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	17,179	19,557	18,780
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	2,914	4,769	3,617
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	714	183	245
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	14,265	14,788	15,163
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-14,792	-14,726	-14,872

3040	Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired .....	-4		
3050	Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	183	245	536
	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 .....	713	182	244
3200	Obligated balance, end of year .....	182	244	535
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>				
Mandatory:				
4090	Budget authority, gross .....	14,611	16,643	14,011
	Outlays, gross:			
4100	Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	11,758	11,630	9,858
4101	Outlays from mandatory balances .....	3,034	3,096	5,014
4110	Outlays, gross (total) .....	14,792	14,726	14,872
	Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
	Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4120	Federal sources .....	-298	-302	-302
4123	Non-Federal sources .....	-244		
4130	Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) ...	-542	-302	-302
	Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4143	Recoveries of prior year paid obligations, unexpired accounts .....	244		
4160	Budget authority, net (mandatory) .....	14,313	16,341	13,709
4170	Outlays, net (mandatory) .....	14,250	14,424	14,570
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....	14,313	16,341	13,709
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....	14,250	14,424	14,570

**Summary of Budget Authority and Outlays** (in millions of dollars)

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Enacted/requested:			
Budget Authority .....	14,313	16,341	13,709
Outlays .....	14,250	14,424	14,570
Legislative proposal, subject to PAYGO:			
Budget Authority .....			-42
Outlays .....			-42
Total:			
Budget Authority .....	14,313	16,341	13,667
Outlays .....	14,250	14,424	14,528

**WORKLOAD - Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment**

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Evaluation and planning .....	80,229	81,031	81,842
Rehabilitation services .....	120,112	121,333	122,547
Employment services status .....	24,595	24,841	25,089
Vocational/educational counseling .....	15,239	15,391	15,545

**WORKLOAD - Education**

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Original claims .....	358,001	347,893	338,152
Adjustments/supplemental claims .....	3,756,960	3,650,878	3,548,654

For 2019, the Budget requests \$11,832,175,000 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**

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Chapter 33:			
Number of trainees .....	790,090	793,235	796,389
Average cost per trainee .....	\$14,661	\$14,984	\$15,292
Total cost (in millions) .....	\$11,583	\$11,886	\$12,178
Chapter 30:			
Number of trainees .....	47,307	39,869	33,394
Average cost per trainee .....	\$7,717	\$8,116	\$8,578
Total cost (in millions) .....	\$365	\$324	\$286
Chapter 1606:			
Number of trainees .....	61,388	60,981	60,577
Average cost per trainee .....	\$2,228	\$2,202	\$2,137
Total cost (in millions) .....	\$137	\$131	\$127
Chapter 1607:			
Number of trainees .....	4,538	4,538	4,538
Average cost per trainee .....	\$4,561	\$4,588	\$4,611
Total cost (in millions) .....	\$21	\$21	\$21
Chapter 35 Sons and Daughters:			
Number of trainees .....	81,118	83,932	86,847
Average cost per trainee (in dollars) .....	\$5,439	\$5,471	\$5,498
Total cost (in millions) .....	\$441	\$459	\$478
Chapter 35 Wives and Widow(ers):			
Number of trainees .....	15,644	15,332	15,723
Average cost per trainee (in dollars) .....	\$5,067	\$5,097	\$5,123
Total cost (in millions) .....	\$79	\$78	\$81
Veterans Retraining Assistance Program:			
Number of trainees .....	0		
Average cost per trainee .....	\$0		
Total cost (in millions) .....	\$0.1	\$0	\$0

READJUSTMENT BENEFITS—Continued

*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

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Chapter 31:			
Rehabilitation, Evaluation, Planning and Service cases .....	21,418	21,796	22,585
Number of trainees .....	115,703	117,742	122,009
Average cost per trainee (in dollars) .....	\$11,363	\$12,782	\$13,065
Total cost (in millions) .....	\$1,314	\$1,504	\$1,594

*Specially Adapted Housing Grants.*—Specially adapted housing grants are provided to certain severely disabled veterans. In 2017, the maximum grant amount was \$77,307. Veterans who suffer service-connected blindness or who have lost the use of both upper extremities can receive up to \$15,462.

*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 \$20,235 in 2017, 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

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Housing grants:			
Number of housing grants .....	2,678	2,735	2,732
Average cost per grant .....	\$38,559	\$40,617	\$42,347
Total cost (in millions) .....	\$103	\$111	\$116
Number of housing technology grants .....	4	5	0
Average cost per grant .....	\$195,855	\$200,000	\$0
Total cost (in millions) .....	\$ .8	\$ 1	\$ 0
Automobiles or other conveyances:			
Number of conveyances .....	2,413	3,147	2,675
Average benefit .....	\$19,034	\$18,401	\$17,790
Obligations (in millions) .....	\$46	\$58	\$48
Adaptive equipment (including maintenance, repair, and installation for automobiles):			
Number of items .....	7,323	8,322	8,236
Average benefit .....	\$12,187	\$14,284	\$16,741
Obligations (in millions) .....	\$89	\$119	\$138

*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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
036–0137–0–1–702			
41.0 Direct obligations: Grants, subsidies, and contributions .....	13,967	14,486	14,861
99.0 Reimbursable obligations .....	298	302	302
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	14,265	14,788	15,163

READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

(Legislative proposal, subject to PAYGO)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
036–0137–4–1–702			
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0102 VA Cap for Flight Training at Public Schools .....			–42
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts (object class 41.0) .....			–42
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
<b>Budget authority:</b>			
<b>Appropriations, mandatory:</b>			
<b>Advance appropriations, mandatory:</b>			
1270 Advance appropriation .....			–42
1900 Budget authority (total) .....			–42
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....			–42
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
<b>Unpaid obligations:</b>			
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....			–42
3020 Outlays (gross) .....			42



Budget authority and outlays, net:		
Mandatory:		
4090	Budget authority, gross .....	-42
Outlays, gross:		
4100	Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	-42
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....	-42
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....	-42

**Rounding Down of Certain Cost-of-Living Adjustments.**—VA proposes to amend title 38 U.S.C. sections 3015(h) and 3564 to round-down benefit rates from 2018 to 2027. P.L. 108–183, the Veteran Benefits Act of 2003, last extended a previous authority in title 38 that authorized VA to round-down the yearly cost-of-living adjustments for basic educational assistance to the next lower whole dollar amount through fiscal year 2013. Previously, under chapter 30 and 35, the yearly increase in educational assistance was rounded-down to the next lower dollar. When this legislation expired, these monthly rate increases for educational assistance were rounded to the nearest whole dollar. Savings to VA are estimated to be \$0 in 2018, \$2.7 million for five years, and \$21.4 million over ten years.

**Prevent VA from Providing Unlimited Amounts of Payments for Flight Training at Public Schools.**—VA proposes to amend title 38 U.S.C. section 3313(c) and add new section (j) to impose tuition and fee payment caps at Institutions of Higher Learning (IHLs) with flight training programs and establish a maximum allowable fee structure for all VA-funded flight programs. Savings are estimated to be \$42.0 million in 2018, \$228.8 million for five years, and \$511.2 million over ten years.

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, **[\$124,504,000]** \$121,529,000, to remain available until expended, which shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under this heading that became available on October 1, 2017, of which **[\$107,899,000]** \$109,090,000 shall become available on October 1, **[2017]** 2018. (Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0120–0–1–701	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.	
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>				
0011	VMLI Death Claims .....	39	41	42
0012	Payment to Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance .....	44	73	86
0100	Total direct expenses .....	83	114	128
0900	Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	83	114	128
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>				
Unobligated balance:				
1000	Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	2	2	3
Budget authority:				
Appropriations, mandatory:				
1200	Appropriation .....	77		
Advance appropriations, mandatory:				
1270	Advance appropriation .....		109	120
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:				
1800	Collected .....	6	6	6
1900	Budget authority (total) .....	83	115	126
1930	Total budgetary resources available .....	85	117	129
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
1941	Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	2	3	1
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>				
Unpaid obligations:				
3000	Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1	1	
3010	New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	83	114	128
3020	Outlays (gross) .....	-83	-115	-128
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	115	126
Outlays, gross:				
4100	Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	81	114	126
4101	Outlays from mandatory balances .....	2	1	2
4110	Outlays, gross (total) .....	83	115	128
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:				
Offsetting collections (collected) from:				
4123	Non-Federal sources .....	-6	-6	-6
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....	77	109	120
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....	77	109	122

WORKLOAD

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Policy service actions .....	899,790	867,107	823,900
Collections .....	541,120	471,000	405,000
Disability claims .....	35,600	43,790	42,040
Insurance awards .....	178,479	186,530	173,980

For military and naval insurance, national service life insurance, service-men's indemnities, service-disabled veterans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as authorized by chapters 19 and 21, title 38, United States Code \$121,529,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$109,090,000 shall become available on October 1, 2018. Public Law 114–113, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 on December 18, 2015, enacted associated advance 2018 appropriations of \$107,899,000 that shall become available on October 1, 2017.

**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.

POLICIES AND INSURANCE IN FORCE

VMLI Policies	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Number of Policies .....	2,654	2,790	2,870
Amount of Insurance (dollars in millions) .....	\$345	\$382	\$401

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0120–0–1–701	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.	
42.0	Direct obligations: Insurance claims and indemnities .....	79	111	126
99.0	Reimbursable obligations .....	4	3	2
99.9	Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	83	114	128

FILIPINO VETERANS EQUITY COMPENSATION FUND

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-1121-0-1-701	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	56	56	56
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	56	56	56
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	56	56	56
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....			
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....			

This fund was established under the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009 (Public Law 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 (Public Law 111-5). Original funding of \$198,000,000 was supplemented by a transfer of \$67,000,000 authorized by Public Law 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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0801 Capital investment .....	26	26	27
0802 Death claims .....	107	116	119
0803 All other .....	5	6	6
0804 Payments to GOE and IT .....	13	15	16
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	151	163	168
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	30	10	13
Budget authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	131	166	182
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	161	176	195
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	10	13	27
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	18	18	3
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	151	163	168
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-151	-178	-151
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	18	3	20
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	18	18	3
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	18	3	20
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	131	166	182
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	87	163	168
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....	64	15	-17
4110 Outlays, gross (total) .....	151	178	151
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4120 Federal sources .....	-44	-73	-86
4123 Non-Federal sources .....	-4	-5	-5
4123 Non-Federal sources .....	-62	-67	-69
4123 Non-Federal sources .....	-21	-21	-22
4130 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) ....	-131	-166	-182
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory) .....	20	12	-31
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....			
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	20	12	-31

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

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Number of policies (EOY) .....	272,112	276,682	280,752
Insurance in force (dollars in millions) (EOY) .....	\$2,854	\$2,923	\$2,975

*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 \$1,448 million by September 30, 2018. 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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Reimbursable obligations:</b>			
33.0 Investments and loans .....	26	26	27
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities .....	125	137	141
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	151	163	168

VETERANS REOPENED INSURANCE FUND

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4010-0-3-701	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0801 Death claims .....	23	23	19
0802 Dividends .....	2	2	2
0803 All other .....	3	4	4
0804 Capital investment: policy loans .....	1	1	1
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	29	30	26
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	139	118	95
Budget authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	8	7	6
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	147	125	101
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	118	95	75
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	33	28	24
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	29	30	26
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-34	-34	-29
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	28	24	21

3060	Uncollected payments:			
	Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	-2	-2	-2
3090	Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	-2	-2	-2
	Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100	Obligated balance, start of year .....	31	26	22
3200	Obligated balance, end of year .....	26	22	19
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>				
Mandatory:				
4090	Budget authority, gross .....	8	7	6
Outlays, gross:				
4100	Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	8	7	6
4101	Outlays from mandatory balances .....	26	27	23
4110	Outlays, gross (total) .....	34	34	29
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:				
Offsetting collections (collected) from:				
4120	Federal sources .....	-1		
4121	Interest on Federal securities .....	-7	-5	-4
4123	Non-Federal sources .....		-2	-2
4130	Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) ....	-8	-7	-6
4170	Outlays, net (mandatory) .....	26	27	23
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....			
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....	26	27	23
<b>Memorandum (non-add) entries:</b>				
5000	Total investments, SOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	170	144	117
5001	Total investments, EOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	144	117	94

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**

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Number of policies .....	12,015	9,685	7,698
Insurance in force (dollars in millions) .....	\$127	\$90	\$73

*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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.	
Reimbursable obligations:				
33.0	Investments and loans .....	1	1	1
42.0	Insurance claims and indemnities .....	25	26	22
43.0	Interest and dividends .....	3	3	3
99.9	Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	29	30	26

SERVICEMEMBERS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FUND

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

Identification code 036-4009-0-3-701	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.	
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>				
0801	Premium payments .....	784	793	793
0803	Payment to GOE .....	3	3	3
0900	Total new obligations (object class 41.0) .....	787	796	796
<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 .....	787	796	796
1930	Total budgetary resources available .....	788	797	797
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
1941	Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	1	1	1
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>				
Unpaid obligations:				
3010	New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	787	796	796
3020	Outlays (gross) .....	-787	-796	-796
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>				
Mandatory:				
4090	Budget authority, gross .....	787	796	796
Outlays, gross:				
4100	Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	786	795	795
4101	Outlays from mandatory balances .....	1	1	1
4110	Outlays, gross (total) .....	787	796	796
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:				
Offsetting collections (collected) from:				
4123	Non-Federal sources .....	-787	-796	-796
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....			
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....			
<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.

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 [2017] 2018, within the resources

VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND—Continued

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, **[\$198,856,000]** \$178,626,365. (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.*)

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

Identification code 036-1119-0-1-704	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
Credit program obligations:			
0702	455	802	384
0705	24	5	
0706	12	6	
0707	382	54	
0708	91	16	
0709	162	199	179
0900	1,126	1,082	563
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100	165	199	179
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1200	964	883	384
1900	1,129	1,082	563
1930	1,129	1,082	563
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1940	-3		
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3010	1,126	1,082	563
3020	-1,126	-1,082	-563
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Discretionary:			
4000	165	199	179
Outlays, gross:			
4010	162	199	179
Mandatory:			
4090	964	883	384
Outlays, gross:			
4100	964	883	384
4180	1,129	1,082	563
4190	1,126	1,082	563

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

Identification code 036-1119-0-1-704	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Direct loan levels supportable by subsidy budget authority:			
115001	8	10	12
115004		378	442
115999	8	388	454
Direct loan subsidy (in percent):			
132001	1.71	1.92	7.94
132004	-25.58	-23.58	-26.49
132999	1.71	-22.92	-25.58
Direct loan subsidy budget authority:			
133001			1
133004		-89	-117
133999		-89	-116
Direct loan subsidy outlays:			
134001			1
134004		-89	-117
134999		-89	-116
Direct loan reestimates:			
135001	11	1	
135004	9	2	
135005	16	5	
135999	36	8	
Guaranteed loan levels supportable by subsidy budget authority:			
215001	181,786	157,226	141,929
215999	181,786	157,226	141,929

Guaranteed loan subsidy (in percent):			
232001	0.25	0.51	0.27
232999	0.25	0.51	0.27
Guaranteed loan subsidy budget authority:			
233001	454	802	383
233999	454	802	383
Guaranteed loan subsidy outlays:			
234001	455	802	383
234999	455	802	383
Guaranteed loan reestimates:			
235001	186	-1,624	
235002	-24	-4	
235999	162	-1,628	
Administrative expense data:			
3510	165	199	179
3590	161	199	179

*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]		
	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Construction and valuation	623	450	446
Loan processing	1,095	1,050	1,071
Loan service and claims	214	235	254

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

Identification code 036-1119-0-1-704	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Direct obligations:			
25.2	162	199	179
41.0	964	883	384
99.9	1,126	1,082	563

HOUSING DIRECT LOAN FINANCING ACCOUNT

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4127-0-3-704	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0003 Property sales expense .....	1		
0004 Property management/other expense .....	3	3	2
0091 Direct program activities, subtotal .....	4	3	2
Credit program obligations:			
0710 Direct loan obligations .....	8	388	454
0713 Payment of interest to Treasury .....	23	248	286
0740 Negative subsidy obligations .....		89	117
0742 Downward reestimates paid to receipt accounts .....		1	
0743 Interest on downward reestimates .....	1	2	
0791 Direct program activities, subtotal .....	32	728	857
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	36	731	859
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	94	60	
1023 Unobligated balances applied to repay debt .....	-88	-60	
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	6		
Financing authority:			
Borrowing authority, mandatory:			
1400 Borrowing authority .....	57	731	859
1422 Borrowing authority applied to repay debt .....	-49		
1440 Borrowing authority, mandatory (total) .....	8	731	859
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	108	60	74
1825 Spending authority from offsetting collections applied to repay debt .....	-26	-60	-74
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total) .....	82		
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	90	731	859
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	96	731	859
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	60		
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1		7
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	36	731	859
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-37	-724	-857
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....		7	9
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	1		7
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....		7	9
<b>Financing authority and disbursements, net:</b>			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	90	731	859
Financing disbursements:			
4110 Outlays, gross (total) .....	37	724	857
Offsets against gross financing authority and disbursements:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4120 Federal sources: Payments from program account .....	-36	-11	-1
4122 Interest on uninvested funds .....	-6		
4123 Interest and principal received on loans .....	-66	-45	-70
4123 Cash sale of properties .....		-4	-3
4130 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) .....	-108	-60	-74
4160 Budget authority, net (mandatory) .....	-18	671	785
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory) .....	-71	664	783
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	-18	671	785
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	-71	664	783

Status of Direct Loans (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4127-0-3-704	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Position with respect to appropriations act limitation on obligations:			
1111 Direct loan obligations from current-year authority .....	8	388	454
1150 Total direct loan obligations .....	8	388	454
Cumulative balance of direct loans outstanding:			
1210 Outstanding, start of year .....	409	377	743
1231 Disbursements: Direct loan disbursements .....	8	388	454
1251 Repayments: Repayments and prepayments .....	-39	-19	-25

1263 Write-offs for default: Direct loans .....	-1	-3	-2
1290 Outstanding, end of year .....	377	743	1,170

Balance Sheet (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4127-0-3-704	2015 actual	2016 actual
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Federal assets:		
1101 Fund balances with Treasury .....	94	59
Investments in US securities:		
1106 Receivables, net .....	16	9
1206 Non-Federal assets: Receivables, net .....	4	6
Net value of assets related to post-1991 direct loans receivable:		
1401 Direct loans receivable, gross .....	409	377
1402 Interest receivable .....	19	20
1404 Foreclosed property .....	25	15
1405 Allowance for subsidy cost .....	57	23
1499 Net present value of assets related to direct loans .....	510	435
1901 Other Federal assets: Other assets .....	1	1
1999 Total assets .....	625	510
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Federal liabilities:		
2103 Debt .....	605	500
2105 Other .....	13	10
Non-Federal liabilities:		
2201 Accounts payable .....	1	
2207 Other .....	6	
2999 Total liabilities .....	625	510
4999 Total liabilities and net position .....	625	510

HOUSING GUARANTEED LOAN FINANCING ACCOUNT

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4129-0-3-704	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0002 Losses on defaulted loans .....	756	968	1,691
0005 Payment to trustee reserve .....	17	19	17
0009 Property sales expense .....	123	112	195
0010 Property management expense .....	121	92	160
0011 Property improvement expense .....	3	3	5
0012 Loans acquired .....	9	12	13
0091 Direct program activities, subtotal .....	1,029	1,206	2,081
Credit program obligations:			
0711 Default claim payments on principal .....	1,589	1,601	2,791
0742 Downward reestimates paid to receipt accounts .....	252	1,526	
0743 Interest on downward reestimates .....	58	173	
0791 Direct program activities, subtotal .....	1,899	3,300	2,791
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	2,928	4,506	4,872
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	8,727	10,469	10,478
1033 Recoveries of prior year paid obligations .....	8		
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	8,735	10,469	10,478
Financing authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	4,662	4,515	5,342
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	13,397	14,984	15,820
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	10,469	10,478	10,948
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	316	361	57
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	2,928	4,506	4,872
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-2,883	-4,810	-4,831
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	361	57	98
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	316	361	57
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	361	57	98

HOUSING GUARANTEED LOAN FINANCING ACCOUNT—Continued  
Program and Financing—Continued

Identification code 036-4129-0-3-704	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Financing authority and disbursements, net:</b>			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	4,662	4,515	5,342
Financing disbursements:			
4110 Outlays, gross (total) .....	2,883	4,810	4,831
Offsets against gross financing authority and disbursements:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4120 Payments from program account .....	-927	-872	-383
4120 Recoveries from DLFA .....	-9	-266	-456
4122 Interest on uninvested funds .....	-213	-20	-22
4123 Funding fees .....	-2,039	-1,921	-1,974
4123 Cash sale of properties .....	-1,502	-1,436	-2,507
4123 Redemption of Properties/Other income and receivables .....	-12		
4123 Transferred Collections to the U.S. Treasury .....	32		
4130 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) ....	-4,670	-4,515	-5,342
Additional offsets against financing authority only (total):			
4143 Recoveries of prior year paid obligations, unexpired accounts .....	8		
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory) .....	-1,787	295	-511
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....			
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	-1,787	295	-511

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

Identification code 036-4129-0-3-704	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Position with respect to appropriations act limitation on commitments:			
2111 Guaranteed loan commitments from current-year authority .....	181,786	157,226	141,928
2150 Total guaranteed loan commitments .....	181,786	157,226	141,928
2199 Guaranteed amount of guaranteed loan commitments .....	50,173	43,395	39,173
Cumulative balance of guaranteed loans outstanding:			
2210 Outstanding, start of year .....	462,079	524,913	630,573
2231 Disbursements of new guaranteed loans .....	181,786	157,226	141,928
2251 Repayments and prepayments .....	-116,581	-48,968	-56,720
Adjustments:			
2262 Terminations for default that result in acquisition of property .....	-1,589	-1,601	-2,790
2263 Terminations for default that result in claim payments .....	-782	-997	-1,721
2290 Outstanding, end of year .....	524,913	630,573	711,270
Memorandum:			
2299 Guaranteed amount of guaranteed loans outstanding, end of year .....	140,561	167,257	187,517

## Balance Sheet (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4129-0-3-704	2015 actual	2016 actual
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Federal assets:		
1101 Fund balances with Treasury .....	9,043	10,830
Investments in US securities:		
1106 Receivables, net .....	406	27
Net value of assets related to post-1991 acquired defaulted guaranteed loans receivable:		
1504 Accounts receivable from foreclosed property .....	14	13
1504 Foreclosed property .....	866	845
1599 Net present value of assets related to defaulted guaranteed loans .....	880	858
1999 Total assets .....	10,329	11,715
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Federal liabilities:		
2103 Debt .....		1,586
2105 Other liabilities .....	333	
Non-Federal liabilities:		
2201 Accounts payable .....	317	361
2204 Non-federal liabilities for loan guarantees .....	9,679	9,768
2999 Total liabilities .....	10,329	11,715
4999 Total liabilities and net position .....	10,329	11,715

## HOUSING LIQUIDATING ACCOUNT

## Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4025-0-3-704	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0105 Capital investments, guaranteed claims payment and other operating expenses .....	1	2	1
<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	-2	
1033 Recoveries of prior year paid obligations .....	-1	1	
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	-1		
Budget authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	13	10	7
1820 Capital transfer of spending authority from offsetting collections to general fund .....	-10	-8	-6
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total) .....	3	2	1
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	2	2	1
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	2	
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	1	2	1
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-1	-4	-1
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	2		
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	2	2	
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	2		
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	3	2	1
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....		2	1
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....	1	2	
4110 Outlays, gross (total) .....	1	4	1
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4123 Loan repayments and prepayments .....	-1	-1	-1
4123 Sale of homes, cash .....	-1	-1	-1
4123 Interest on loans .....	-1		
4123 Interest collection on Veteran liability debts .....	-3	-3	-2
4123 Principal collection on Veteran liability debts .....	-7	-6	-3
4130 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) ....	-13	-11	-7
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4143 Recoveries of prior year paid obligations, unexpired accounts .....	-1	1	
4160 Budget authority, net (mandatory) .....	-11	-8	-6
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory) .....	-12	-7	-6
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	-11	-8	-6
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	-12	-7	-6
<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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Cumulative balance of direct loans outstanding:			
1210 Outstanding, start of year .....	4	3	2
1251 Repayments: Repayments and prepayments .....	-1	-1	-1
1290 Outstanding, end of year .....	3	2	1

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

Identification code 036-4025-0-3-704	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Cumulative balance of guaranteed loans outstanding:			
2210 Outstanding, start of year .....	148	81	44
2251 Repayments and prepayments .....	-66	-36	-19

2262	Adjustments: Terminations for default that result in acquisition of property .....	-1	-1	-1
2290	Outstanding, end of year .....	81	44	24
<b>Memorandum:</b>				
2299	Guaranteed amount of guaranteed loans outstanding, end of year .....	33	18	9
<b>Addendum:</b>				
Cumulative balance of defaulted guaranteed loans that result in loans receivable:				
2310	Outstanding, start of year .....	22	23	17
2331	Disbursements for guaranteed loan claims .....	2		
2351	Repayments of loans receivable .....	-1	-6	-4
2364	Other adjustments, net .....			
2390	Outstanding, end of year .....	23	17	13

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

Identification code 036-4025-0-3-704	2015 actual	2016 actual	
<b>ASSETS:</b>			
1101	Federal assets: Fund balances with Treasury .....	3	3
<b>Non-Federal assets:</b>			
1201	Investments in non-Federal securities, net .....	140	140
1206	Receivables, net .....	1	1
1601	Direct loans, gross .....	4	3
1602	Interest receivable .....	38	9
1603	Allowance for estimated uncollectible loans and interest (-) .....	-26	-31
1699	Value of assets related to direct loans .....	16	-19
1701	Defaulted guaranteed loans, gross .....	22	23
1703	Allowance for estimated uncollectible loans and interest (-) .....	-1	-1
1704	Defaulted guaranteed loans and interest receivable, net .....	21	22
1706	Foreclosed property .....	2	1
1799	Value of assets related to loan guarantees .....	23	23
1999	Total assets .....	183	148
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
<b>Non-Federal liabilities:</b>			
2201	Accounts payable .....	2	2
2204	Liabilities for loan guarantees .....	181	146
2999	Total liabilities .....	183	148
4999	Total liabilities and net position .....	183	148

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

Identification code 036-4025-0-3-704	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.	
<b>Direct obligations:</b>				
32.0	Land and structures .....	1	1	1
33.0	Investments and loans .....		1	
99.9	Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	1	2	1

**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, \$1,163,000. (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.*)

**VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT**

For the cost of direct loans, \$36,000 \$29,680, 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 \$2,517,000 \$2,355,547.

In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to carry out the direct loan program, \$389,000 \$395,000, which may be paid to the appropriation for "General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration". (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.*)

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

Identification code 036-1120-0-1-704	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 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, unexpired accounts .....	3	3	2
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>				
Unobligated balance:				
1000	Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	3	3	3
Budget authority:				
Appropriations, discretionary:				
1100	Appropriation .....	2	1	2
Appropriations, mandatory:				
1200	Appropriation .....	1	2	
1900	Budget authority (total) .....	3	3	2
1930	Total budgetary resources available .....	6	6	5
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
1941	Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	3	3	3

**Change in obligated balance:**

Unpaid obligations:				
3010	New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	3	3	2
3020	Outlays (gross) .....	-3	-3	-2

**Budget authority and outlays, net:**

Discretionary:				
4000	Budget authority, gross .....	2	1	2
Outlays, gross:				
4010	Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	2	1	2
Mandatory:				
4090	Budget authority, gross .....	1	2	
Outlays, gross:				
4100	Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	1	2	
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....	3	3	2
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....	3	3	2

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

Identification code 036-1120-0-1-704	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.	
<b>Direct loan levels supportable by subsidy budget authority:</b>				
115002	Native American Direct Loans .....	2	9	9
115003	Vocational Rehabilitation .....	2	3	3
115999	Total direct loan levels .....	4	12	12
<b>Direct loan subsidy (in percent):</b>				
132002	Native American Direct Loans .....	-18.08	-18.62	-20.22
132003	Vocational Rehabilitation .....	1.05	1.43	1.26
132999	Weighted average subsidy rate .....	-8.51	-13.61	-14.85
<b>Direct loan subsidy budget authority:</b>				
133002	Native American Direct Loans .....	-1	-2	-2
133999	Total subsidy budget authority .....	-1	-2	-2
<b>Direct loan subsidy outlays:</b>				
134002	Native American Direct Loans .....	-1	-2	-1
134999	Total subsidy outlays .....	-1	-2	-1
<b>Direct loan reestimates:</b>				
135002	Native American Direct Loans .....	1	1	
135999	Total direct loan reestimates .....	1	1	
<b>Administrative expense data:</b>				
3510	Budget authority .....	2	2	2
3590	Outlays from new authority .....	2	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

NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT—Continued  
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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 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, unexpired accounts .....	3	3	2

NATIVE AMERICAN DIRECT LOAN FINANCING ACCOUNT

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)			
Identification code 036-4130-0-3-704	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
Credit program obligations:			
0710 Direct loan obligations .....	2	9	9
0713 Payment of interest to Treasury .....	2	3	4
0740 Negative subsidy obligations .....	1	2	2
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	5	14	15
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	4	2	1
1023 Unobligated balances applied to repay debt .....	-3	.....	.....
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	1	2	1
Financing authority:			
Borrowing authority, mandatory:			
1400 Borrowing authority .....	5	12	13
1422 Borrowing authority applied to repay debt .....	-4	.....	.....
1440 Borrowing authority, mandatory (total) .....	1	12	13
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	6	9	9
1825 Spending authority from offsetting collections applied to repay debt .....	-1	-8	-7
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total) .....	5	1	2
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	6	13	15
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	7	15	16
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	2	1	1
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1	1	1
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	5	14	15
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-5	-14	-15
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
<b>Financing authority and disbursements, net:</b>			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	6	13	15
Financing disbursements:			
4110 Outlays, gross (total) .....	5	14	15
Offsets against gross financing authority and disbursements:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4120 Federal sources .....	-1	-1	.....
4123 Non-federal sources - Repayments and prepayments of principal .....	-4	-5	-6
4123 Non-federal sources - Interest received on loans .....	-1	-3	-3
4130 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) .....	-6	-9	-9
4160 Budget authority, net (mandatory) .....	.....	4	6
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory) .....	-1	5	6
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	.....	4	6
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	-1	5	6

Status of Direct Loans (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4130-0-3-704	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Position with respect to appropriations act limitation on obligations:			
1111 Direct loan obligations from current-year authority .....	2	9	9
1150 Total direct loan obligations .....	2	9	9
Cumulative balance of direct loans outstanding:			
1210 Outstanding, start of year .....	60	60	64
1231 Disbursements: Direct loan disbursements .....	3	9	9
1251 Repayments: Repayments and prepayments .....	-3	-5	-5
1290 Outstanding, end of year .....	60	64	68

Balance Sheet (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4130-0-3-704	2015 actual	2016 actual
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Federal assets:		
1101 Fund balances with Treasury .....	5	3
Investments in US securities:		
1106 Receivables, net .....	1	1
Net value of assets related to post-1991 direct loans receivable:		
1401 Direct loans receivable, gross .....	60	60
1402 Interest receivable .....	2	2
1405 Other assets .....	3	3
1499 Net present value of assets related to direct loans .....	65	65
1999 Total assets .....	71	69
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Federal liabilities:		
2103 Federal liabilities debt .....	70	67
2105 Other liabilities .....	1	2
2999 Total liabilities .....	71	69
4999 Total liabilities and net position .....	71	69

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING DIRECT LOAN FINANCING ACCOUNT

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)			
Identification code 036-4258-0-3-704	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Direct program activity .....	1	1	1
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	1	1	1
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	5	5	5
Financing authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	1	1	1
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	6	6	6
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	5	5	5
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1	1	1
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	1	1	1
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-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
<b>Financing authority and disbursements, net:</b>			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	1	1	1
Financing disbursements:			
4110 Outlays, gross (total) .....	1	1	1
Offsets against gross financing authority and disbursements:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4123 Non-Federal sources .....	-1	-1	-1
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	.....	.....	.....
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	.....	.....	.....



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

Identification code 036-4258-0-3-704	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Position with respect to appropriations act limitation on obligations:</b>			
1121 Limitation available from carry-forward .....	95	95	95
1143 Unobligated limitation carried forward .....	-95	-95	-95
<b>Cumulative balance of direct loans outstanding:</b>			
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	2015 actual	2016 actual
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
Credit program obligations:			
0710 Direct loan obligations .....	2	3	3
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	2	3	3
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
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 .....	-2	-3	-3
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	2	3	3
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	2	3	3
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	2	3	3
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-2	-3	-3
<b>Financing authority and disbursements, net:</b>			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	2	3	3
Financing disbursements:			
4110 Outlays, gross (total) .....	2	3	3
Offsets against gross financing authority and disbursements:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4123 Repayments and prepayments of principal .....	-2	-3	-3
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....			
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....			

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

Identification code 036-4112-0-3-702	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Position with respect to appropriations act limitation on obligations:</b>			
1111 Direct loan obligations from current-year authority .....	2	3	3
1150 Total direct loan obligations .....	2	3	3
<b>Cumulative balance of direct loans outstanding:</b>			
1210 Outstanding, start of year .....	2	2	1

1231 Disbursements: Direct loan disbursements .....	2	2	2
1251 Repayments: Repayments and prepayments .....	-2	-3	-2
1290 Outstanding, end of year .....	2	1	1

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

Identification code 036-4112-0-3-702	2015 actual	2016 actual
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Federal assets:		
Investments in US securities:		
1104 Investments US Securities .....	1	
1401 Net value of assets related to post-1991 direct loans receivable:		
Direct loans receivable, gross .....	2	2
1999 Total assets .....	3	2
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
2103 Federal liabilities: Debt .....	3	2
4999 Total liabilities and net position .....	3	2

**Trust Funds**

POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERANS EDUCATION ACCOUNT

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

Identification code 036-8133-0-7-702	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	62	62	62
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	62	62	62
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	62	62	62
<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
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....			
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....			

This account was established under Public Law 94-502, Veterans' Education and Employment Assistance Act, 1976. This program consists of voluntary contributions by eligible servicemembers and matching contributions provided by the Department of Defense and provides educational assistance payments to participants who entered the service after December 31, 1976. 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. The estimated activity in the fund follows:

**CONTRIBUTIONS, PARTICIPANTS, DISENROLLMENTS, REFUNDS AND TRAINEES**

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Total program obligations (in thousands) .....	\$223	\$212	\$201
Number of disenrollments .....	92	87	83
Total refunds (in thousands) .....	\$201	\$191	\$181
Average Refund .....	\$2,180	\$2,180	\$2,180
Total trainees .....	8	8	7
Total trainee cost (in thousands) .....	\$14	\$13	\$13
Average trainee cost .....	\$1,767	\$1,791	\$1,825
Section 901 trainees .....	2	2	2
Total Section 901 trainee cost (in thousands) .....	\$8	\$8	\$7
Average Section 901 trainee cost .....	\$4,132	\$3,925	\$3,500

NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE FUND

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

Identification code 036-8132-0-7-701	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
0100 Balance, start of year .....	3,964	3,400	2,833

NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE FUND—Continued  
Special and Trust Fund Receipts—Continued

Identification code 036-8132-0-7-701	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Current law:			
1130 NSLI Fund, Premium and Other Receipts .....	69	55	45
1140 NSLI Fund, Interest .....	188	153	129
1199 Total current law receipts .....	257	208	174
1999 Total receipts .....	257	208	174
2000 Total: Balances and receipts .....	4,221	3,608	3,007
<b>Appropriations:</b>			
Current law:			
2101 National Service Life Insurance Fund .....	-257	-208	-175
2103 National Service Life Insurance Fund .....	-564	-567	-506
2199 Total current law appropriations .....	-821	-775	-681
2999 Total appropriations .....	-821	-775	-681
5099 Balance, end of year .....	3,400	2,833	2,326

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8132-0-7-701	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Death claims .....	603	535	461
0002 Disability claims .....	3	3	2
0003 Matured endowments .....	88	116	112
0004 Cash surrenders .....	24	20	18
0005 Dividends .....	55	48	41
0006 Interest paid on dividend credits and deposits .....	20	24	20
0007 Payment to general operating expenses .....	14	15	13
0091 Total operating expenses .....	807	761	667
0201 Capital investment: Policy loans .....	14	14	14
0799 Total direct obligations .....	821	775	681
0801 Death claims .....	19	51	43
0803 Matured endowments .....	3	11	10
0804 Cash surrenders .....	1	2	2
0805 Dividends .....	2	5	4
0806 Interest paid on dividend credits and deposits .....	1	2	2
0807 Payment to general operating expenses .....	1	1	1
0899 Total reimbursable obligations .....	26	72	62
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	847	847	743
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1201 Appropriation (special or trust fund) .....	257	208	175
1203 Appropriation (previously unavailable) .....	564	567	506
1260 Appropriations, mandatory (total) .....	821	775	681
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	26	72	62
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	847	847	743
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	847	847	743
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	947	853	774
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	847	847	743
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-941	-926	-826
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	853	774	691
<b>Memorandum (non-add) entries:</b>			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	947	853	774
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	853	774	691

Budget authority and outlays, net:

Identification code 036-8132-0-7-701	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Mandatory:</b>			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	847	847	743
<b>Outlays, gross:</b>			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	283	359	412
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....	658	567	414
4110 Outlays, gross (total) .....	941	926	826
<b>Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:</b>			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4123 Non-Federal sources .....	-26	-72	-62
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	821	775	681

Identification code 036-8132-0-7-701	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	915	854	764
<b>Memorandum (non-add) entries:</b>			
5000 Total investments, SOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	4,903	4,246	3,599
5001 Total investments, EOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	4,246	3,599	3,010

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 servicemembers' 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

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Number of policies .....	309,658	254,707	206,647
Insurance in force (dollars in millions) .....	\$3.914	\$3.181	\$2.577

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 \$3,687 million as of September 30, 2017 to \$3,059 million as of September 30, 2018. The actuarial estimate of policy obligations as of September 30, 2018, totals \$2,992 million, leaving a balance of \$67 million for contingency reserves.

Status of Funds (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8132-0-7-701	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Unexpended balance, start of year:</b>			
0100 Balance, start of year .....	4,912	4,254	3,608
0999 Total balance, start of year .....	4,912	4,254	3,608
<b>Cash income during the year:</b>			
Current law:			
Receipts:			
1130 NSLI Fund, Premium and Other Receipts .....	69	55	45
1130 National Service Life Insurance Fund .....	26	72	62
1150 NSLI Fund, Interest .....	188	153	129
1199 Income under present law .....	283	280	236
1999 Total cash income .....	283	280	236
<b>Cash outgo during the year:</b>			
Current law:			
2100 National Service Life Insurance Fund [029-25-8132-0] .....	-941	-926	-826
2199 Outgo under current law .....	-941	-926	-826
2999 Total cash outgo (-) .....	-941	-926	-826
<b>Surplus or deficit:</b>			
3110 Excluding interest .....	-846	-799	-719
3120 Interest .....	188	153	129
3199 Subtotal, surplus or deficit .....	-658	-646	-590
3999 Total change in fund balance .....	-658	-646	-590
<b>Unexpended balance, end of year:</b>			
4100 Uninvested balance (net), end of year .....	8	9	8
4200 National Service Life Insurance Fund .....	4,246	3,599	3,010
4999 Total balance, end of year .....	4,254	3,608	3,018

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8132-0-7-701	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Direct obligations:</b>			
33.0 Investments and loans .....	14	14	14
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities .....	718	674	593
43.0 Interest and dividends .....	89	87	74
99.0 Direct obligations .....	821	775	681
99.0 Reimbursable obligations .....	26	72	62

99.9	Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	847	847	743
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE FUND

Special and Trust Fund Receipts (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8150-0-7-701	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
0100 Balance, start of year .....	3	3	2
0198 Rounding adjustment .....	1		
0199 Balance, start of year .....	4	3	2
2000 Total: Balances and receipts .....	4	3	2
Appropriations:			
Current law:			
2103 United States Government Life Insurance Fund .....	-1	-1	
5099 Balance, end of year .....	3	2	2

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8150-0-7-701	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Death claims .....	1		
0007 Other costs .....		1	
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	1	1	

Budgetary resources:

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

Change in obligated balance:

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

Budget authority and outlays, net:

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

Memorandum (non-add) entries:

5000 Total investments, SOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	6	4	3
5001 Total investments, EOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	4	3	2

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

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Number of policies .....	348	151	14
Insurance in force (dollars in millions) .....	\$ .7	\$ .2	\$ .04

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 \$2.9 million as of

September 30, 2017, to \$2.2 million as of September 30, 2018, as an increasing number of policies mature through death or disability. The actuarial evaluation of policy obligations as of September 30, 2018, totals \$1.8 million, leaving a balance of \$.04 million for contingency reserves.

Status of Funds (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8150-0-7-701	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Unexpended balance, start of year:			
0100 Balance, start of year .....	6	4	2
0999 Total balance, start of year .....	6	4	2
Cash outgo during year:			
Current law:			
2100 United States Government Life Insurance Fund [029-25-8150-0] .....	-2	-2	
2199 Outgo under current law .....	-2	-2	
2999 Total cash outgo (-) .....	-2	-2	
Surplus or deficit:			
3110 Excluding interest .....	-2	-2	
3199 Subtotal, surplus or deficit .....	-2	-2	
3999 Total change in fund balance .....	-2	-2	
Unexpended balance, end of year:			
4100 Uninvested balance (net), end of year .....		-1	
4200 United States Government Life Insurance Fund .....	4	3	2
4999 Total balance, end of year .....	4	2	2

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8150-0-7-701	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Direct obligations:			
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities .....	1		
43.0 Interest and dividends .....		1	
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	1	1	

VETERANS SPECIAL LIFE INSURANCE FUND

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8455-0-8-701	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0801 Death claims .....	124	139	141
0802 Cash surrenders .....	6	6	6
0803 Dividends .....	34	30	24
0804 All other .....	21	20	18
0805 Payments to insurance account .....	6	8	7
0806 Capital investment .....	7	8	8
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	198	211	204

Budgetary resources:

Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1,367	1,293	1,196
Budget authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	126	114	102
1801 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources .....	-2		
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total) .....	124	114	102
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	1,491	1,407	1,298
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	1,293	1,196	1,094

Change in obligated balance:

Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	442	429	403
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	198	211	204
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-211	-237	-246
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	429	403	361
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	-22	-20	-20
3070 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	2		
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	-20	-20	-20

VETERANS SPECIAL LIFE INSURANCE FUND—Continued  
Program and Financing—Continued

Identification code 036-8455-0-8-701	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Memorandum (non-add) entries:</b>			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	420	409	383
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	409	383	341
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
<b>Mandatory:</b>			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	124	114	102
<b>Outlays, gross:</b>			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority .....	124	114	102
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....	87	123	144
4110 Outlays, gross (total) .....	211	237	246
<b>Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:</b>			
<b>Offsetting collections (collected) from:</b>			
4121 Interest on Federal securities .....	-86	-75	-67
4123 Non-Federal sources .....	-14	-14	-12
4123 Non-Federal sources .....	-23	-22	-20
4123 Non-Federal sources .....	-3	-3	-3
4130 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) ....	-126	-114	-102
<b>Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:</b>			
4140 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	2		
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory) .....	85	123	144
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....			
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	85	123	144
<b>Memorandum (non-add) entries:</b>			
5000 Total investments, SOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	1,785	1,700	1,577
5001 Total investments, EOY: Federal securities: Par value .....	1,700	1,577	1,433

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.

**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**

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Number of policies .....	110,943	100,880	90,788
Insurance in force (dollars in millions) .....	\$1,608	\$1,475	\$1,340

**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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Reimbursable obligations:</b>			
33.0 Investments and loans .....	7	8	8
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities .....	138	155	156
43.0 Interest and dividends .....	53	48	40
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	198	211	204

**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, **[\$528,110,000] \$512,430,000**, of which **[\$478,110,000] \$432,430,000** shall remain available until September 30, **[2021] 2022**, and of which **[\$50,000,000] \$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 contracting officers who manage specific major construction projects, and funds provided for the purchase, security, and maintenance 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 that has not been notified to Congress through the budgetary process or that has not been approved by the Congress 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 **[2017] 2018**, for each approved project shall be obligated: (1) by the awarding of a construction documents contract by September 30, **[2017] 2018**; and (2) by the awarding of a construction contract by September 30, **[2018] 2019**: *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: *Provided further*, That, of the amount made available under this heading, **[\$222,620,000] \$117,300,000** for Veterans Health Administration major construction projects shall not be available until the Department of Veterans Affairs—

(1) enters into an agreement with an appropriate non-Department of Veterans Affairs Federal entity to serve as the design and/or construction agent for any Veterans Health Administration major construction project with a Total Estimated Cost of \$100,000,000 or above by providing full project management services, including management of the project design, acquisition, construction, and contract changes, consistent with section 502 of Public Law 114-58; and

(2) certifies in writing that such an agreement is executed and intended to minimize or prevent subsequent major construction project cost overruns and provides a copy of the agreement entered into and any required supplementary information to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress. (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.*)

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

Identification code 036-0110-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Medical programs .....	1,312	679	988
0002 National cemeteries .....	20	167	183
0005 Staff offices .....	8	8	8
0799 Total direct obligations .....	1,340	854	1,179
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	1,340	854	1,179
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
<b>Unobligated balance:</b>			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	2,145	2,064	1,738
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations .....	38		
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	2,183	2,064	1,738
<b>Budget authority:</b>			
<b>Appropriations, discretionary:</b>			
1100 Appropriation .....	595	528	512

1121	Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0142] ....	4		
1121	Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0160] ....	39		
1121	Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0162] ....	313		
1121	Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0152] ....	85		
1121	Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0151] ....	4		
1121	Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0111] ....	85		
1121	Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0167] ....	76		
1121	Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0161] ....	20		
1160	Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	1,221	528	512
1900	Budget authority (total) .....	1,221	528	512
1930	Total budgetary resources available .....	3,404	2,592	2,250
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
1941	Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	2,064	1,738	1,071

**Change in obligated balance:**

Unpaid obligations:				
3000	Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	930	880	1,020
3010	New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	1,340	854	1,179
3020	Outlays (gross) .....	-1,352	-714	-847
3040	Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired .....	-38		
3050	Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	880	1,020	1,352
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
3100	Obligated balance, start of year .....	930	880	1,020
3200	Obligated balance, end of year .....	880	1,020	1,352

**Budget authority and outlays, net:**

Discretionary:				
4000	Budget authority, gross .....	1,221	528	512
Outlays, gross:				
4010	Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	645	4	4
4011	Outlays from discretionary balances .....	707	710	843
4020	Outlays, gross (total) .....	1,352	714	847
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....	1,221	528	512
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....	1,352	714	847

The Construction, Major Projects appropriation funds construction projects costing more than \$10 million. Funding is to complete a new outpatient clinic for the realignment and closure of a campus project in Livermore, CA, as well as gravesite expansions at six national cemeteries in Sacramento, CA; Bushnell, FL; Ellwood, IL; Calverton, NY; Phoenix, AZ; and Bridgeville, PA. Additional funds are provided to fund salaries and associated expenses of resident engineers and contracting officers who oversee the Department's capital investments and to support advance planning and design activities, and also fund asbestos and hazardous waste abatement projects.

\$649 million of funds appropriated in 2016 are not reflected in the available balance in the tables. These funds will become available for use once VA meets the specific conditions required by law (P.L. 114-113) and the funds are apportioned.

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

Identification code 036-0110-0-1-703				
Direct obligations:				
21.0	Travel and transportation of persons .....	3	3	3
25.2	Other services from non-Federal sources .....	1	1	1
25.3	Other goods and services from Federal sources .....	39	39	39
26.0	Supplies and materials .....	1	1	1
31.0	Equipment .....	2	2	2
32.0	Land and structures .....	1,293	808	1,133
99.0	Direct obligations .....	1,339	854	1,179
99.0	Reimbursable obligations .....	1		
99.9	Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	1,340	854	1,179

**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, **[\$372,069,000] \$342,570,000**, to remain available until September 30, **[2021] 2022**, 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, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.*)

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

Identification code 036-0111-0-1-703				
2016 actual				
2017 est.				
2018 est.				
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>				
0001	Medical programs .....	385	600	358
0002	National cemeteries .....	72	87	90
0003	Regional offices .....	15	47	40
0004	Staff offices .....	18	27	23
0005	Choice Act, P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 .....	101	116	
0900	Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	591	877	511

**Budgetary resources:**

Unobligated balance:				
1000	Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1,033	673	168
1010	Unobligated balance transfer to other accts [036-0160] .....	-195		
1021	Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations .....	95		
1033	Recoveries of prior year paid obligations .....	10		
1050	Unobligated balance (total) .....	943	673	168
Budget authority:				
Appropriations, discretionary:				
1100	Appropriation .....	406	372	343
1120	Appropriations transferred to other acct [036-0110] .....	-85		
1160	Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	321	372	343
1900	Budget authority (total) .....	321	372	343
1930	Total budgetary resources available .....	1,264	1,045	511
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
1941	Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	673	168	

**Change in obligated balance:**

Unpaid obligations:				
3000	Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1,087	1,000	1,414
3010	New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	591	877	511
3020	Outlays (gross) .....	-583	-463	-451
3040	Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired .....	-95		
3050	Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	1,000	1,414	1,474
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
3100	Obligated balance, start of year .....	1,087	1,000	1,414
3200	Obligated balance, end of year .....	1,000	1,414	1,474

**Budget authority and outlays, net:**

Discretionary:				
4000	Budget authority, gross .....	321	372	343
Outlays, gross:				
4010	Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	1	67	62
4011	Outlays from discretionary balances .....	534	358	351
4020	Outlays, gross (total) .....	535	425	413
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:				
Offsetting collections (collected) from:				
4033	Non-Federal sources .....	-10		
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:				
4053	Recoveries of prior year paid obligations, unexpired accounts .....	10		
4070	Budget authority, net (discretionary) .....	321	372	343
4080	Outlays, net (discretionary) .....	525	425	413
Mandatory:				
Outlays, gross:				
4101	Outlays from mandatory balances .....	48	38	38
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....	321	372	343
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....	573	463	451

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

CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS—Continued

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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Direct obligations:			
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	18	18	18
31.0 Equipment .....	1	1	1
32.0 Land and structures .....	572	858	492
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	591	877	511

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, to remain available until expended. (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.*)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0181-0-1-703	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Grants for construction of state extended care facilities .....	130	106	100
0900 Total new obligations (object class 41.0) .....	130	106	100
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	11	23	9
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations .....	2	2	18
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	13	25	27
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation .....	120	90	90
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0160] .....	20		
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	140	90	90
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	153	115	117
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	23	9	17
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	261	312	323
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	130	106	100
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-77	-93	-109
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired .....	-2	-2	-18
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	312	323	296
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	261	312	323
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	312	323	296
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	140	90	90
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	2	2	2
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	77	91	107
4020 Outlays, gross (total) .....	77	93	109
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	140	90	90
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	77	93	109

The Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities program is authorized by sections 8131 through 8137 of title 38, United States Code. It is a shared program between states and the VA, whereby VA provides 65 percent of the funding for new construction of State home facilities, furnishing of domiciliary or nursing home care to veterans, and expansion,

remodeling, or alteration of existing State home facilities. The State is responsible for providing the remaining 35 percent of funding.

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, \$45,000,000, to remain available until expended. (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.*)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0183-0-1-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Grants for construction of state veterans cemeteries .....	49	45	45
0900 Total new obligations (object class 41.0) .....	49	45	45
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	11	9	9
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations .....	1		
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	12	9	9
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation .....	46	45	45
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	58	54	54
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	9	9	9
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	79	87	68
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	49	45	45
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-40	-64	-44
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired .....	-1		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	87	68	69
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	79	87	68
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	87	68	69
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	46	45	45
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....		24	24
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	40	40	20
4020 Outlays, gross (total) .....	40	64	44
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	46	45	45
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	40	64	44

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, **[\$345,391,000] \$346,891,000**, of which not to exceed 5 percent shall remain available until September 30, **[2018] 2019: Provided**, That funds provided under this heading may be transferred to "General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration". (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.*)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0142-0-1-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0014 General administration .....	326	355	347
0806 General administration, reimbursable program .....	391	326	421
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	717	681	768

<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000	Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	5	7
1012	Unobligated balance transfers between expired and unexpired accounts .....	5	3
1050	Unobligated balance (total) .....	10	10
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100	Appropriation .....	337	345
1120	Appropriations transferred to other acct [036-0110] .....	-4	
1160	Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	333	345
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700	Collected .....	392	326
1900	Budget authority (total) .....	725	671
1930	Total budgetary resources available .....	735	681
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1940	Unobligated balance expiring .....	-11	
1941	Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	7	
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000	Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	181	205
3010	New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	717	681
3011	Obligations ("upward adjustments"), expired accounts .....	11	
3020	Outlays (gross) .....	-674	-812
3041	Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired .....	-30	
3050	Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	205	74
Uncollected payments:			
3060	Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	-1	-1
3090	Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	-1	-1
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100	Obligated balance, start of year .....	180	204
3200	Obligated balance, end of year .....	204	73
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Discretionary:			
4000	Budget authority, gross .....	725	671
Outlays, gross:			
4010	Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	532	604
4011	Outlays from discretionary balances .....	142	208
4020	Outlays, gross (total) .....	674	812
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4030	Federal sources .....	-392	-326
4040	Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) ....	-392	-326
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....	333	345
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....	282	486

**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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1	Full-time permanent .....	180	198
11.5	Other personnel compensation .....	3	4
11.9	Total personnel compensation .....	183	202
12.1	Civilian personnel benefits .....	63	64
21.0	Travel and transportation of persons .....	3	7
23.1	Rent .....	1	
23.2	Rental payments to others .....	5	20
23.3	Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges .....	3	8
24.0	Printing and reproduction .....	1	
25.2	Other services from non-Federal sources .....	63	52
26.0	Supplies and materials .....	1	1
31.0	Equipment .....	3	1
99.0	Direct obligations .....	326	355
99.0	Reimbursable obligations .....	391	326
99.9	Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	717	681

**Employment Summary**

Identification code 036-0142-0-1-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
1001	Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	1,632	1,703
2001	Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	927	941

**BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS**

For necessary operating expenses of the Board of Veterans Appeals, **[\$156,096,000]** *\$155,596,000*, of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available until September 30, **[2018]** *2019*. (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.*)

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

Identification code 036-1122-0-1-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0014	Board of Veterans' Appeals .....	110	143
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000	Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	3	3
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100	Appropriation .....	110	156
1930	Total budgetary resources available .....	113	159
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941	Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	3	16
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000	Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	7	10
3010	New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	110	143
3020	Outlays (gross) .....	-106	-146
3041	Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired .....	-1	
3050	Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	10	7
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100	Obligated balance, start of year .....	7	10
3200	Obligated balance, end of year .....	10	7
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Discretionary:			
4000	Budget authority, gross .....	110	156
Outlays, gross:			
4010	Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	97	132
4011	Outlays from discretionary balances .....	9	14
4020	Outlays, gross (total) .....	106	146
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....	110	156
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....	106	146

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 the agencies of original jurisdiction with the 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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1	Full-time permanent .....	70	91
11.5	Other personnel compensation .....	2	4
11.9	Total personnel compensation .....	72	95
12.1	Civilian personnel benefits .....	22	29

BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS—Continued  
Object Classification—Continued

Identification code 036-1122-0-1-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
23.2 Rental payments to others .....	10	11	9
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	6	8	10
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	110	143	171

Employment Summary

Identification code 036-1122-0-1-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	660	886	1,050

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, **[\$2,856,160,000] \$2,844,000,000: 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 5 percent shall remain available until September 30, **[2018] 2019. (Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.)**

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0151-0-1-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0010 Compensation and pensions .....	2,197	2,306	2,291
0011 Education .....	213	203	201
0012 Vocational rehabilitation and counseling .....	217	331	333
0013 Insurance .....	1	1	1
0014 Housing .....		15	18
0799 Total direct obligations .....	2,628	2,856	2,844
0801 Compensation and pensions .....	331	782	796
0802 Education .....		1	1
0804 Insurance .....	29	35	33
0805 Housing .....	139	170	155
0899 Total reimbursable obligations .....	499	988	985
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	3,127	3,844	3,829
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	10	101	89
1012 Unobligated balance transfers between expired and unexpired accounts .....	38		
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	48	101	89
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation .....	2,708	2,856	2,844
1120 Appropriations transferred to other acct [036-0110] .....	-4		
1130 Appropriations permanently reduced .....		-12	
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	2,704	2,844	2,844
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected .....	499	988	988
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	3,203	3,832	3,832
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	3,251	3,933	3,921
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1940 Unobligated balance expiring .....	-23		
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	101	89	92

Change in obligated balance:

Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	346	501	626
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	3,127	3,844	3,829
3011 Obligations ("upward adjustments"), expired accounts .....	36		
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-2,953	-3,719	-3,767

3041 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired .....	-55		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	501	626	688
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	346	501	626
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	501	626	688

Budget authority and outlays, net:

Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	3,203	3,832	3,832
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	2,645	3,240	3,263
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	308	479	504
4020 Outlays, gross (total) .....	2,953	3,719	3,767
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4030 Federal sources .....	-499	-988	-988
4033 Non-Federal sources .....	-1		
4040 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) ....	-500	-988	-988
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4052 Offsetting collections credited to expired accounts .....	1		
4070 Budget authority, net (discretionary) .....	2,704	2,844	2,844
4080 Outlays, net (discretionary) .....	2,453	2,731	2,779
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	2,704	2,844	2,844
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	2,453	2,731	2,779

*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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent .....	1,394	1,414	1,481
11.5 Other personnel compensation .....	117	125	130
11.9 Total personnel compensation .....	1,511	1,539	1,611
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	505	515	520
13.0 Benefits for former personnel .....	1	1	1
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons .....	22	42	32
22.0 Transportation of things .....	2	2	2
23.1 Rent .....	115	125	124
23.2 Rental payments to others .....	18	19	19
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges .....	17	18	18
24.0 Printing and reproduction .....	3	4	4
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	415	563	490
26.0 Supplies and materials .....	7	8	7
31.0 Equipment .....	10	18	14
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities .....	2	2	2
99.0 Direct obligations .....	2,628	2,856	2,844
99.0 Reimbursable obligations .....	499	988	985
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	3,127	3,844	3,829

Employment Summary

Identification code 036-0151-0-1-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	20,227	21,310	21,399
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	1,331	1,411	1,322

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.), **[\$160,106,000] \$159,606,000**, of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available until September 30, **[2018] 2019. (Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.)**



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

Identification code 036-0170-0-1-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0101 Office of Inspector General (Direct) .....	128	158	170
0192 Total direct program .....	128	158	170
0801 Office of Inspector General (Reimbursable) .....	4	3	.....
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	132	161	170
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1	9	10
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation .....	137	160	160
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected .....	4	3	.....
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	141	163	160
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	142	172	170
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1940 Unobligated balance expiring .....	-1	-1	.....
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	9	10	.....
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	26	17	40
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	132	161	170
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-138	-138	-155
3041 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired .....	-3	.....	.....
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	17	40	55
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	26	17	40
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	17	40	55
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	141	163	160
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	119	123	120
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	19	15	35
4020 Outlays, gross (total) .....	138	138	155
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4030 Federal sources .....	-4	-3	.....
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	137	160	160
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	134	135	155

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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent .....	73	85	93
11.5 Other personnel compensation .....	6	4	6
11.9 Total personnel compensation .....	79	89	99
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	30	35	38
21.0 Employee Travel .....	5	6	6
23.1 Rental payments to GSA .....	.....	6	6
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges .....	2	2	3
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	10	16	14
31.0 Equipment .....	2	4	4

99.0	Direct obligations .....	128	158	170
99.0	Reimbursable obligations .....	4	3	.....
99.9	Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	132	161	170

**Employment Summary**

Identification code 036-0170-0-1-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.	
1001	Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	680	760	820
2001	Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	26	13	.....

**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, **[\$4,278,259,000]** \$4,055,500,000, plus reimbursements: *Provided*, That **[\$1,272,548,000]** \$1,230,320,000 shall be for pay and associated costs, of which not to exceed **[\$37,100,000]** \$35,869,000 shall remain available until September 30, **[2018]** 2019: *Provided further*, That **[\$2,534,442,000]** \$2,466,650,000 shall be for operations and maintenance, of which not to exceed **[\$180,200,000]** \$172,666,000 shall remain available until September 30, **[2018]** 2019: *Provided further*, That **[\$471,269,000]** \$358,530,000 shall be for information technology systems development, **[modernization, and enhancement, ]** and shall remain available until September 30, **[2018]** 2019: *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: *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 Inter-agency Program Office through the Department of Veterans Affairs to define data standards, code sets, and value sets used to enable interoperability: *Provided further*, That of the funds made available for information technology systems development, modernization, and enhancement for VistA Evolution or any successor program, not more than 25 percent may be obligated or expended until the Secretary of Veterans Affairs: **].****

**[(1)** submits to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the VistA Evolution Business Case and supporting documents regarding continuation of VistA Evolution or alternatives to VistA Evolution, including an analysis of necessary or desired capabilities, technical and security requirements, the plan for modernizing the platform framework, and all associated costs; **]**

**[(2)** submits to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, and such Committees approve, the following: a report that describes a strategic plan for VistA Evolution, or any successor program, and the associated implementation plan including metrics and timelines; a master schedule and lifecycle cost estimate for VistA Evolution or any successor; and an implementation plan for the transition from the Project Management Accountability System to a new project delivery framework, the Veteran-focused Integration Process, that includes the methodology by which projects will be tracked, progress measured, and deliverables evaluated; **]**

**[(3)** submits to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a report outlining the strategic plan to reach interoperability with private sector healthcare providers, the timeline for reaching "meaningful use" as defined by the Office of National Coordinator for Health Information Technology for each data

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domain covered under the VistA Evolution program, and the extent to which the Department of Veterans Affairs leverages the State Health Information Exchanges to share health data with private sector providers; ]

[(4) submits to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, and such Committees approve, the following: a report that describes the extent to which VistA Evolution, or any successor program, maximizes the use of commercially available software used by DoD and the private sector, requires an open architecture that leverages best practices and rapidly adapts to technologies produced by the private sector, enhances full interoperability between the VA and DoD and between VA and the private sector, and ensures the security of personally identifiable information of veterans and beneficiaries; and ]

[(5) certifies in writing to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress that the Department of Veterans Affairs has met the requirements contained in the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 113–66) which require that electronic health record systems of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs have reached interoperability, comply with national standards and architectural requirements identified by the DoD/VA Interagency Program Office in collaboration with the Office of National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; ]

[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 joint explanatory statement accompanying this Act.] (Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0167–0–1–705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0001 Development .....	464	590	359
0002 Operations and maintenance .....	2,531	2,552	2,463
0003 Administrative and salaries .....	1,069	1,281	1,226
0004 P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801 - IT Support .....	81	139	
0799 Total direct obligations .....	4,145	4,562	4,048
0801 Development .....	4		
0802 Operations and maintenance .....	22	40	40
0803 Administrative and salaries .....	12	13	13
0899 Total reimbursable obligations .....	38	53	53
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	4,183	4,615	4,101
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	463	389	90
1001 Discretionary unobligated balance brought fwd, Oct 1 .....		161	
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations .....	35		
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	498	389	90
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation .....	4,133	4,278	4,056
1120 Appropriations transferred to other accts [036–0169] .....	–7	–7	–8
1120 Appropriations transferred to other acct [036–0110] .....	–76		
1130 Appropriations permanently reduced .....		–8	
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total) .....	4,050	4,263	4,048
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected .....	37	53	53
1701 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources .....	1		
1750 Spending auth from offsetting collections, disc (total) .....	38	53	53
1900 Budget authority (total) .....	4,088	4,316	4,101
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	4,586	4,705	4,191
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1940 Unobligated balance expiring .....	–14		
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	389	90	90
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1,952	2,110	2,336
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	4,183	4,615	4,101
3011 Obligations ("upward adjustments"), expired accounts .....	75		
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	–3,869	–4,389	–4,266
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired .....	–35		
3041 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired .....	–196		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	2,110	2,336	2,171
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	–4	–1	
3070 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	–1		

3071 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, expired .....	4	1	
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	–1		
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	1,948	2,109	2,336
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	2,109	2,336	2,171
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	4,088	4,316	4,101
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	2,302	2,458	2,377
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	1,507	1,822	1,835
4020 Outlays, gross (total) .....	3,809	4,280	4,212
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4030 Federal sources .....	–41	–53	–53
4033 Non-Federal sources .....	–1		
4040 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) .....	–42	–53	–53
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4050 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	–1		
4052 Offsetting collections credited to expired accounts .....	5		
4060 Additional offsets against budget authority only (total) .....	4		
4070 Budget authority, net (discretionary) .....	4,050	4,263	4,048
4080 Outlays, net (discretionary) .....	3,767	4,227	4,159
Mandatory:			
Outlays, gross:			
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....	60	109	54
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	4,050	4,263	4,048
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	3,827	4,336	4,213

The Information Technology (IT) Systems appropriation funds IT services such as systems development and performance, operations and maintenance, information security, 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. This account also supports improvements in the Electronic Health Record and modernizations to veterans benefits and appeals processing.

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

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0167–0–1–705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Direct obligations:</b>			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent .....	668	724	747
11.1 Full-time permanent - Choice Act, P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801 .....	10	12	
11.9 Total personnel compensation .....	678	736	747
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	219	242	245
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits -Choice Act, P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801 .....	3	4	
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons .....	8	11	10
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges .....	782	830	813
23.3 Communications/utilities - Choice Act, P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801 .....	20	22	
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	1,653	1,917	1,554
25.2 Other services from non-Federal -Choice Act, P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801 .....	4	51	
26.0 Supplies and materials .....	20	22	24
31.0 Equipment .....	708	668	647
31.0 Equipment - Choice Act, P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801 .....	42	47	
32.0 Land and structures .....	6	7	7
32.0 Land and structures - Choice Act, P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801 .....	2	3	
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities .....		2	1
99.0 Direct obligations .....	4,145	4,562	4,048
99.0 Reimbursable obligations .....	38	53	53
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	4,183	4,615	4,101

**Employment Summary**

Identification code 036-0167-0-1-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	7,314	7,802	7,795
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	73	104	104

**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, **【\$286,193,000】 \$306,193,000**, of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available until September 30, **【2018】 2019**. (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.*)

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

Identification code 036-0129-0-1-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
0100 Balance, start of year .....		1	1
Receipts:			
Current law:			
1130 Gifts and Donations, National Cemetery Gift Fund .....	1		
2000 Total: Balances and receipts .....	1	1	1
5099 Balance, end of year .....	1	1	1

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

Identification code 036-0129-0-1-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0201 Administrative expenses .....	269	292	307
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	4	3	2
1012 Unobligated balance transfers between expired and unexpired accounts .....	2	5	
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	6	8	2
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation .....	271	286	306
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	277	294	308
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1940 Unobligated balance expiring .....	-5		
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	3	2	1
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	73	65	78
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	269	292	307
3011 Obligations ("upward adjustments"), expired accounts .....	2		
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-275	-279	-298
3041 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired .....	-4		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	65	78	87
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	73	65	78
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	65	78	87
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross .....	271	286	306
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	221	221	238
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances .....	54	58	60
4020 Outlays, gross (total) .....	275	279	298
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	271	286	306
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	275	279	298

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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Direct obligations:</b>			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent .....	106	112	114
11.3 Other than full-time permanent .....	5	5	5
11.9 Total personnel compensation .....	111	117	119
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	40	42	43
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons .....	3	4	3
22.0 Transportation of things .....	2	2	2
23.1 Rent .....	3	4	4
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges .....	9	7	7
24.0 Printing and reproduction .....	1	2	2
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	76	89	101
26.0 Supplies and materials .....	12	11	12
31.0 Equipment .....	9	11	11
32.0 Land and structures .....	3	3	3
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	269	292	307

**Employment Summary**

Identification code 036-0129-0-1-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	1,814	1,851	1,881

**SUPPLY FUND**

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

Identification code 036-4537-0-4-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>			
0801 Reimbursable program-COGS-Merchandizing .....	453	320	320
0802 Reimbursable program-Other-Operations .....	239	345	345
0803 Reimbursable program-COGS-Printing and publications .....	10	20	20
0804 Reimbursable program-Other .....	56	437	437
0805 Reimbursable program-Equipment-Procurement services and distribution .....	540	978	978

SUPPLY FUND—Continued  
Program and Financing—Continued

Identification code 036-4537-0-4-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	1,298	2,100	2,100
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	161	227	227
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations .....	89		
1050 Unobligated balance (total) .....	250	227	227
Budget authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected .....	1,403	2,100	2,100
1801 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources .....	-128		
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total) .....	1,275	2,100	2,100
1930 Total budgetary resources available .....	1,525	2,327	2,327
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	227	227	227
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	1,406	1,229	1,873
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	1,298	2,100	2,100
3020 Outlays (gross) .....	-1,386	-1,456	-2,100
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired .....	-89		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	1,229	1,873	1,873
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	-1,416	-1,288	-1,288
3070 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	128		
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	-1,288	-1,288	-1,288
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	-10	-59	585
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	-59	585	585
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross .....	1,275	2,100	2,100
Outlays, gross:			
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances .....	1,386	1,456	2,100
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4120 Federal sources .....	-1,279	-2,100	-2,100
4123 Non-Federal sources .....	-124		
4130 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total) .....	-1,403	-2,100	-2,100
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4140 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	128		
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory) .....	-17	-644	
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....			
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	-17	-644	

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 capacity, 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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
Reimbursable obligations:			
11.1 Personnel compensation: Full-time permanent .....	102	111	111
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	32	35	35
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons .....	9	7	7
23.1 Rental payments to GSA .....	6	6	6
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges .....	6	6	6
24.0 Printing and reproduction .....	10	20	20
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	228	437	437
26.0 Supplies and materials .....	417	500	500
31.0 Equipment .....	488	978	978

99.9	Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	1,298	2,100	2,100
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Employment Summary

Identification code 036-4537-0-4-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.	
2001	Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	1,045	1,150	1,150

FRANCHISE FUND

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4539-0-4-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.	
<b>Obligations by program activity:</b>				
0801	Franchise Fund (Reimbursable) .....	820	892	900
<b>Budgetary resources:</b>				
Unobligated balance:				
1000	Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1 .....	137	157	157
1021	Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations .....	95		
1050	Unobligated balance (total) .....	232	157	157
Budget authority:				
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:				
1700	Collected .....	738	892	900
1701	Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources .....	7		
1750	Spending auth from offsetting collections, disc (total) .....	745	892	900
1930	Total budgetary resources available .....	977	1,049	1,057
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
1941	Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year .....	157	157	157
<b>Change in obligated balance:</b>				
Unpaid obligations:				
3000	Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	314	289	237
3010	New obligations, unexpired accounts .....	820	892	900
3020	Outlays (gross) .....	-750	-944	-898
3040	Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired .....	-95		
3050	Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	289	237	239
Uncollected payments:				
3060	Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	-210	-217	-217
3070	Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-7		
3090	Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year .....	-217	-217	-217
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
3100	Obligated balance, start of year .....	104	72	20
3200	Obligated balance, end of year .....	72	20	22
<b>Budget authority and outlays, net:</b>				
Discretionary:				
4000	Budget authority, gross .....	745	892	900
Outlays, gross:				
4010	Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	299	669	675
4011	Outlays from discretionary balances .....	451	275	223
4020	Outlays, gross (total) .....	750	944	898
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:				
Offsetting collections (collected) from:				
4030	Federal sources .....	-738	-892	-900
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:				
4050	Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired .....	-7		
4080	Outlays, net (discretionary) .....	12	52	-2
4180	Budget authority, net (total) .....			
4190	Outlays, net (total) .....	12	52	-2

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 billings of about \$907 million and employ

1,754 in 2018. 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	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Reimbursable obligations:</b>			
11.1 Personnel compensation: Full-time permanent .....	143	166	166
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits .....	1	1	1
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons .....	2	3	3
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges .....	99	110	110
24.0 Printing and reproduction .....	7	6	6
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources .....	529	566	574
26.0 Supplies and materials .....	5	4	4
31.0 Equipment .....	30	31	31
32.0 Land and structures .....	4	5	5
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts .....	820	892	900

**Employment Summary**

Identification code 036-4539-0-4-705	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment .....	1,397	1,628	1,754

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS**

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 201. Any appropriation for fiscal year [2017]2018 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 [2017]2018, in this or any other Act, under the "Medical Services", "Medical Community Care", "Medical Support and Compliance", and "Medical Facilities" accounts may be transferred among the accounts: *Provided*, That any transfers among the "Medical Services", "Medical Community Care", 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 among the "Medical Services", "Medical Community Care", 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 [2016]2017.

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 [2017]2018, 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 [2017]2018 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 [2017]2018 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], the Office of Accountability Review, the Central Whistleblower Office, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and the Office of the Executive Director of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection for all services provided at rates which will recover actual costs but not to exceed \$47,668,000 for the Office of Resolution Management [and], \$3,932,000 for the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication, \$10,057,000 for the Office of Accountability Review, \$6,646,000 for the Central Whistleblower Office, \$2,973,000 for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and \$917,000 for the Office of the Executive Director of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection: *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 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. 212. 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. 213. 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. 214. 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 the "Medical Services" and "Medical Community Care" accounts to remain available until expended for the purposes of these accounts.

SEC. 215. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may enter into agreements with Federally Qualified Health Centers in the State of Alaska and Indian tribes and tribal organizations which are party to the Alaska Native Health Compact with the Indian Health Service, to provide healthcare, including behavioral health and dental care, to veterans in rural Alaska. 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 which are not within the boundaries of the municipality of Anchorage or the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 216. 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. 217. Of the amounts appropriated in title II of division J of Public Law 114–113 under the heading "Medical Services" which become available on October 1, 2016, \$7,246,181,000 are hereby rescinded. ]

SEC. 218. Not later than 30 days after the end of each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a report on the financial status of the Department of Veterans Affairs for the preceding quarter: *Provided*, That, at a minimum, the report shall include the direction contained in the paragraph entitled "Quarterly reporting", under the heading "General Administration" in the joint explanatory statement accompanying this Act. ]

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. [219]217. Amounts made available under the "Medical Services", "Medical Community Care", "Medical Support and Compliance", "Medical Facilities", "General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration", "Board of Veterans Appeals", "General Administration", and "National Cemetery Administration" accounts for fiscal year [2017]2018 may be transferred to or from the "Information Technology Systems" account: *Provided*, [That such transfers may not result in a more than 10 percent aggregate increase in the total amount made available by this Act for the "Information Technology Systems" account: *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 an approval is issued].

SEC. 220. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act or any other Act for the Department of Veterans Affairs may be used in a manner that is inconsistent with: (1) section 842 of the Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109–115; 119 Stat. 2506); or (2) section 8110(a)(5) of title 38, United States Code. ]

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. [221]218. Of the amounts appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year [2017] 2018 for "Medical Services", "Medical Community Care", "Medical Support and Compliance", "Medical Facilities", "Construction, Minor Projects", and "Information Technology Systems", up to [\$274,731,000] \$297,137,000, 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]222 of title II of division [J]A of Public Law [114–113]114–223 is repealed.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. [222]219. Of the amounts appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs which become available on October 1, [2017]2018, for "Medical Services", "Medical Community Care", "Medical Support and Compliance", and "Medical Facilities", up to [\$280,802,000] \$306,378,000, 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. [223]220. 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): *Provided, That, notwithstanding section 1704(b)(3) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2573), amounts transferred to the Joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund shall remain available until expended.*

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. [224]221. Of the amounts available in this title for "Medical Services", "Medical Community Care", "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.

SEC. 225. 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. 226. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of all bid savings in a major construction project 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. 227. None of the funds made available for "Construction, Major Projects" may be used for a project in excess of the scope specified for that project in the original justification data provided to the Congress as part of the request for appropriations unless the Secretary of Veterans Affairs receives approval from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress. ]

SEC. 228. Not later than 30 days after the end of each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a quarterly report containing performance measures and data from each Veterans Benefits Administration Regional Office: *Provided*, That, at a minimum, the report shall include the direction contained in the section entitled "Disability claims backlog", under the heading "General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration" in the joint explanatory statement accompanying this Act. ]

SEC. 229. Of the funds provided to the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2017 for "Medical Support and Compliance" a maximum of \$40,000,000 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. 230. 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. ]

SEC. 231. 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. ]

## (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. [232]222. 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 [2017]2018 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 [2017]2018, 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 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. [233]223. Amounts made available for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year [2017]2018, 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 receive approval of that request].

[SEC. 234. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not reprogram funds among major construction projects or programs if such instance of reprogramming will exceed \$5,000,000, unless such reprogramming is approved by the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.]

[SEC. 235. Of the unobligated balances available within the "DOD-VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund", \$40,000,000 are hereby rescinded.]

[SEC. 236. Of the discretionary funds made available in Public Law 114–113 for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2017, \$134,000,000 are rescinded from "Medical Services", \$26,000,000 are rescinded from "Medical Support and Compliance", and \$9,000,000 are rescinded from "Medical Facilities".]

[SEC. 237. The amounts otherwise made available by this Act for the following accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs are hereby reduced by the following amounts:

- (1) "Veterans Health Administration—Medical and Prosthetic Research", \$2,000,000.
- (2) "Departmental Administration—Board of Veterans Appeals", \$500,000.
- (3) "Veterans Benefits Administration—General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration", \$12,000,000.
- (4) "Departmental Administration—Information Technology Systems", \$8,000,000.
- (5) "Departmental Administration—Office of Inspector General", \$500,000.]

[SEC. 238. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that the toll-free suicide hotline under section 1720F(h) of title 38, United States Code—

- (1) provides to individuals who contact the hotline immediate assistance from a trained professional; and
- (2) adheres to all requirements of the American Association of Suicidology.]

[SEC. 239. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall treat a marriage and family therapist described in subsection (b) as qualified to serve as a marriage and family therapist in the Department of Veterans Affairs, regardless of any requirements established by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education.

(b) A marriage and family therapist described in this subsection is a therapist who meets each of the following criteria:

- (1) Has a masters or higher degree in marriage and family therapy, or a related field, from a regionally accredited institution.
- (2) Is licensed as a marriage and family therapist in a State (as defined in section 101(20) of title 38, United States Code) and possesses the highest level of licensure offered from the State.

(3) Has passed the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Board Examination in Marital and Family Therapy or a related examination for licensure administered by a State (as so defined).]

[SEC. 240. None of the funds in this or any other Act may be used to close Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hospitals, domiciliarys, 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 each 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. 241. None of the funds appropriated in this or prior appropriations Acts or otherwise made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs may be used to transfer any amounts from the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund to any other account within the Department of Veterans Affairs.]

[SEC. 242. Paragraph (3) of section 403(a) of the Veterans' Mental Health and Other Care Improvements Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–387; 38 U.S.C. 1703 note) is amended to read as follows:

"(3) DURATION.—A veteran may receive health services under this section during the period beginning on the date specified in paragraph (2) and ending on September 30, 2017.".]

[SEC. 243. (a) Section 1722A(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(4) Paragraph (1) does not apply to opioid antagonists furnished under this chapter to a veteran who is at high risk for overdose of a specific medication or substance in order to reverse the effect of such an overdose."

(b) Section 1710(g)(3) of such title is amended—

(1) by striking "with respect to home health services" and inserting "with respect to the following:"

"(A) Home health services"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(B) Education on the use of opioid antagonists to reverse the effects of overdoses of specific medications or substances.".]

[SEC. 244. Section 312 of title 38, United States Code, is amended in subsection (c)(1) by striking the phrase "that makes a recommendation or otherwise suggests corrective action.".]

[SEC. 245. Of the funds provided to the Department of Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2017 and fiscal year 2018 for "Medical Services", funds may be used in each year to carry out and expand the child care program authorized by section 205 of Public Law 111–163, notwithstanding subsection (e) of such section.]

[SEC. 246. Section 5701(l) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking "may" and inserting "shall".]

[SEC. 247. (a) PROCEDURE AND ADMINISTRATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subchapter:

"WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINTS.—SEC. 731. WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINT DEFINED.—In this subchapter, the term "whistleblower complaint" means a complaint by an employee of the Department disclosing, or assisting another employee to disclose, a potential violation of any law, rule, or regulation, or gross mismanagement, gross waste of funds, abuse of authority, or substantial and specific danger to public health and safety.

"(1) In addition to any other method established by law in which an employee may file a whistleblower complaint, an employee of the Department may file a whistleblower complaint in accordance with subsection (g) with a supervisor of the employee.

"(2) Except as provided by subsection (d)(1), in making a whistleblower complaint under paragraph (1), an employee shall file the initial complaint with the immediate supervisor of the employee.

"(1)(A) Not later than four business days after the date on which a supervisor receives a whistleblower complaint by an employee under this section, the supervisor shall notify, in writing, the employee of whether the supervisor determines that there is a reasonable likelihood that the complaint discloses a violation of any law, rule, or regulation, or gross mismanagement, gross waste of funds, abuse of authority, or substantial and specific danger to public health and safety.

"(B) The supervisor shall retain written documentation regarding the whistleblower complaint and shall submit to the next-level supervisor and the central whistleblower office described in subsection (h) a written report on the complaint.

"(2)(A) On a monthly basis, the supervisor shall submit to the appropriate director or other official who is superior to the supervisor a written report that includes the number of whistleblower complaints received by the supervisor under this section during the month covered by the report, the disposition of such complaints, and any actions taken because of such complaints pursuant to subsection (c).

"(B) In the case in which such a director or official carries out this paragraph, the director or official shall submit such monthly report to the supervisor of the director or official and to the central whistleblower office described in subsection (h).

"(c) POSITIVE DETERMINATION.—If a supervisor makes a positive determination under subsection (b)(1) regarding a whistleblower complaint of an employee, the supervisor shall include in the notification to the employee under such subsection the specific actions that the supervisor will take to address the complaint.

"(1) If any circumstance described in paragraph (3) is met, an employee may file a whistleblower complaint in accordance with subsection (g) with the next-level supervisor who shall treat such complaint in accordance with this section.

"(2) An employee may file a whistleblower complaint with the Secretary if the employee has filed the whistleblower complaint to each level of supervisors between the employee and the Secretary in accordance with paragraph (1).

"(3) A circumstance described in this paragraph is any of the following circumstances:

"(A) A supervisor does not make a timely determination under subsection (b)(1) regarding a whistleblower complaint.

"(B) The employee who made a whistleblower complaint determines that the supervisor did not adequately address the complaint pursuant to subsection (c).

"(C) The immediate supervisor of the employee is the basis of the whistleblower complaint.

"(e) TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE WHO FILES WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINT.—If a supervisor makes a positive determination under subsection (b)(1) regarding a whistleblower complaint filed by an employee, the Secretary shall—

"(1) inform the employee of the ability to volunteer for a transfer in accordance with section 3352 of title 5; and

"(2) give preference to the employee for such a transfer in accordance with such section.

"(f) PROHIBITION ON EXEMPTION.—The Secretary may not exempt any employee of the Department from being covered by this section.

"(1) A whistleblower complaint filed by an employee under subsection (a) or (d) shall consist of the form described in paragraph (2) and any supporting materials or documentation the employee determines necessary.

"(2) The form described in this paragraph is a form developed by the Secretary, in consultation with the Special Counsel, that includes the following:

"(A) An explanation of the purpose of the whistleblower complaint form.

"(B) Instructions for filing a whistleblower complaint as described in this section.

"(C) An explanation that filing a whistleblower complaint under this section does not preclude the employee from any other method established by law in which an employee may file a whistleblower complaint.

"(D) A statement directing the employee to information accessible on the Internet website of the Department as described in section 735(d).

"(E) Fields for the employee to provide—

"(i) the date that the form is submitted;

"(ii) the name of the employee;

"(iii) the contact information of the employee;

"(iv) a summary of the whistleblower complaint (including the option to append supporting documents pursuant to paragraph (1)); and

"(v) proposed solutions to the complaint.

"(F) Any other information or fields that the Secretary determines appropriate.

"(3) The Secretary, in consultation with the Special Counsel, shall develop the form described in paragraph (2) by not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this section.

"(1) The Secretary shall ensure that the central whistleblower office—

"(A) is not an element of the Office of the General Counsel;

"(B) is not headed by an official who reports to the General Counsel;

"(C) does not provide, or receive from, the General Counsel any information regarding a whistleblower complaint except pursuant to an action regarding the complaint before an administrative body or court; and

"(D) does not provide advice to the General Counsel.

"(2) The central whistleblower office shall be responsible for investigating all whistleblower complaints of the Department, regardless of whether such complaints are made by or against an employee who is not a member of the Senior Executive Service.

"(3) The Secretary shall ensure that the central whistleblower office maintains a toll-free hotline to anonymously receive whistleblower complaints.

"(4) The Secretary shall ensure that the central whistleblower office has such staff and resources as the Secretary considers necessary to carry out the functions of the central whistleblower office.

"(5) In this subsection, the term "central whistleblower office" means the Office of Accountability Review or a successor office that is established or designated by the Secretary to investigate whistleblower complaints filed under this section or any other method established by law.

"(1) In accordance with paragraph (2), the Secretary shall carry out the following adverse actions against supervisory employees (as defined in section 7103(a) of title 5) whom the Secretary, an administrative judge, the Merit Systems Protection Board, the Office of Special Counsel, an adjudicating body provided under a union contract, a Federal judge, or the Inspector General of the Department determines committed a prohibited personnel action described in subsection (c):

"(A) With respect to the first offense, an adverse action that is not less than a 12-day suspension and not more than removal.

"(B) With respect to the second offense, removal.

"(2)(A) An employee against whom an adverse action under paragraph (1) is proposed is entitled to written notice.

"(B)(i) An employee who is notified under subparagraph (A) of being the subject of a proposed adverse action under paragraph (1) is entitled to 14 days following such notification to answer and furnish evidence in support of the answer.

"(ii) If the employee does not furnish any such evidence as described in clause (i) or if the Secretary determines that such evidence is not sufficient to reverse the determination to propose the adverse action, the Secretary shall carry out the adverse action following such 14-day period.

"(C) Paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) of section 7513 of title 5, subsection (c) of such section, paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) of section 7543 of such title, and subsection (c) of such section shall not apply with respect to an adverse action carried out under paragraph (1).

"(b) LIMITATION ON OTHER ADVERSE ACTIONS.—With respect to a prohibited personnel action described in subsection (c), if the Secretary carries out an adverse action against a supervisory employee, the Secretary may carry out an additional adverse action under this section based on the same prohibited personnel action if the total severity of the adverse actions do not exceed the level specified in subsection (a).

"(c) PROHIBITED PERSONNEL ACTION DESCRIBED.—A prohibited personnel action described in this subsection is any of the following actions:

"(1) Taking or failing to take a personnel action in violation of section 2302 of title 5 against an employee relating to the employee—

"(A) filing a whistleblower complaint in accordance with section 732 of this title;

"(B) filing a whistleblower complaint with the Inspector General of the Department, the Special Counsel, or Congress;

"(C) providing information or participating as a witness in an investigation of a whistleblower complaint in accordance with section 732 or with the Inspector General of the Department, the Special Counsel, or Congress;

"(D) participating in an audit or investigation by the Comptroller General of the United States;

"(E) refusing to perform an action that is unlawful or prohibited by the Department; or



"(F) engaging in communications that are related to the duties of the position or are otherwise protected.

"(2) Preventing or restricting an employee from making an action described in any of subparagraphs (A) through (F) of paragraph (1).

"(3) Conducting a negative peer review or opening a retaliatory investigation because of an activity of an employee that is protected by section 2302 of title 5.

"(4) Requesting a contractor to carry out an action that is prohibited by section 4705(b) or section 4712(a)(1) of title 41, as the case may be.

"(1) In evaluating the performance of supervisors of the Department, the Secretary shall include the criteria described in paragraph (2).

"(2) The criteria described in this subsection are the following:

"(A) Whether the supervisor treats whistleblower complaints in accordance with section 732 of this title.

"(B) Whether the appropriate deciding official, performance review board, or performance review committee determines that the supervisor was found to have committed a prohibited personnel action described in section 733(b) of this title by an administrative judge, the Merit Systems Protection Board, the Office of Special Counsel, an adjudicating body provided under a union contract, a Federal judge, or, in the case of a settlement of a whistleblower complaint (regardless of whether any fault was assigned under such settlement), the Secretary.

"(1) The Secretary may not pay to a supervisor described in subsection (a)(2)(B) an award or bonus under this title or title 5, including under chapter 45 or 53 of such title, during the one-year period beginning on the date on which the determination was made under such subsection.

"(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall issue an order directing a supervisor described in subsection (a)(2)(B) to repay the amount of any award or bonus paid under this title or title 5, including under chapter 45 or 53 of such title, if—

"(A) such award or bonus was paid for performance during a period in which the supervisor committed a prohibited personnel action as determined pursuant to such subsection (a)(2)(B);

"(B) the Secretary determines such repayment appropriate pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Secretary to carry out this section; and

"(C) the supervisor is afforded notice and an opportunity for a hearing before making such repayment.

"(a) TRAINING.—Not less frequently than once each year, the Secretary, in coordination with the Whistleblower Protection Ombudsman designated under section 3(d)(1)(C) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), shall provide to each employee of the Department training regarding whistleblower complaints, including—

"(1) an explanation of each method established by law in which an employee may file a whistleblower complaint;

"(2) an explanation of prohibited personnel actions described by section 733(c) of this title;

"(3) with respect to supervisors, how to treat whistleblower complaints in accordance with section 732 of this title;

"(4) the right of the employee to petition Congress regarding a whistleblower complaint in accordance with section 7211 of title 5;

"(5) an explanation that the employee may not be prosecuted or reprimanded against for disclosing information to Congress, the Inspector General, or another investigatory agency in instances where such disclosure is permitted by law, including under sections 5701, 5705, and 7732 of this title, under section 552a of title 5 (commonly referred to as the Privacy Act), under chapter 93 of title 18, and pursuant to regulations promulgated under section 264(c) of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–191);

"(6) an explanation of the language that is required to be included in all nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements pursuant to section 115(a)(1) of the Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2012 (5 U.S.C. 2302 note); and

"(7) the right of contractors to be protected from reprisal for the disclosure of certain information under section 4705 or 4712 of title 41.

"(b) MANNER TRAINING IS PROVIDED.—The Secretary shall ensure that training provided under subsection (a) is provided in person.

"(c) CERTIFICATION.—Not less frequently than once each year, the Secretary shall provide training on merit system protection in a manner that the Special Counsel certifies as being satisfactory.

"(1) The Secretary shall publish on the Internet website of the Department, and display prominently at each facility of the Department, the rights of an em-

ployee to file a whistleblower complaint, including the information described in paragraphs (1) through (7) of subsection (a).

"(2) The Secretary shall publish on the Internet website of the Department, the whistleblower complaint form described in section 732(g)(2).

"(a) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not less frequently than once each year, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that includes—

"(1) with respect to whistleblower complaints filed under section 732 of this title during the year covered by the report—

"(A) the number of such complaints filed;

"(B) the disposition of such complaints; and

"(C) the ways in which the Secretary addressed such complaints in which a positive determination was made by a supervisor under subsection (b)(1) of such section;

"(2) the number of whistleblower complaints filed during the year covered by the report that are not included under paragraph (1), including—

"(A) the method in which such complaints were filed;

"(B) the disposition of such complaints; and

"(C) the ways in which the Secretary addressed such complaints; and

"(3) with respect to disclosures made by a contractor under section 4705 or 4712 of title 41—

"(A) the number of complaints relating to such disclosures that were investigated by the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs during the year covered by the report;

"(B) the disposition of such complaints; and

"(C) the ways in which the Secretary addressed such complaints.

"(b) NOTICE OF OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL DETERMINATIONS.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Secretary receives from the Special Counsel information relating to a whistleblower complaint pursuant to section 1213 of title 5, the Secretary shall notify the appropriate committees of Congress of such information, including the determination made by the Special Counsel.

"(c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—In this section, the term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—

"(1) the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and

"(2) the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives."

(2) CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(A) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Such chapter is further amended by inserting before section 701 the following:

GENERAL EMPLOYEE MATTERS.—

(B) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended—

(i) by inserting before the item relating to section 701 the following new item:

"Subchapter I—General employee matters"  
and

(ii) by adding at the end the following new items:

"Subchapter II—Whistleblower complaints

"731.—Whistleblower complaint defined.

"732.—Treatment of whistleblower complaints.

"733.—Adverse actions against supervisory employees who commit prohibited personnel actions relating to whistleblower complaints.

"734.—Evaluation criteria of supervisors and treatment of bonuses.

"735.—Training regarding whistleblower complaints.

"736.—Reports to Congress."

(b) TREATMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EMPLOYEES AS OFFICIAL DUTY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 7 of title 38, United States Code, as designated by section 2(a)(2)(A), is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"(a) CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY.—An employee of the Department is performing official duty during the period with respect to which the employee is testifying in an official capacity in front of either chamber of Congress, a committee of either chamber of Congress, or a joint or select committee of Congress.

"(b) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The Secretary shall provide travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with applicable provisions under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, to any employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs performing official duty described under subsection (a)."

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter, as amended by section 2(a)(2)(B), is further amended by inserting after the item relating to section 713 the following new item:

715. Congressional testimony by employees: treatment as official duty. ]

**[SEC. 248. (a) IN GENERAL.**—For the purposes of verifying that an individual performed service under honorable conditions that satisfies the requirements of a coastwise merchant seaman who is recognized pursuant to section 401 of the GI Bill Improvement Act of 1977 (Public Law 95–202; 38 U.S.C. 106 note) as having performed active duty service for the purposes described in subsection (c)(1), the Secretary of Defense shall accept the following:

(1) In the case of an individual who served on a coastwise merchant vessel seeking such recognition for whom no applicable Coast Guard shipping or discharge form, ship logbook, merchant mariner's document or Z-card, or other official employment record is available, the Secretary of Defense shall provide such recognition on the basis of applicable Social Security Administration records submitted for or by the individual, together with validated testimony given by the individual or the primary next of kin of the individual that the individual performed such service during the period beginning on December 7, 1941, and ending on December 31, 1946.

(2) In the case of an individual who served on a coastwise merchant vessel seeking such recognition for whom the applicable Coast Guard shipping or discharge form, ship logbook, merchant mariner's document or Z-card, or other official employment record has been destroyed or otherwise become unavailable by reason of any action committed by a person responsible for the control and maintenance of such form, logbook, or record, the Secretary of Defense shall accept other official documentation demonstrating that the individual performed such service during period beginning on December 7, 1941, and ending on December 31, 1946.

(3) For the purpose of determining whether to recognize service allegedly performed during the period beginning on December 7, 1941, and ending on December 31, 1946, the Secretary shall recognize masters of seagoing vessels or other officers in command of similarly organized groups as agents of the United States who were authorized to document any individual for purposes of hiring the individual to perform service in the merchant marine or discharging an individual from such service.

(b) **TREATMENT OF OTHER DOCUMENTATION.**—Other documentation accepted by the Secretary of Defense pursuant to subsection (a)(2) shall satisfy all requirements for eligibility of service during the period beginning on December 7, 1941, and ending on December 31, 1946.

(c) **BENEFITS ALLOWED.**—

(1) **MEDALS, RIBBONS, AND DECORATIONS.**—An individual whose service is recognized as active duty pursuant to subsection (a) may be awarded an appropriate medal, ribbon, or other military decoration based on such service.

(2) **STATUS OF VETERAN.**—An individual whose service is recognized as active duty pursuant to subsection (a) shall be honored as a veteran but shall not be entitled by reason of such recognized service to any benefit that is not described in this subsection. ]

**[SEC. 249. Section 322(d)(1) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—**

(1) by striking "allowance to a veteran" and inserting the following: "allowance to—

"(A) a veteran";

(2) in subparagraph (A), as designated by paragraph (1), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(B) a veteran with a VA service-connected disability rated as 30 percent or greater by the Department of Veterans Affairs who is selected by the United States Olympic Committee for the United States Olympic Team for any month in which the veteran is competing in any event sanctioned by the National Governing Bodies of the United States Olympic Sports." ]

**[SEC. 250. (a) IN GENERAL.**—Section 111(b)(1) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(G) A veteran with vision impairment, a veteran with a spinal cord injury or disorder, or a veteran with double or multiple amputations whose travel is in connection with care provided through a special disabilities rehabilitation program of the Department (including programs provided by spinal cord injury centers, blind rehabilitation centers, and prosthetics rehabilitation centers) if such care is provided—

"(i) on an in-patient basis; or

"(ii) during a period in which the Secretary provides the veteran with temporary lodging at a facility of the Department to make such care more accessible to the veteran." ]

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a report on the beneficiary travel program under section 111 of title 38, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a), that includes the following:

(1) The cost of the program.

(2) The number of veterans served by the program.

(3) Such other matters as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the first day of the first fiscal year that begins after the date of the enactment of this Act. ]

**[SEC. 251. (a) IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall establish a program to conduct inspections of kitchens and food service areas at each medical facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Such inspections shall occur not less frequently than annually. The program's goal is to ensure that the same standards for kitchens and food service areas at hospitals in the private sector are being met at kitchens and food service areas at medical facilities of the Department.

(b) **AGREEMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall seek to enter into an agreement with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations under which the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations conducts the inspections required under subsection (a).

(2) **ALTERNATE ORGANIZATION.**—If the Secretary is unable to enter into an agreement described in paragraph (1) with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations on terms acceptable to the Secretary, the Secretary shall seek to enter into such an agreement with another appropriate organization that—

(A) is not part of the Federal Government;

(B) operates as a not-for-profit entity; and

(C) has expertise and objectivity comparable to that of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations.

(c) **REMEDIATION PLAN.**—

(1) **INITIAL FAILURE.**—If a kitchen or food service area of a medical facility of the Department is determined pursuant to an inspection conducted under subsection (a) not to meet the standards for kitchens and food service areas in hospitals in the private sector, that medical facility fails the inspection and the Secretary shall—

(A) implement a remediation plan for that medical facility within 72 hours; and

(B) Conduct a second inspection under subsection (a) at that medical facility within 14 days of the failed inspection.

(2) **SECOND FAILURE.**—If a medical facility of the Department fails the second inspection conducted under paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary shall close the kitchen or food service area at that medical facility that did not meet the standards for kitchens and food service areas in hospitals in the private sector until full remediation is completed and all kitchens and food service areas at that medical facility meet such standards.

(3) **PROVISION OF FOOD.**—If a kitchen or food service area is closed at a medical facility of the Department pursuant to paragraph (2), the Director of the Veterans Integrated Service Network in which the medical facility is located shall enter into a contract with a vendor approved by the General Services Administration to provide food at the medical facility.

(d) **QUARTERLY REPORTS.**—Not less frequently than quarterly, the Under Secretary of Health shall submit to Congress a report on inspections conducted under this section, and their detailed findings and actions taken, during the preceding quarter at medical facilities of the Department. ]

**[SEC. 252. (a) IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall establish a program to conduct risk-based inspections for mold and mold issues at each medical facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Such facilities will be rated high, medium, or low risk for mold. Such inspections at facilities rated high risk shall occur not less frequently than annually, and such inspections at facilities rated medium or low risk shall occur not less frequently than biennially.

(b) **AGREEMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall seek to enter into an agreement with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations under which the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations conducts the inspections required under subsection (a).

(2) **ALTERNATE ORGANIZATION.**—If the Secretary is unable to enter into an agreement described in paragraph (1) with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations on terms acceptable to the Secretary, the Secretary shall seek to enter into such an agreement with another appropriate organization that—

(A) is not part of the Federal Government;

(B) operates as a not-for-profit entity; and

(C) has expertise and objectivity comparable to that of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations.

(c) **REMEDIATION PLAN.**—If a medical facility of the Department is determined pursuant to an inspection conducted under subsection (a) to have a mold issue, the Secretary shall—

(1) implement a remediation plan for that medical facility within 7 days; and

(2) Conduct a second inspection under subsection (a) at that medical facility within 90 days of the initial inspection.

(d) **QUARTERLY REPORTS.**—Not less frequently than quarterly, the Under Secretary for Health shall submit to Congress a report on inspections conducted under this section, and their detailed findings and actions taken, during the preceding quarter at medical facilities of the Department. ]

【SEC. 253. Section 1706(b)(5)(A) of title 38, United States Code, is amended, in the first sentence, by striking "through 2008".】

【SEC. 254. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may use amounts appropriated or otherwise made available in this title to ensure that the ratio of veterans to full-time employment equivalents within any program of rehabilitation conducted under chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code, does not exceed 125 veterans to one full-time employment equivalent.

(b) Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the programs of rehabilitation conducted under chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code, including—

(1) an assessment of the veteran-to-staff ratio for each such program; and

(2) recommendations for such action as the Secretary considers necessary to reduce the veteran-to-staff ratio for each such program.】

【SEC. 255. (a) None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to deny an Inspector General funded under this Act timely access to any records, documents, or other materials available to the department or agency over which that Inspector General has responsibilities under the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), or to prevent or impede that Inspector General's access to such records, documents, or other materials, under any provision of law, except a provision of law that expressly refers to the Inspector General and expressly limits the Inspector General's right of access.

(b) A department or agency covered by this section shall provide its Inspector General with access to all such records, documents, and other materials in a timely manner.

(c) Each Inspector General shall ensure compliance with statutory limitations on disclosure relevant to the information provided by the establishment over which that Inspector General has responsibilities under the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

(d) Each Inspector General covered by this section shall report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate within 5 calendar days any failures to comply with this requirement.】

【SEC. 256. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in this title may be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement related to resolving a dispute or claim with an individual that would restrict in any way the individual from speaking to members of Congress or their staff on any topic not otherwise prohibited from disclosure by Federal law or required by Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or the conduct of foreign affairs.】

【SEC. 257. Appropriations made available in this Act under the heading "Medical Services" shall be available to carry out sections 322(d) and 521A of title 38, United States Code, to include the payment of the administrative expenses necessary to carry out such sections. Of the amount appropriated for fiscal year 2017, up to \$2,000,000 shall be available for the payment of monthly assistance allowances to veterans pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 322(d) and up to \$8,000,000 shall be available for the payment of grants pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 521A. Of the amounts appropriated in advance for fiscal year 2018, up to \$2,000,000 shall be available for the payment of monthly assistance allowances to veterans pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 322(d) and up to \$8,000,000 shall be available for the payment of grants pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 521A.】

【SEC. 258. (a) In fiscal year 2017 and each fiscal year hereafter, beginning with the fiscal year 2018 budget request submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, the budget justification documents submitted for the "Construction, Major Projects" account of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall include, at a minimum, the information required under subsection (b).

(b) The budget justification documents submitted pursuant to subsection (a) shall include, for each project—

(1) the estimated total cost of the project;

(2) the funding provided for each fiscal year prior to the budget year;

(3) the amount requested for the budget year;

(4) the estimated funding required for the project for each of the 4 fiscal years succeeding the budget year; and

(5) such additional information as is enumerated under the heading relating to the "Construction, Major Projects" account of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the joint explanatory statement accompanying this Act.

(c) Not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a proposed budget justification template that complies with the requirements of this section.】

【SEC. 259. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out the following major medical facility projects, with each project to be carried out in an amount not to exceed the amount specified for that project:

(1) Seismic corrections to buildings, including retrofitting and replacement of high-risk buildings, in San Francisco, California, in an amount not to exceed \$180,480,000.

(2) Seismic corrections to facilities, including facilities to support homeless veterans, at the medical center in West Los Angeles, California, in an amount not to exceed \$105,500,000.

(3) Seismic corrections to the mental health and community living center in Long Beach, California, in an amount not to exceed \$287,100,000.

(4) Construction of an outpatient clinic, administrative space, cemetery, and columbarium in Alameda, California, in an amount not to exceed \$87,332,000.

(5) Realignment of medical facilities in Livermore, California, in an amount not to exceed \$194,430,000.

(6) Construction of a medical center in Louisville, Kentucky, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000,000.

(7) Construction of a replacement community living center in Perry Point, Maryland, in an amount not to exceed \$92,700,000.

(8) Seismic corrections and other renovations to several buildings and construction of a specialty care building in American Lake, Washington, in an amount not to exceed \$16,260,000.

(b) There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2016 or the year in which funds are appropriated for the Construction, Major Projects, account, \$1,113,802,000 for the projects authorized in subsection (a).

(c) The projects authorized in subsection (a) may only be carried out using—

(1) funds appropriated for fiscal year 2016 pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in subsection (b);

(2) funds available for Construction, Major Projects, for a fiscal year before fiscal year 2016 that remain available for obligation;

(3) funds available for Construction, Major Projects, for a fiscal year after fiscal year 2016 that remain available for obligation;

(4) funds appropriated for Construction, Major Projects, for fiscal year 2016 for a category of activity not specific to a project;

(5) funds appropriated for Construction, Major Projects, for a fiscal year before fiscal year 2016 for a category of activity not specific to a project; and

(6) funds appropriated for Construction, Major Projects, for a fiscal year after fiscal year 2016 for a category of activity not specific to a project.】

Sec. 【260】224. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the "Medical Services" account may be used to provide—

(1) fertility counseling and treatment using assisted reproductive technology to a covered veteran or the spouse of a covered veteran; or

(2) adoption reimbursement to a covered veteran.

(b) In this section:

(1) The term "service-connected" has the meaning given such term in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.

(2) The term "covered veteran" means a veteran, as such term is defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code, who has a service-connected disability that results in the inability of the veteran to procreate without the use of fertility treatment.

(3) The term "assisted reproductive technology" means benefits relating to reproductive assistance provided to a member of the Armed Forces who incurs a serious injury or illness on active duty pursuant to section 1074(c)(4)(A) of title 10, United States Code, as described in the memorandum on the subject of "Policy for Assisted Reproductive Services for the Benefit of Seriously or Severely Ill/Injured (Category II or III) Active Duty Service Members" issued by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs on April 3, 2012, and the guidance issued to implement such policy, including any limitations on the amount of such benefits available to such a member.

(4) The term "adoption reimbursement" means reimbursement for the adoption-related expenses for an adoption that is finalized after the date of the enactment of this Act under the same terms as apply under the adoption reimbursement program of the Department of Defense, as authorized in Department of Defense Instruction 1341.09, including the reimbursement limits and requirements set forth in such instruction.

(c) Amounts made available for the purposes specified in subsection (a) of this section are subject to the requirements for funds contained in section 508 of division H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Public Law 114–113).

SEC. 225. *The 6th proviso under the heading "Department of Veterans Affairs—Veterans Health Administration—Medical Services" in title II of division J of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Public Law 114–113) shall not apply to the unexpired balances of the funds made available under such heading by such Act.*

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 226. *Upon determination by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that such action is necessary for providing health care, benefits and other services, the Secretary may transfer amounts made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2018 by this Act between any discretionary appropriations accounts for fiscal year 2018: Provided, That amounts so transferred shall be merged with the account to which transferred: Provided further, That the total amount the Secretary may transfer under this section may not exceed two percent of the total discretionary appropriations made available to the Department for fiscal year 2018 by this Act: Provided further, That a transfer of funds between the "Medical Services", "Medical Community Care", "Medical Support and Compliance", and "Medical Facilities" accounts shall not be counted toward the two percent limitation in the previous proviso: Provided further, That the transfer authority provided by this section may be exercised only to support activities in an appropriations account that have higher priority than those undertaken in the appropriations account from which the budget authority is transferred, as determined by the Secretary: Provided further, That such transfer authority may not be used to provide budget authority for an activity that the Secretary lacks the authority to carry out: Provided further, That the transfer authority provided in this section is in addition to any other transfer authority provided by law. (Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.)*

**GENERAL FUND RECEIPT ACCOUNTS**

(in millions of dollars)

	2016 actual	2017 est.	2018 est.
<b>Offsetting receipts from the public:</b>			
036–143500 General Fund Proprietary Interest Receipts, not Otherwise Classified .....	4	11	13
036–247300 Contributions from Military Personnel, Veteran's Educational Assistance Act of 1984 .....	153	147	129
036–273330 Housing Downward Reestimates .....	312	1,702	.....
036–275110 Native American Veteran Housing Loans, Negative Subsidies .....	1	2	2
036–275510 Housing Negative Subsidies .....	.....	89	117
036–322000 All Other General Fund Proprietary Receipts Including Budget Clearing Accounts .....	39	40	40
General Fund Offsetting receipts from the public .....	509	1,991	301
<b>Intragovernmental payments:</b>			
036–388500 Undistributed Intragovernmental Payments and Receivables from Cancelled Accounts .....	–4	–5	–5
General Fund Intragovernmental payments .....	–4	–5	–5

**TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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】503. 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】504. 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】505. 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】506. (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】507. 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】508. 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】509. (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, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.)