

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), monthly assistance allowances authorized by section 322(d) of title 38, United States Code, grants authorized by section 521A of title 38, United States Code, and administrative expenses necessary to carry out sections 322(d) and 521A of title 38, United States Code, and hospital care and medical services authorized by section 1787 of title 38, United States Code; **[\$750,000,000, which shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under this heading that become available on October 1, 2018; and, in addition, \$51,411,165,000] \$56,158,015,000, plus reimbursements, shall become available on October 1, [2019] 2020, and shall remain available until September 30, [2020] 2021: Provided, That, of [the] such amount [made available on October 1, 2019, under this heading], \$1,500,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, [2021] 2022: 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. (Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019.)**

Special and Trust Fund Receipts (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0160–0–1–703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
0100 Balance, start of year	7,868	284	284
0198 Permanent reduction adjustment	–7,380		
0198 Reconciliation adjustment	–216		
0199 Balance, start of year	272	284	284
Receipts:			
Current law:			
1130 Pharmaceutical Co-payments, MCCF	433	436	440
1130 Medical Care Collections Fund, Third Party Prescription Claims	112	122	127
1130 Enhanced-use Lease Proceeds, MCCF	1	1	1
1130 Fee Basis 3rd Party MCCF	293	354	446
1130 First Party Collections, MCCF	174	180	185
1130 Third Party Collections, MCCF	2,446	2,459	2,638
1130 Parking Fees, MCCF	4	4	4
1130 Compensated Work Therapy, MCCF	60	66	66
1130 MCCF, Long-term Care Copayments	2	3	3
1140 Payments from Compensation and Pension, MCCF	3	2	2
1199 Total current law receipts	3,528	3,627	3,912
1999 Total receipts	3,528	3,627	3,912
2000 Total: Balances and receipts	3,800	3,911	4,196
Appropriations:			
Current law:			
2101 Medical Care Collections Fund	–3,515	–3,627	–3,912
5098 Rounding adjustment	–1		
5099 Balance, end of year	284	284	284

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0160–0–1–703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0001 Outpatient care	18,252	19,005	20,940
0002 Inpatient care	7,397	7,619	7,703
0004 Mental health care	5,537	6,822	7,249
0005 Long-term care	3,573	3,641	3,815
0006 Pharmacy	7,182	7,508	7,969
0007 Prosthetics care	3,347	3,609	3,901
0008 Dental care	655	697	765
0009 Rehabilitation	697	706	735
0010 Homeless Grants	541	601	599
0011 Readjustment Counseling	205	221	229
0012 Caregivers (Title I) P.L. 111–163	476	489	700
0013 Prior-Year Recoveries	66		
0015 CHAMPVA (VA Portion)		329	337
0023 P.L. 113–146, Sec. 301	35	31	14
0029 P.L. 113–146, Prior Year Recoveries	2		
0091 Total operating expenses	47,965	51,278	54,956
0101 Outpatient care	1,008	1,181	402
0102 Inpatient care	443	467	158
0103 Mental health care	84	89	30
0104 Long-term care	160	169	57
0105 Pharmacy	50	53	18
0107 Dental care	48	51	17
0108 Rehabilitation	27	28	10
0109 Readjustment Counseling	4	4	1
0191 Total Capital Investment	1,824	2,042	693
0799 Total direct obligations	49,789	53,320	55,649
0801 Medical Services (Reimbursable)	108	137	137
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	49,897	53,457	55,786
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	2,055	1,387	1,014
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations	67		
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	2,122	1,387	1,014
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation	1,974	750	
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036–5287] ...	3,226	3,256	3,449
1131 Unobligated balance of appropriations permanently reduced	–751		
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total)	4,449	4,006	3,449
Advance appropriations, discretionary:			
1170 Advance appropriation	44,887	49,161	51,411
1172 Advance appropriations transferred to other accounts [036–0165]	–15	–15	–15
1172 Advance appropriations transferred to other accounts [036–0169]	–199	–205	–210
1172 Advance appropriations transferred to other accounts [036–0162]	–68		
1180 Advanced appropriation, discretionary (total)	44,605	48,941	51,186
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected	106	135	135
1701 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources	2	2	2
1750 Spending auth from offsetting collections, disc (total)	108	137	137
1900 Budget authority (total)	49,162	53,084	54,772
1930 Total budgetary resources available	51,284	54,471	55,786
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	1,387	1,014	
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	6,969	6,623	8,064
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	49,897	53,457	55,786
3011 Obligations ("upward adjustments"), expired accounts	333		
3020 Outlays (gross)	–49,138	–52,016	–53,793
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired	–67		
3041 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired	–1,371		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	6,623	8,064	10,057
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1	–6	–6	–8
3070 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired	–2	–2	–2

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Identification code 036-0160-0-1-703		2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
3071	Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, expired	2
3090	Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year	-6	-8	-10
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
3100	Obligated balance, start of year	6,963	6,617	8,056
3200	Obligated balance, end of year	6,617	8,056	10,047
Budget authority and outlays, net:				
Discretionary:				
4000	Budget authority, gross	49,162	53,084	54,772
Outlays, gross:				
4010	Outlays from new discretionary authority	43,067	45,844	47,282
4011	Outlays from discretionary balances	6,030	6,143	6,482
4020	Outlays, gross (total)	49,097	51,987	53,764
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:				
Offsetting collections (collected) from:				
4030	Federal sources	-41	-41	-41
4033	Non-Federal sources	-155	-94	-94
4040	Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total)	-196	-135	-135
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:				
4050	Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired	-2	-2	-2
4052	Offsetting collections credited to expired accounts	90	.....	.....
4060	Additional offsets against budget authority only (total)	88	-2	-2
4070	Budget authority, net (discretionary)	49,054	52,947	54,635
4080	Outlays, net (discretionary)	48,901	51,852	53,629
Mandatory:				
Outlays, gross:				
4101	Outlays from mandatory balances	41	29	29
4180	Budget authority, net (total)	49,054	52,947	54,635
4190	Outlays, net (total)	48,942	51,881	53,658

In 2020, the Administration requests an additional \$4.6 billion over the 2020 advance appropriation of \$75.6 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Care program, consisting of four appropriations: Medical Services, Medical Community Care, Medical Support and Compliance, and Medical Facilities. 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. In 2020, the Budget supports implementation of the VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION) Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-182) and provides veterans greater choice on where they receive their health care—whether at VA or through a private healthcare provider. The Budget consolidates all veterans' community care programs into a single program, reducing bureaucracy and making it easier for veterans to navigate their healthcare needs. As part of the MISSION Act, the Budget supports VA's brand new urgent care benefit and expansion of the Caregivers program to include eligible veterans who incurred or aggravated a serious injury in the line of duty before September 11, 2001. Expansion of the Caregivers program would coincide with new information technology (IT) updates necessary to effectively manage the program.

For 2021, the Budget requests \$87.6 billion in advance appropriations for VA Medical 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.

With the resources requested for 2020 and 2021, VA will provide the highest quality health care services for veterans. VA estimates it will treat 7.1 million patients in 2020 and 7.1 million patients in 2021. Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn (OEF/OIF/OND) veterans are expected to be 1,102,752 in 2020 (15.6 percent of the total) and 1,174,404 in 2021 (16.5 percent of the total).

Medical Care Collections Fund (MCCF).—VA estimates collections of nearly \$3.6 billion in 2019 and \$3.9 billion in 2020, representing about

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 2019 enacted advance appropriation of \$49.2 billion, together with \$750 million provided by the Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2019 (P.L. 115-244); the 2020 advance appropriation of \$51.4 billion; and the 2021 advance appropriation request of \$56.2 billion. This appropriation provides for a comprehensive, integrated health care delivery system that addresses the needs of eligible veterans and beneficiaries in VA facilities and through non-VA, or community care, providers, including 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 balances from mandatory funding provided in section 801 of the Veterans Choice Act (P.L. 113-146): \$47 million in unobligated balances remained available at the start of 2019.

WORKLOAD

Estimated obligations and workload for seven categories of health care services are shown below: outpatient care, inpatient care, mental health care, long term services and supports, prosthetics care, dental care, and rehabilitation care. In addition, estimated obligations and workload are also shown for six programs: CHAMPVA and other dependent programs, readjustment counseling, Caregivers, pharmacy, the Camp Lejeune Family Member program, and State Home programs.

Outpatient care.—Obligations for 2020 are estimated to be \$21,342 million in the Medical Services account and \$6,629 million in the Medical Community Care account for this health service category, which includes funding for ambulatory care in VA hospital-based and community-based clinics.

Estimated operating levels are:

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Visits			
VA	86,115,777	87,126,007	88,300,776
Community Care	24,310,319	27,340,917	27,124,437
Total	110,426,096	114,466,924	117,425,213

Inpatient care.—Obligations for 2020 are estimated to be \$7,861 million in the Medical Services account, and \$3,167 million in the Medical Community Care account.

Estimated operating levels are:

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Patients Treated			
Acute Hospital, Medicine	350,586	350,470	350,482
Acute Hospital, Neurology	5,142	4,763	4,424
Acute Hospital, Surgery	92,723	89,322	86,122
Acute Hospital (Community Care)	177,761	183,074	187,152
Subacute (Intermediate)	1,333	1,212	1,069
Total	627,545	628,841	629,249

Mental health care.—Obligations for 2020 are estimated to be \$7,279 million in the Medical Services account and \$249 million in the Medical Community Care account 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:

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Average Daily Census			
Acute Psychiatry	2,248	2,159	2,068
Acute Psychiatry (Community Care)	496	527	537
Residential Recovery Programs	5,701	5,703	5,699
Total	8,445	8,389	8,304

Long term services and supports (LTSS).—Obligations for 2020 are estimated to be \$3,872 million in the Medical Services account and \$2,724 million in the Medical Community Care account for the care of veteran residents in VA- and community-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.

Estimated operating levels are:

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
LTSS Facility-Based Services: Average Daily Census			
VA Community Living Center (Nursing Home)	8,929	8,814	8,699
Community Nursing Home	9,809	10,297	10,754
Total	18,738	19,111	19,453

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
LTSS Home & Community-Based Services: Visits/Procedures			
Community Adult Day Health Care	945,237	920,725	894,102
Community Residential Care	103,643	97,777	92,128
Home Hospice Care	563,974	576,136	584,308
Home Respite Care	282,244	274,395	264,556
Home Telehealth	1,830,065	1,739,313	1,643,579
Home-Based Primary Care	1,798,749	1,840,637	1,870,686
Homeemaker/Home Health Aide Programs	12,523,524	13,408,764	14,065,141
Purchased Skilled Home Care	1,901,229	1,906,193	1,927,753
Spinal Cord Injury Home Care	20,339	20,278	20,267
State Adult Day Health Care	14,625	15,583	16,838
VA Adult Day Health Care	122,005	107,023	92,849
Total	20,105,634	20,906,823	21,472,208

Prosthetics care.—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2020 are estimated to be \$3,901 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 for 2020 are estimated to be \$782 million in the Medical Services account and \$248 million in the Medical Community Care account 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:

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Procedures			
VA	4,776,921	4,916,245	5,013,772
Community Care	594,052	679,137	738,697
Total	5,370,973	5,595,382	5,752,469

Rehabilitation.—Obligations for 2020 are estimated to be \$782 million in the Medical Services account and \$248 million in the Medical Community Care account 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:

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Average Daily Census			
Rehabilitative Medicine	161	160	159
Blind Rehabilitation	252	251	251
Spinal Cord Injury	760	761	759
Total	1,173	1,172	1,172

Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) and other Dependent Programs.—Obligations for 2020 are estimated to be \$337 million in the Medical Services account and \$1,465 million in the Medical Community Care account for pharmacy and medical service personnel for CHAMPVA and other dependent programs.

Estimated operating levels are:

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Unique Patients			
CHAMPVA In-house Treatment Initiative (CITI)	13,236	12,300	11,700
CHAMPVA (excluding CITI)	364,664	379,700	412,000
Foreign Medical Program (medical only)	3,259	3,700	3,900
Foreign Compensation & Pension Exams	223	250	250
Spina Bifida Health Care Benefits Program	904	905	905
Total	382,286	396,855	428,755

Readjustment Counseling.—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2020 are estimated to be \$230 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, Veterans Benefits Administration (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:

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Visits			
Total	2,118,000	2,287,000	2,470,000

Caregivers (Title I) Programs.—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2020 are estimated to be \$700 million. The Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 (P.L. 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:

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Caregiver Stipend (dollars in millions)	\$385	\$436	\$583
Participants in the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers	24,412	26,901	35,140

Pharmacy.—Obligations in the Medical Services account for 2020 are estimated to be \$7,987 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:

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Number of 30-day Prescriptions (in millions)			
Total	288	291	295

Camp Lejeune Family Member Program.—Obligations in the Medical Community Care account for 2020 are estimated to be \$1 million for the Camp Lejeune Family Member program. The Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012 (P.L. 112–154) extended eligibility for VA hospital care and medical services to certain veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, for at least 30 days between 1957 and 1987. Family members of such veterans who resided,

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or were in utero, at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days during that period are eligible for reimbursement of hospital care and medical services for 15 specified illnesses and conditions, and VA is the payer of last resort.

State Home Programs.—Obligations in the Medical Community Care account for 2020 are estimated to be \$1,514 million for State Home Programs. State Veterans Homes are facilities approved by VA that a State has established primarily for the care of Veterans disabled by age, disease, or otherwise, who, because of such disability, are incapable of earning a living. VA pays a per diem to States for the care of eligible veterans, but the per diem rates are different for each of the three levels of care offered: Nursing Home Care, Domiciliary Care, or Adult Day Health Care (ADHC).

Patients Treated	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
State Home Nursing	32,528	32,805	33,086
State Home Domiciliary	5,275	5,292	5,326
Average Daily Census (ADHC)	48	49	50

Public Law 113–146, Veterans Choice Act, Section 801.— The Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (P.L. 113–146) ("Veterans Choice Act") was enacted on August 7, 2014. The 2020 Budget supports continued 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 2020 are estimated to be \$14 million for section 301 activities.

Estimated obligations in the Medical Services account are:

FTE	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
.....	37	37	37
Dollars in Millions	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Prior Year Recoveries	2	0	0
Section 301	35	31	14
Total	37	31	14

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0160–0–1–703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent	19,690	20,932	22,222
11.1 Full-time permanent - P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801	6	6	6
11.3 Other than full-time permanent	418	443	471
11.5 Other personnel compensation	2,265	2,409	2,557
11.5 Other personnel compensation - P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801	1	1	1
11.9 Total personnel compensation	22,380	23,791	25,257
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits	7,285	7,828	8,442
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits - P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801	1	1	1
21.0 Travel & Transportation of Persons	1,076	1,120	1,165
22.0 Transportation of things	21	22	23
23.0 Rent, Communications & Utilities	477	514	539
24.0 Printing and reproduction	7	10	10
25.2 Other contractual services	4,489	5,036	6,079
25.2 Other contractual serv. - P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801	27	23	6
26.0 Supplies & Materials	11,526	12,285	12,786
31.0 Equipment	1,823	2,041	692
32.0 Land and structures	1	1	1
41.0 Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	600	640	640
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities	8	8	8
44.0 Prior-year Recoveries	66	.....	.....
44.0 Prior Year Recoveries - P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801	2	.....	.....
99.0 Direct obligations	49,789	53,320	55,649
99.0 Reimbursable obligations	108	137	137
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	49,897	53,457	55,786

Employment Summary

Identification code 036–0160–0–1–703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment	238,664	249,570	261,433
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment	484	613	613

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, **[\$1,000,000,000] \$4,521,400,000**, which shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under this heading that become available on October 1, **[2018] 2019**, and shall remain available until September 30, 2021; and, in addition, **[\$10,758,399,000] \$17,131,179,000**, plus reimbursements, shall become available on October 1, **[2019] 2020**, and shall remain available until September 30, **[2020] 2022** **[; Provided, That, of the amount made available on October 1, 2019, under this heading, \$2,000,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2021].** (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019.*)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0140–0–1–703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0001 Ambulatory	3,278	2,428	6,629
0002 Dental	150	134	248
0003 Inpatient	2,088	2,439	3,167
0004 LTSS: Facility Based Services	1,031	997	1,052
0005 LTSS: Home & Community Based Services	819	898	1,672
0006 Mental Health	30	200	249
0007 CHAMPVA & Other Dependent Programs	1,345	1,387	1,465
0008 State Home Programs	1,312	1,419	1,514
0009 Camp Lejeune, Veterans Families	1	1	1
0013 Prior Year Recoveries	256	.....	.....
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	10,310	9,903	15,997
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	470	491	300
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations	256	.....	.....
1033 Recoveries of prior year paid obligations	1	.....	.....
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	727	491	300
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation	419	1,000	4,521
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036–5287]	272	354	446
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total)	691	1,354	4,967
Advance appropriations, discretionary:			
1170 Advance appropriation	9,409	8,385	10,758
1172 Advance appropriations transferred to other accounts [036–0169]	–26	–27	–28
1180 Advanced appropriation, discretionary (total)	9,383	8,358	10,730
1900 Budget authority (total)	10,074	9,712	15,697
1930 Total budgetary resources available	10,801	10,203	15,997
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	491	300	.....
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	1,795	2,508	3,065
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	10,310	9,903	15,997
3011 Obligations ("upward adjustments"), expired accounts	687	.....	.....
3020 Outlays (gross)	–9,440	–9,346	–14,263
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired	–256	.....	.....
3041 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired	–588	.....	.....
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	2,508	3,065	4,799
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	1,795	2,508	3,065
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	2,508	3,065	4,799
Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross	10,074	9,712	15,697
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority	7,293	7,151	11,702
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances	2,147	2,195	2,561
4020 Outlays, gross (total)	9,440	9,346	14,263
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4030 Federal sources	–1	.....	.....
4033 Non-Federal sources	–131	.....	.....
4040 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total)	–132	.....	.....
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4052 Offsetting collections credited to expired accounts	131	.....	.....

4053	Recoveries of prior year paid obligations, unexpired accounts	1		
4060	Additional offsets against budget authority only (total)	132		
4070	Budget authority, net (discretionary)	10,074	9,712	15,697
4080	Outlays, net (discretionary)	9,308	9,346	14,263
4180	Budget authority, net (total)	10,074	9,712	15,697
4190	Outlays, net (total)	9,308	9,346	14,263

The Medical Community Care appropriation provides funding for community care services to eligible veterans, which has been an essential part of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care system for decades.

The Budget reflects the following discretionary appropriation funding from 2019 through 2021: the 2019 enacted advance appropriation of \$8.4 billion, together with an additional \$1.0 billion as provided by the Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 115–244); the 2020 advance appropriation request of \$10.8 billion and additional funding of \$4.5 billion in support of the VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION) Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–182); and the 2021 advance appropriation request of \$17.1 billion. The VA MISSION Act of 2018 provides eligible veterans greater choice in where they receive their care.

The 2021 request for advance appropriation fulfills the Administration's commitment to provide reliable and timely resources to support the delivery of accessible and high-quality medical services for veterans.

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0140–0–1–703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:			
25.2 Other Contractual Services	8,742	8,475	14,483
41.0 State Homes	1,312	1,428	1,514
44.0 Prior Year Recoveries	256		
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	10,310	9,903	15,997

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.), \$98,800,000, which shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under this heading that become available on October 1, 2019; and, in addition, [\$7,239,156,000] \$7,914,191,000, plus reimbursements, shall become available on October 1, [2019] 2020, and shall remain available until September 30, [2020] 2021: Provided, That, of the amount made available on October 1, [2019] 2020, under this heading, [\$100,000,000] \$300,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, [2021] 2022. (Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019.)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0152–0–1–703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0001 VA Medical Centers & Other Field Activities	4,219	4,466	4,578
0002 VISN Headquarters	182	192	203
0003 VHA Central Office	785	859	940
0004 Consolidated Patient Account Centers	19		
0005 Office of Informatics & Analytics	171	175	179
0008 Employee Education Service Center	66	86	88
0009 VHA Service Center	277	254	260
0013 Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacies		20	20
0014 National Center for Patient Safety	7	9	9
0016 Community Care	745	763	850
0017 VHA Member Services	187	173	177
0019 Readjustment Counseling	5	8	8
0026 P.L. 113–146, Section 301/302 Activities		3	3
0030 P.L. 113–146 Prior Year Recoveries	1		
0091 Total operating expenses	6,664	7,008	7,315

0102 VAMCs & Other Field Activities	42	43	45
0109 VHA Service Center	1	1	1
0117 VHA Member Services	1	1	1
0191 Total Capital Investment	44	45	47
0293 Total direct program	6,708	7,053	7,362
0799 Total direct obligations	6,708	7,053	7,362
0801 Medical Support and Compliance (Reimbursable)	30	19	19
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	6,738	7,072	7,381

Budgetary resources:

Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	91	111	62
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation	103		99
1120 Appropriations transferred to other accts [036–0142]	–1		
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total)	102		99
Advance appropriations, discretionary:			
1170 Advance appropriation	6,654	7,239	7,239
1172 Advance appropriations transferred to other accounts [036–0169]	–28	–24	–29
1174 Advance appropriations permanently reduced		–211	
1180 Advanced appropriation, discretionary (total)	6,626	7,004	7,210
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected	29	19	19
1701 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources	1		
1750 Spending auth from offsetting collections, disc (total)	30	19	19
1900 Budget authority (total)	6,758	7,023	7,328
1930 Total budgetary resources available	6,849	7,134	7,390
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	111	62	9

Change in obligated balance:

Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	1,043	1,132	1,306
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	6,738	7,072	7,381
3011 Obligations ("upward adjustments"), expired accounts	63		
3020 Outlays (gross)	–6,588	–6,898	–7,189
3041 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired	–124		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	1,132	1,306	1,498
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1	–2	–3	–3
3070 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired	–1		
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year	–3	–3	–3
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	1,041	1,129	1,303
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	1,129	1,303	1,495

Budget authority and outlays, net:

Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross	6,758	7,023	7,328
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority	5,716	6,234	6,505
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances	871	658	684
4020 Outlays, gross (total)	6,587	6,892	7,189
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4030 Federal sources	–30	–19	–19
4033 Non-Federal sources	–8		
4040 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total)	–38	–19	–19
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4050 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired	–1		
4052 Offsetting collections credited to expired accounts	9		
4060 Additional offsets against budget authority only (total)	8		
4070 Budget authority, net (discretionary)	6,728	7,004	7,309
4080 Outlays, net (discretionary)	6,549	6,873	7,170
Mandatory:			
Outlays, gross:			
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances	1	6	
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	6,728	7,004	7,309
4190 Outlays, net (total)	6,550	6,879	7,170

Medical Support and Compliance finances the expenses of management, security, and administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) healthcare system through the operation of VA medical centers, other facilities, Veterans Integrated Service Network offices and facility director

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offices, chief of staff operations, quality of care oversight, legal services, billing and coding activities, procurement, financial management, and human resource management.

For Medical Support and Compliance, the Budget reflects the following discretionary appropriation funding from 2019 through 2021: the 2019 enacted advance appropriation of \$7.2 billion, together with a reduction of \$211 million to reflect the rescission of funds provided by the Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 115–244); the 2020 advance appropriation request of \$7.2 billion and additional funding of \$98.8 million in support of the VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION) Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–182); and the 2021 advance appropriation request of \$7.9 billion. In addition to this funding, the Budget reflects balances from mandatory funding provided in section 801 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–146): \$16 million in unobligated balances remained available at the start of 2019.

The 2021 advance appropriations request fulfills the Administration's commitment to provide reliable and timely resources to support the delivery of accessible and high-quality medical services for veterans.

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0152–0–1–703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent	3,327	3,473	3,554
11.1 Full-time permanent - Choice Act, P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801	1	1	1
11.3 Other than full-time permanent	60	74	76
11.5 Other personnel compensation	382	399	409
11.9 Total personnel compensation	3,770	3,947	4,040
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits	1,332	1,409	1,464
21.0 Travel & Transportation of Persons	59	61	63
22.0 Transportation of things	14	14	14
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	102	105	108
24.0 Printing and reproduction	22	23	23
25.2 Other contractual services	1,261	1,340	1,491
25.2 Other contractual services - Choice Act, P.L. 113–146, Section 801		2	2
26.0 Medical supplies and materials	96	99	102
31.0 Equipment	43	44	46
32.0 Land and structures	1	1	1
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities	8	8	8
99.0 Direct obligations	6,708	7,053	7,362
99.0 Reimbursable obligations	30	19	19
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	6,738	7,072	7,381

Employment Summary

Identification code 036–0152–0–1–703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment	52,273	54,113	54,722
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment	170	170	170

DOD-VA HEALTH CARE SHARING INCENTIVE FUND

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0165–0–1–703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0001 DOD-VA health care sharing incentive fund	14	22	22
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	44	62	70
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations	2		
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	46	62	70
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [097–0130]	15	15	15

Advance appropriations, discretionary:			
1173 Advance appropriations transferred from other accounts [036–0160]	15	15	15
1900 Budget authority (total)	30	30	30
1930 Total budgetary resources available	76	92	100
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	62	70	78

Change in obligated balance:

Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	35	23	15
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	14	22	22
3020 Outlays (gross)	–24	–30	–30
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired	–2		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	23	15	7
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	35	23	15
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	23	15	7

Budget authority and outlays, net:

Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross	30	30	30
Outlays, gross:			
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances	24	30	30
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	30	30	30
4190 Outlays, net (total)	24	30	30

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 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003, Public Law 107–314, established the fund and requires the Departments to establish a joint incentive program. In 2020, 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	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:			
11.1 Personnel compensation: Full-time permanent	3	3	3
25.1 Advisory and assistance services	7	12	12
26.0 Supplies and materials	1	3	3
31.0 Equipment	3	4	4
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	14	22	22

Employment Summary

Identification code 036–0165–0–1–703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment	23	20	20

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; \$90,180,000, which shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under this heading that become available on October 1, 2018; and, in addition, \$6,141,880,000, \$6,433,265,000, plus reimbursements, shall become available on October 1, [2019] 2020, and shall remain available until September 30, [2020] 2021: Provided, That, of [the] such amount [made available on October

1, 2019, under this heading], \$250,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, [2021] 2022. (Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019.)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0162-0-1-703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0002 Engineering & Environmental Management Services	663	739	824
0003 Engineering Service	858	867	1,256
0004 Grounds Maintenance & Fire Protection	108	124	142
0005 Leases	901	752	802
0007 Non-Recurring Maintenance	30	.....	.....
0008 Operating Equipment Maintenance & Repair	233	233	233
0009 Other Facilities Operation Support	36	36	36
0011 Plant Operation	761	762	1,151
0012 Recurring Maintenance & Repair	523	523	523
0013 Textile Care Processing & Management	163	163	163
0014 Transportation	190	201	213
0023 Prior-Year Recoveries	7	.....	.....
0026 P.L. 113-146, Leases .....	.....	13	.....
0029 P.L. 113-146, Sec. 301 .....	.....	1	2
0030 P.L. 113-146, Prior year Recoveries	15	.....	.....
0091 Total operating expenses	4,488	4,414	5,345
0102 Engineering & Environmental Management Services	27	35	23
0103 Engineering Service	18	24	15
0104 Grounds Maintenance & Fire Protection	5	7	4
0105 Leases .....	.....	281	117
0106 Non-Recurring Maintenance	1,589	1,760	1,176
0107 Operating Equipment Maintenance & Repair	14	18	12
0108 Other Facilities Operation Support	6	8	5
0109 Plant Operation	30	39	25
0110 Recurring Maintenance & Repair	13	17	11
0111 Textile Care Processing & Management	38	49	32
0122 Transportation	6	8	5
0125 P.L. 113-146, Leases	1	.....	.....
0127 P.L. 113-146, Non-Recurring Maintenance	9	.....	.....
0128 P.L. 113-146, Section 301 .....	.....	2	.....
0191 Total capital investment	1,756	2,248	1,425
0799 Total direct obligations	6,244	6,662	6,770
0801 Medical Facilities (Reimbursable)	17	18	18
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	6,261	6,680	6,788
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	52	1,078	1,182
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations	21	.....	.....
1033 Recoveries of prior year paid obligations	1	.....	.....
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	74	1,078	1,182
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation	1,782	890	.....
Advance appropriations, discretionary:			
1170 Advance appropriation	5,435	5,914	6,142
1172 Advance appropriations transferred to other accounts [036-0169]	-37	-38	-39
1173 Advance appropriations transferred from other accounts [036-0160]	68	.....	.....
1180 Advanced appropriation, discretionary (total)	5,466	5,876	6,103
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected	15	18	18
1701 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources	2	.....	.....
1750 Spending auth from offsetting collections, disc (total)	17	18	18
1900 Budget authority (total)	7,265	6,784	6,121
1930 Total budgetary resources available	7,339	7,862	7,303
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	1,078	1,182	515
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	2,946	3,633	3,465
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	6,261	6,680	6,788
3011 Obligations ("upward adjustments"), expired accounts	173	.....	.....
3020 Outlays (gross)	-5,541	-6,848	-6,407
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired	-21	.....	.....
3041 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired	-185	.....	.....
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	3,633	3,465	3,846
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1	-1	-2	-2
3070 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired	-2	.....	.....

3071 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, expired	1	.....	.....
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year	-2	-2	-2
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	2,945	3,631	3,463
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	3,631	3,463	3,844

Budget authority and outlays, net:

Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross	7,265	6,784	6,121
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority	3,750	4,568	4,591
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances	1,584	2,151	1,756
4020 Outlays, gross (total)	5,334	6,719	6,347
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4030 Federal sources	-8	-10	-10
4033 Non-Federal sources	-20	-8	-8
4040 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total)	-28	-18	-18
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4050 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired	-2	.....	.....
4052 Offsetting collections credited to expired accounts	13	.....	.....
4060 Additional offsets against budget authority only (total)	11	.....	.....
4070 Budget authority, net (discretionary)	7,248	6,766	6,103
4080 Outlays, net (discretionary)	5,306	6,701	6,329
Mandatory:			
Outlays, gross:			
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances	207	129	60
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)	206	129	60
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	7,248	6,766	6,103
4190 Outlays, net (total)	5,512	6,830	6,389

Medical Facilities provides for the operations and maintenance of the capital infrastructure required to provide healthcare 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.

For Medical Facilities, the Budget reflects the following discretionary appropriation funding from 2019 through 2021: the 2019 advance appropriation of \$5.9 billion and an annual appropriation of \$890 million provided in the Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2019 (P.L. 115-244); the 2020 advance appropriation of \$6.1 billion; and the 2021 advance appropriation request of \$6.4 billion. In addition to this funding, the Budget reflects balances from mandatory funding provided in section 801 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-146): \$21 million in unobligated balances remained available at the start of 2019.

The 2021 advance appropriation request fulfills the Administration's commitment to provide reliable and timely resources to support the delivery of accessible and high-quality medical services for veterans.

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0162-0-1-703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent	1,197	1,262	1,298
11.3 Other than full-time permanent	25	26	27
11.5 Other personnel compensation	138	146	150
11.9 Total personnel compensation	1,360	1,434	1,475
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits	486	514	539
21.0 Travel & Transportation of Persons	42	45	48
22.0 Transportation of things	17	18	18
23.2 Rent, Communications & Utilities	1,276	1,370	1,422
23.2 Rent, Communications & Utilities - P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 .....	.....	13	.....
25.2 Other Contractual Services	728	652	1,461
25.2 Other Contractual Services - P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801 .....	.....	1	2
26.0 Supplies & Materials	339	348	361
31.0 Equipment	109	112	41

MEDICAL FACILITIES—Continued
Object Classification—Continued

Identification code 036-0162-0-1-703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
32.0 Lands & Structures	1,836	2,134	1,384
32.0 Lands & Structures - P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801	10	2	.....
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities	19	19	19
44.0 Prior Year Recoveries	7	.....	.....
44.0 P.L. 113-146, Section 801 - Prior Year Recoveries	15	.....	.....
99.0 Direct obligations	6,244	6,662	6,770
99.0 Reimbursable obligations	17	18	18
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	6,261	6,680	6,788

Employment Summary

Identification code 036-0162-0-1-703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment	24,389	25,008	25,602
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment	133	107	107

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, **[\$779,000,000] \$762,000,000**, plus reimbursements, **[shall] to remain available until September 30, [2020] 2021 [**: *Provided*, That of the amount made available under this heading, \$27,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2023: *Provided further*, 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**].** (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019.*)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0161-0-1-703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0001 Bio-medical laboratory science research	289	303	298
0002 Rehabilitation research	106	114	117
0003 Health services research	99	123	118
0004 Clinical science research	212	278	251
0091 Total operating expenses	706	818	784
0799 Total direct obligations	706	818	784
0801 Medical and Prosthetic Research (Reimbursable)	27	56	55
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	733	874	839
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	96	145	105
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations	32	.....	.....
1033 Recoveries of prior year paid obligations	1	.....	.....
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	129	145	105
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation	722	779	762
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected	26	55	55
1701 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources	1	.....	.....
1750 Spending auth from offsetting collections, disc (total)	27	55	55
1900 Budget authority (total)	749	834	817
1930 Total budgetary resources available	878	979	922
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	145	105	83
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	282	304	387
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	733	874	839
3011 Obligations ("upward adjustments"), expired accounts	2	.....	.....
3020 Outlays (gross)	-672	-791	-801
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired	-32	.....	.....
3041 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired	-9	.....	.....
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	304	387	425

Uncollected payments:

3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1	-2	-2	-2
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	-2	-2	-2
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	280	302	385
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	302	385	423

Budget authority and outlays, net:

Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross	749	834	817
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority	352	578	580
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances	320	213	221
4020 Outlays, gross (total)	672	791	801
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4030 Federal sources	-12	-39	-39
4033 Non-Federal sources	-16	-16	-16
4040 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total)	-28	-55	-55
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4050 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired	-1	.....	.....
4052 Offsetting collections credited to expired accounts	1	.....	.....
4053 Recoveries of prior year paid obligations, unexpired accounts	1	.....	.....
4060 Additional offsets against budget authority only (total)	1	.....	.....
4070 Budget authority, net (discretionary)	722	779	762
4080 Outlays, net (discretionary)	644	736	746
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	722	779	762
4190 Outlays, net (total)	644	736	746

For 2020, the total budgetary resources of over \$2 billion is comprised of \$762 million in direct appropriations, \$648 million in medical care support such as physicians' pay, utilities and other overhead, \$570 million in Federal grants and other non-Federal resources, and \$55 million in reimbursements. The Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) research program will support 3,165 full time equivalents through direct appropriations and reimbursable resources. These combined resources will support 2,200 research projects.

This account is an intramural research program with outstanding success leading 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 healthcare by bringing new evidence-based treatments and technologies into everyday clinical care. In 2020, VA will continue to invest in several cross-cutting clinical priorities, including suicide prevention, opioid safety and pain management, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), mental health, and Gulf War Illness. VA research has led the way in developing effective treatments, behavioral interventions, and devices in clinical trials. These investments support VA's strong track record of facilitating the implementation of research findings directly into clinical practice.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
[in millions of dollars]			
Medical and prosthetic research appropriation	722	779	762
VA Medical Care Support	544	618	648
Other Federal and Non-Federal Resources	570	570	570
Reimbursements	27	56	55
Total program resources	1,863	2,023	2,035

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0161-0-1-703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent	233	243	248

11.3	Other than full-time permanent	7	8	8
11.5	Other personnel compensation	4	5	5
11.9	Total personnel compensation	244	256	261
12.1	Civilian personnel benefits	88	95	96
21.0	Employee travel	5	5	5
23.3	Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	1	1	1
24.0	Printing and reproduction	1	1	1
25.2	Other services from non-Federal sources	281	362	343
26.0	Supplies and materials	37	39	37
31.0	Equipment	50	59	40
99.0	Direct obligations	706	818	784
99.0	Reimbursable obligations	27	56	55
99.9	Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	733	874	839

Employment Summary

Identification code 036-0161-0-1-703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment	2,972	3,052	3,052
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment	113	113	113

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	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0001 Joint DOD-VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund (Direct)	427	437	459
0801 Joint DOD-VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund (Reimbursable)	15	17	17
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	442	454	476
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	8	12	8
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-0167]	8	8	8
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [097-0130]	116	113	127
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036-5287]	17	17	17
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total)	141	138	152
Advance appropriations, discretionary:			
1173 Advance appropriations transferred from other accounts [036-0160]	199	205	210
1173 Advance appropriations transferred from other accounts [036-0140]	26	27	28
1173 Advance appropriations transferred from other accounts [036-0152]	28	24	29
1173 Advance appropriations transferred from other accounts [036-0162]	37	38	39
1180 Advanced appropriation, discretionary (total)	290	294	306
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected	15	18	16
1900 Budget authority (total)	446	450	474
1930 Total budgetary resources available	454	462	482
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	12	8	6
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	89	83	88
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	442	454	476
3011 Obligations ("upward adjustments"), expired accounts	12	.....	.....
3020 Outlays (gross)	-431	-449	-472
3041 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired	-29	.....	.....
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	83	88	92
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	89	83	88
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	83	88	92
Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross	446	450	474
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority	366	407	427

4011	Outlays from discretionary balances	65	42	45
4020	Outlays, gross (total)	431	449	472
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:				
Offsetting collections (collected) from:				
4030	Federal sources	-15	-17	-15
4033	Non-Federal sources	-1	-1	-1
4040	Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total)	-16	-18	-16
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:				
4052	Offsetting collections credited to expired accounts	1	.....	.....
4070	Budget authority, net (discretionary)	431	432	458
4080	Outlays, net (discretionary)	415	431	456
4180	Budget authority, net (total)	431	432	458
4190	Outlays, net (total)	415	431	456

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 2019 and 2020, 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		2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:				
11.1	Personnel compensation: Full-time permanent	177	186	195
12.1	Civilian personnel benefits	60	60	60
21.0	Travel and transportation of persons	4		
23.3	Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	10	10	10
25.1	Advisory and assistance services	83	90	90
26.0	Supplies and materials	66	70	79
31.0	Equipment	9	2	9
32.0	Land and structures	18	19	20
99.0	Direct obligations	427	437	463
99.0	Reimbursable obligations	15	17	13
99.9	Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	442	454	476

Employment Summary

Identification code 036-0169-0-1-703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment	2,113	2,172	2,172

MEDICAL CARE COLLECTIONS FUND

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-5287-0-2-703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Budgetary resources:			
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1101 Appropriation (special or trust fund)	3,515	3,627	3,912
1120 Appropriations transferred to other accts [036-0160]	-3,226	-3,256	-3,449
1120 Appropriations transferred to other accts [036-0169]	-17	-17	-17
1120 Appropriations transferred to other acct [036-0140]	-272	-354	-446
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	.....	.....	.....
4190 Outlays, net (total) .....	.....	.....	.....

The Department of Veterans Affairs has the authority to collect co-payments, which are deposited into the Medical Care Collections Fund (MCCF) 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) where they remain available until expended for the purposes of the account. In 2018, over \$3.5 billion was collected in the MCCF account and transferred to Medical

MEDICAL CARE COLLECTIONS FUND—Continued

Services, Medical Community Care, and the Joint Demonstration Fund to provide healthcare 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	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0801 Reimbursable operating expenses	356	331	345
0802 Reimbursable direct operations	177	165	171
0810 Reimbursable capital investment: Sales program: Purchase of equipment and leasehold	11	10	11
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	544	506	527
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	37	4	17
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations .....	.....	2	2
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	37	6	19
Budget authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected	512	517	537
1801 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources	-1	.....	.....
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total)	511	517	537
1930 Total budgetary resources available	548	523	556
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	4	17	29
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	29	52	38
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	544	506	527
3020 Outlays (gross)	-521	-518	-538
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired .....	.....	-2	-2
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	52	38	25
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1	-3	-2	-2
3070 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired	1	.....	.....
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year	-2	-2	-2
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	26	50	36
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	50	36	23
Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross	511	517	537
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority	455	506	525
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances	66	12	13
4110 Outlays, gross (total)	521	518	538
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4123 Non-Federal sources	-512	-517	-537
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4140 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired	1	.....	.....
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory)	9	1	1
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	.....	.....	.....
4190 Outlays, net (total)	9	1	1

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 Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities.

Financing.—Operations will be financed from current revenues.

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4014-0-3-705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Reimbursable obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent	221	205	213
11.3 Other than full-time permanent	5	5	5
11.9 Total personnel compensation	226	210	218
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits	49	46	46
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons	3	3	3
22.0 Transportation of things	1	1	1
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	5	5	5
26.0 Supplies and materials	260	241	251
31.0 Equipment .....	.....	.....	3
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	544	506	527

Employment Summary

Identification code 036-4014-0-3-705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment	3,420	3,500	3,550

VETERANS CHOICE FUND

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0172-0-1-703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0001 Veterans Choice Fund - Administrative	63	250	227
0002 Veterans Choice Fund - Program	4,493	3,608	355
0004 Emergency Non-VA Care	3	5	.....
0091 Direct program activities, subtotal	4,559	3,863	582
0109 Capital Investment	124	.....	.....
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	4,683	3,863	582
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	1,732	4,645	782
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations	295	.....	.....
1033 Recoveries of prior year paid obligations	1	.....	.....
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	2,028	4,645	782
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1200 Appropriation	7,300	.....	.....
1900 Budget authority (total)	7,300	.....	.....
1930 Total budgetary resources available	9,328	4,645	782
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	4,645	782	200
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	1,784	2,180	2,483
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	4,683	3,863	582
3020 Outlays (gross)	-3,992	-3,560	-2,317
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired	-295	.....	.....
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	2,180	2,483	748
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	1,784	2,180	2,483
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	2,180	2,483	748
Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross	7,300	.....	.....
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority	476	.....	.....
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances	3,516	3,560	2,317
4110 Outlays, gross (total)	3,992	3,560	2,317
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	.....	.....
4160 Budget authority, net (mandatory)	7,300	.....	.....
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory)	3,991	3,560	2,317

4180	Budget authority, net (total)	7,300		
4190	Outlays, net (total)	3,991	3,560	2,317

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 Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) system. The law directed that this funding be deposited in the Veterans Choice Fund. In July 2015, the 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 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.

Public Law 115–46, the VA Choice and Quality Employment Act of 2017, provided \$2.1 billion in mandatory funding for the Veterans Choice Fund, to remain available until expended. In 2018, Public Law 115–96 provided \$2.1 billion more in mandatory funding, to remain available until expended; and Public Law 115–182, the MISSION Act, provided an additional \$5.2 billion in mandatory funding, to remain available without fiscal year limitation. The MISSION Act provides flexibility of Veterans Choice Fund dollars beginning on March 1, 2019, authorizing permanent authority for other uses. In addition, the MISSION Act sunset the Choice Program in June 2019 and established the new Veterans Community Care Program.

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0172–0–1–703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:			
22.0 Transportation of things	24	18	
25.2 Other contract services	4,124	3,665	582
26.0 Supplies and materials	116	87	
31.0 Equipment	124	93	
44.0 Prior-year Recoveries	295		
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	4,683	3,863	582

Employment Summary

Identification code 036–0172–0–1–703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment	1		

Trust Funds

GENERAL POST FUND, NATIONAL HOMES

Special and Trust Fund Receipts (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–8180–0–7–705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
0100 Balance, start of year			2
Receipts:			
Current law:			
1130 General Post Fund, National Homes, Deposits	22	25	26
1140 General Post Fund, National Homes, Interest on Investments	3	3	3
1199 Total current law receipts	25	28	29
1999 Total receipts	25	28	29
2000 Total: Balances and receipts	25	28	31
Appropriations:			
Current law:			
2101 General Post Fund, National Homes	–25	–26	–27
5099 Balance, end of year		2	4

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–8180–0–7–705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0001 Religious, recreational, and entertainment activities	19	23	24
0003 Therapeutic residence maintenance	1	1	1
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	20	24	25
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	106	112	114
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations	1		
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	107	112	114
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1201 Appropriation (special or trust fund)	25	26	27
1930 Total budgetary resources available	132	138	141
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	112	114	116
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	3	2	4
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	20	24	25
3020 Outlays (gross)	–20	–22	–22
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired	–1		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	2	4	7
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	3	2	4
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	2	4	7
Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross	25	26	27
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority		22	22
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances	20		
4110 Outlays, gross (total)	20	22	22
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	25	26	27
4190 Outlays, net (total)	20	22	22
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
5000 Total investments, SOY: Federal securities: Par value	108	90	71
5001 Total investments, EOY: Federal securities: Par value	90	71	52

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. chapters 83 and 85).

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–8180–0–7–705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:			
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons	1	1	1
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges		1	1
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	6	6	6
26.0 Supplies and materials	12	14	15
31.0 Equipment	1	2	2
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	20	24	25

BENEFITS PROGRAMS**Federal Funds****COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS****(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)**

For the payment of compensation benefits to or on behalf of veterans and a pilot program for disability examinations as authorized by section 107 and chapters 11, 13, 18, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code; pension benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chapters 15, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code; and burial benefits, the Reinstated Entitlement Program for Survivors, emergency and other officers' retirement pay, adjusted-service credits and certificates, payment of premiums due on commercial life insurance policies guaranteed under the provisions of title IV of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App. 541 et seq.) and for other benefits as authorized by sections 107, 1312, 1977, and 2106, and chapters 23, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code, **[\$2,994,366,000, which shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under this heading that become available on October 1, 2018, to remain available until expended; and, in addition, \$109,017,152,000] \$116,801,316,000, [shall] to become available on October 1, [2019] 2020, and shall remain available until expended: Provided,** That not to exceed **[\$18,047,000] \$18,147,000** of the amount made available **[for fiscal year 2020]** under this heading shall be reimbursed to "General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration", and "Information Technology Systems" for necessary expenses in implementing the provisions of chapters 51, 53, and 55 of title 38, United States Code, the funding source for which is specifically provided as the "Compensation and Pensions" appropriation: *Provided further,* That such sums as may be earned on an actual qualifying patient basis, shall be reimbursed to "Medical Care Collections Fund" to augment the funding of individual medical facilities for nursing home care provided to pensioners as authorized. (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019.*)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0102-0-1-701	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0101 Veterans	78,862	86,949	95,043
0102 Survivors	6,925	7,333	7,746
0191 Compensation sub-total	85,787	94,282	102,789
0200 Other compensation expenses	85,787	94,282	102,789
0201 Chapter 18	21	22	22
0202 Clothing allowance	123	131	138
0203 Misc assistance (EAI, SAFD)	16	17	17
0204 Medical exam pilot program	896	1,180	1,549
0205 OBRA payment to VBA and IT	3	7	7
0291 Total other compensation expenses	1,059	1,357	1,733
0293 Total compensation	86,846	95,639	104,522
0302 Veterans	3,373	3,384	3,492
0303 Survivors	1,844	1,845	1,896
0391 Pensions sub total	5,217	5,229	5,388
0401 Reimbursements to GOE, IT and VHA	13	11	11
0492 Total pensions	5,230	5,240	5,399
0501 Caskets and Urns	1	1	1
0502 Burial allowance	26	48	50
0503 Burial plots	21	21	22
0504 Service-connected deaths	76	110	116
0505 Burial flags	19	22	22
0506 Headstones and markers	96	61	75
0508 Graveliners	11	5	7
0509 Pre-Place Crypts	31	57	39
0591 Total burial program	281	325	332
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts (object class 42.0)	92,357	101,204	110,253
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	3,830	2,098	1,656
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations	13	.....	.....
1033 Recoveries of prior year paid obligations	493	.....	.....
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	4,336	2,098	1,656
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1200 Appropriation .....	.....	2,994	.....

Advance appropriations, mandatory:			
1270 Advance appropriation	90,119	95,768	109,017
1273 Advance appropriations transferred from other accounts .....	.....	2,000	.....
1280 Advanced appropriation, mandatory (total)	90,119	97,768	109,017
1900 Budget authority (total)	90,119	100,762	109,017
1930 Total budgetary resources available	94,455	102,860	110,673
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	2,098	1,656	420
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	163	7,446	8,426
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	92,357	101,204	110,253
3020 Outlays (gross)	-85,061	-100,224	-109,184
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired	-13	.....	.....
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	7,446	8,426	9,495
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	163	7,446	8,426
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	7,446	8,426	9,495
Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross	90,119	100,762	109,017
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority	81,068	90,680	99,101
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances	3,993	9,544	10,083
4110 Outlays, gross (total)	85,061	100,224	109,184
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4123 Non-Federal sources	-493	.....	.....
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4143 Recoveries of prior year paid obligations, unexpired accounts	493	.....	.....
4160 Budget authority, net (mandatory)	90,119	100,762	109,017
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory)	84,568	100,224	109,184
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	90,119	100,762	109,017
4190 Outlays, net (total)	84,568	100,224	109,184

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

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Enacted/requested:			
Budget Authority	90,119	100,762	109,017
Outlays	84,568	100,224	109,184
Legislative proposal, subject to PAYGO:			
Outlays .....	.....	.....	-265
Total:			
Budget Authority	90,119	100,762	109,017
Outlays	84,568	100,224	108,919

WORKLOAD

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Compensation Completed Claims:			
Rating	1,241,821	1,277,701	1,322,134
Other Claims	2,559,352	2,370,265	2,283,849
Pension Completed Claims:			
Rating	134,977	134,709	133,831
Other Non-Rating Claims	379,348	344,268	353,386

For 2021, the Budget requests \$116,801,316,000 in advance appropriations for Compensation and Pensions. This request satisfies the requirement created by the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (P.L. 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 the Department of Veterans Affairs (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, 2020, is expected to be 2.2 percent.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF COMPENSATION CASES AND PAYMENTS

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Veterans:			
Cases	4,652,973	4,849,174	5,033,113
Average payment per case, per year	\$16,949	\$17,931	\$18,883
Total obligations (in millions)	\$78,862	\$86,949	\$95,042
Survivors:			
Cases	417,532	431,839	443,407
Average payment per case, per year	\$16,585	\$16,981	\$17,469
Total obligations (in millions)	\$6,925	\$7,333	\$7,746
Chapter 18:			
Children	1,151	1,145	1,139
Average payment per case, per year	\$18,417	\$18,933	\$19,349
Total obligations (in millions)	\$21	\$22	\$22
Clothing allowance:			
Number of veterans	155,108	160,614	165,993
Average payment per case, per year	\$793	\$815	\$833
Total obligations (in millions)	\$123	\$131	\$138
Special Allowance for Dependents:			
Cases	21	21	21
Average benefit	\$2,981	\$3,065	\$3,132
Total obligations (in millions)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equal Access to Justice Act:			
Cases	3,033	3,120	3,207
Average benefit	\$5,168	\$5,312	\$5,429
Total Obligations (in millions)	\$16	\$17	\$17
REPS:			
Cases	8	6	5
Average benefit	\$11,465	\$11,466	\$11,467
Total Obligations (in millions)	\$0	\$0	\$0

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, 2020, is expected to be 2.2 percent.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PENSION CASES AND PAYMENTS

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Veterans:			
Cases	267,261	258,434	256,470
Average payment per case, per year	\$12,619	\$13,096	\$13,619
Total obligations (in millions)	\$3,373	\$3,384	\$3,493
Survivors:			
Cases	195,588	189,371	187,362
Average payment per case, per year	\$9,428	\$9,742	\$10,117
Total obligations (in millions)	\$1,844	\$1,845	\$1,896

Burial benefits in 2019 provided for: (a) the payment of an allowance of \$780 (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 \$780 for a plot allowance where an eligible veteran is not buried in a national cemetery or other cemetery under the jurisdiction of the United States; (c) the payment of a burial allowance of up to \$2,000 when a veteran dies as a result of a service-connected disability; (d) furnishing a flag to drape the casket of each deceased veteran entitled thereto; (e) furnishing a headstone or marker for the grave of a veteran and, in certain cases, eligible dependents; and (f) authority to provide outer burial receptacles in the National Cemetery Administration.

NUMBER OF BURIAL BENEFITS

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Burial allowance	26,702	26,958	27,572
Burial allowances for deaths in Dept. facility	28,384	29,015	29,677
Burial plot	23,594	26,486	27,090
Service-connected deaths	40,148	41,908	43,774
Burial flags	477,005	461,805	455,515
Headstones and markers	344,245	359,336	358,221
Graveliners	10,521	10,982	10,948
Preplaced crypts	77,692	102,754	42,932
Caskets and Urns	370	390	411

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(Legislative proposal, subject to PAYGO)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0102–4–1–701	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0101 Prohibition of entitlement to VA's IU benefit for individuals serving in the Reserve Components			–7
0104 Clarify evidentiary threshold for ordering VA examinations			–233
0109 Round-down the computation of the annual COLA for service-connected compensation and DIC for five years			–34
0191 Compensation sub-total			–274
0293 Total compensation			–274
0301 Reissue VA Benefit Payments to all Victims of Fiduciary Misuse			6
0391 Pensions sub total			6
0492 Total pensions			6
0501 Spousal and Dependent Inscriptions on Veteran Headstones and Markers			1
0505 VA to provide OBR's for each new casketed gravesite in VA cemetery that receives grant from VCGP			2
0591 Total burial program			3
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts (object class 42.0)			–265
1941 Memorandum (non-add) entries: Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year			265
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts			–265
3020 Outlays (gross)			265

Budget authority and outlays, net:

Mandatory:			
Outlays, gross:			
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances			–265
4180 Budget authority, net (total)			
4190 Outlays, net (total)			–265

Prohibition of Entitlement to VA's Individual Unemployability Benefit for Individuals Serving in the Reserve Components. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. section 1163 to prohibit entitlement to total disability ratings for compensation based on individual unemployability if the individual is concurrently performing duties in the reserve components and receiving active service pay from such duty. Benefit savings are estimated to be \$6.7 million in 2020, \$81.8 million over five years, and \$302.7 million over ten years.

Allow for Electronic Decision Notification, and Other Communications. VA seeks to amend provisions in 38 U.S.C. sections 7105 and 5104 to specifically allow for electronic notification of result of initial benefits review/determinations. VA also seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. section 101, updating definitions to allow for electronic communication between VA,

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veterans, claimants, and other entities, where practicable, in the course of adjudicating claims. These changes are necessary to allow VA, veterans, and claimants to utilize modern electronic methods of communication to deliver timely and efficient decisions on claims. No benefits costs are associated with this proposal.

VA Schedule for Rating Disability (VASRD) Effective Dates. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. section 1155 so that, when VASRD is readjusted, such changes would apply to any new or pending claims and may include action to decrease an existing evaluation. VA's current practice is that, when there are changes to VASRD, an increased evaluation for a disability cannot be granted under the old rating criteria; in addition, a disability evaluation cannot be decreased under the new rating criteria unless there has been a demonstrated improvement in the condition. This proposal would reduce the administrative burden of having adjudicators apply the old and new sets of criteria to claims and make VASRD easier to understand and apply for veterans and their representatives. VA would not adjust veterans' ratings downward on its own initiative, but would adjust ratings accordingly upon the veteran's request. This proposal would result in savings; however, insufficient data are available to estimate if savings would be significant.

Modernize VA's Records Management Program. VA seeks to amend title 38, U.S.C. by creating a new section 5707 to codify VBA's procedures with respect to imaged source paper files, input records, reports, or other documents under the Records Control Schedule required by title 44, U.S.C. No benefit costs are associated with this proposal.

Clarify Evidentiary Threshold for Ordering VA Examinations. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. section 5103A(d)(2) to clarify the evidentiary threshold at which VA, under its duty to assist obligation in section 5103A, is required to request a medical examination for compensation claims. This proposal aims to eliminate delays in claims processing by establishing a more reasonable policy in determining when a VA examination is warranted in connection with a claim for compensation. In recent years, the courts have held that evidence necessary to satisfy the requirements of 38 U.S.C. section 5103A(d)(2) is much lower than VA or Congress contemplated. This proposed change would require, in general, the existence of objective evidence of an in-service event, injury, or disease to trigger VA's duty to request an examination under 38 U.S.C. section 5103A(d)(2). Benefit savings are estimated to be \$233.1 million in 2020, \$1.3 billion over five years, and \$2.8 billion over ten years.

Elimination of Payment of Benefits to the Estates of Deceased Nehmer Class Members and to the Survivors of Certain Class Members. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. section 1116 to eliminate payment of benefits to the estates of deceased Nehmer class members and to survivors of certain class members when such benefits are the result of presumptions of service connection established pursuant to section 1116 for diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents. This proposal would prevent the allocation of extensive resources to claims not contemplated by Congress and avoids potential for creating or substantially adding to VA's backlog. No benefits costs are associated with this proposal.

Attendance at Transition Assistant Program (TAP) or Access to eBenefits Meets the Requirements to Notify Veterans by Letter of VA Benefits and Services. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. section 6303(b) to authorize VA to use TAP and eBenefits to notify each transitioning veteran by the most effective means available, including electronic communication or notification in writing, of all VA benefits and services for which they may be eligible. Currently, statute requires VA to send each veteran a letter with benefits information and to contact in-person or by telephone veterans who do not have a high school education or equivalent at the time of discharge or release. For those Veterans discharged or separated without a high-school diploma, this proposal would also eliminate the requirement for VA to make in-person or telephone contact regarding their eligibility for benefits, except in instances where they did not attend a TAP briefing or were not receiving information through eBenefits. No benefit costs are associated with this proposal.

Automatic Annual Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) for Disability Compensation and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC). VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. sections 1104, 1303, and 5312 to provide for the annual COLA to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation and DIC. The amendment would also provide for automatic COLA for clothing allowance and the additional compensation for dependents. No benefits costs are associated with this proposal.

Extend the Authority for Operations of the Manila VA Regional Office. VA seeks to extend the authority currently provided by 38 U.S.C. section 315(b) to maintain the operations of the Manila Regional Office to December 31, 2023. No benefit costs are associated with this proposal.

Round-Down of the Computation of the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Service-Connected Compensation and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) for Five Years. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. sections 1104(a) and 1303(a) to round-down COLA computations from 2020 to 2024. Savings are estimated to be \$34.3 million in 2020 and \$637.6 million over five years. This proposal would reinstate the round-down for five years; however, the cumulative effect of rounding-down COLAs for five years will total \$2.0 billion in savings over ten years.

Reimbursement of Credentialing Costs. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. section 5729 to collect a reasonable fee necessary to offset the costs of performing background and other investigations needed for credentialing accredited attorneys and claims agents before they can access the automated VBA records of claimants whom they represent. No benefit costs are associated with this proposal.

Reissue VA Benefit Payments to all Victims of Fiduciary Misuse. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. section 6107, which authorizes VA to reissue benefits to a beneficiary if the beneficiary's VA-appointed fiduciary misuses the beneficiary's benefits. This proposal would ensure equal treatment of all beneficiaries who are victims of misuse regardless of the nature and scope of the fiduciary's business or the fiduciary's relationship with the beneficiary. Benefit costs are estimated to be \$6.2 million in 2020, \$34.0 million over five years, and \$77.0 million over ten years.

Allow VA Contractors and Vendors Access to Federal Tax Return Information for Purposes of Assisting in the Administration of Certain VA Benefit Programs and Maintaining the Systems that VA Uses to Administer these Programs. VA seeks to amend 26 U.S.C. 6103(l)(7)(A) and (B) in order to allow VA contractors and vendors access to tax return information that is disclosed to VA. Under this proposal, VA personnel would continue to make determinations of entitlement for income-based programs and other discretionary decisions based upon the Federal tax information. However, VA could rely on contractors and vendors to help develop and maintain the information technology systems VA uses to administer needs-based programs. This proposal would eliminate the need for VA to create a complex information technology solution to mitigate contractor access to VA systems and benefits-related documents that contain tax information. No benefits costs are associated with this proposal.

Remove Annual Income from Net Worth Calculation. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. sections 1522 and 1543 to remove the requirement that VA consider annual income in its net worth determinations. VA's intent with this proposal is to allow more fair and consistent net-worth calculations and to promote pension automation with respect to net worth calculations. Benefit costs are estimated to be insignificant.

Authorize VA to Rely on Unearned and Earned Income Information Supplied by the IRS and Earned Income Information Available from the SSA for Purposes of Determining Eligibility for its Needs-Based Pension Program, and Eliminate the Need for VA to Independently Verify the Information. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. 5317(b) and (e) to authorize VA to rely on information it obtains from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Social Security Administration (SSA) when making initial pension eligibility determinations. VA also proposes to remove the requirement that VA independently verify the information. No benefits costs are associated with this proposal.

Authorize VA to Pay a Flat Rate for the Costs of Domestic Transportation of a Deceased Veteran to a National Cemetery. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. section 2308 to authorize VA to pay a one-time, inflation-indexed, flat-rate benefit for the domestic transportation of a deceased veteran to a national cemetery. This would allow VA to automate adjudication and payment of these claims, providing more timely benefits to survivors without requiring them to prove their actual expenses during a difficult and vulnerable period of transition. No benefit costs are associated with this proposal.

Extension of Reduced Pension for Certain Veterans and Survivors Covered by Medicaid Plans for Services. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. section 5503(d) to extend through September 30, 2029, the limit to \$90 in pension payable to certain recipients of Medicaid-covered nursing home care. This authority protects pension payments from being applied to the cost of the recipient's nursing home care. Public Law 115–182, section 509, last extended this authority to September 30, 2028. Benefit savings would not occur until 2029; therefore, savings would be \$0 over the first five years. Estimated savings over ten years are \$245.1 million.

Spousal and Dependent Inscriptions on Veteran Headstones and Markers. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. section 2306 to allow VA to inscribe, if feasible and upon request, on a Government-furnished headstone or marker for placement on a gravesite in a non-VA cemetery information about the veteran's spouse or dependent child. The proposed applicability date would be to add such an inscription for the headstones and markers of veterans whose date of death is on or after January 1, 2015. Benefit costs are estimated to be \$868 thousand in 2020, \$4.0 million over five years, and \$7.8 million over ten years.

Authorization to Provide Outer Burial Receptacles (OBR) for State and Tribal Organization Cemeteries. VA proposes to amend 38 U.S.C. 2306 to provide an outer burial receptacle (OBR) benefit for any casketed gravesite for eligible veterans and their family members interred in State and tribal veterans cemeteries that received grant funding through VA's Veterans Cemetery Grants Program. This would ensure parity for the OBR benefit for eligible individuals in any cemetery that has a mission to provide burial for veterans and their eligible dependents, and would alleviate the additional financial burden on the families of veterans to purchase an OBR if they choose to bury the veteran or an eligible family member in a State or tribal veterans cemetery. Mandatory costs are estimated to be \$1.9 million in 2020, \$13.5 million over five years, and \$36.2 million over ten years.

Authorization to Pay Cost of Transporting Unclaimed Remains of Veterans to a VA-funded State or Tribal Organization Cemetery. VA seeks to amend title 38 U.S.C. section 2308 to expand the provision of the transportation allowance to cover those unclaimed remains of veterans transported to a VA-funded veterans cemetery owned by a State or Tribal organization. Currently, VA is only authorized to provide an allowance for the cost of transporting the remains to the nearest VA national cemetery. Benefit costs are estimated to be insignificant.

Burial Benefit Eligibility Requirement for Other-Than-Dishonorable Service for Deaths in Active Service. VA seeks to amend title 38 U.S.C. section 2402(a)(1) to require that a servicemember who dies in active service must have been serving under conditions other than dishonorable to be eligible for burial in a national cemetery. This proposal would also amend title 38 U.S.C. section 2306(b)(4)(A) and (g)(2) to impose the same requirement for eligibility for a memorial headstone or marker and amend title 38 U.S.C. section 2301(d) to do the same for eligibility for a burial flag. No benefit costs are associated with this proposal.

Expansion of Eligibility for Government-Furnished Headstone, Marker or Medallion for Medal of Honor Recipients. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. section 2306 to allow VA to furnish or replace a headstone, marker, or medallion for the grave of an eligible Medal of Honor recipient, regardless of the recipient's dates of service, date of death, or location. Benefit costs are estimated to be insignificant.

READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chapters 21, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 41, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code, **[\$14,065,282,000]** *\$12,578,965,000*, to remain available until expended and to become available on October 1, **[2019]** *2020*: *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, 2019.*)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0137–0–1–702	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0101 Sons and daughters	515	695	744
0102 Spouses	102	141	159
0191 Total education and training	617	836	903
0201 Vocational rehabilitation training	790	793	810
0202 Subsistence allowance	641	695	750
0203 Automobiles and adaptive equipment	136	154	164
0204 Housing Grants	107	122	129
0205 Housing Technology Grants	1	1	1
0291 Total special assistance to disabled veterans	1,675	1,765	1,854
0301 Work study	47	61	63
0302 Payments to States	21	24	24
0303 All-volunteer assistance: Basic benefits and all other	10,835	11,323	11,541
0305 Tuition Assistance	4	4	4
0306 Licensing and Certification	1	1	1
0307 Reporting fees	7	11	14
0308 Reimbursement to GOE	1	1	1
0309 Contract Counseling	3	6	6
0391 Total All-volunteer assistance and other	10,918	11,431	11,654
0799 Total direct obligations	13,210	14,032	14,411
0802 Veterans and servicepersons supplementary benefits	12	10	9
0803 Chapter 1606 reservists benefits	94	87	85
0804 Chapter 1606 reservists supplementary benefits	23	21	20
0805 Chapter 1607 reservists benefits	3	3	.....
0807 Chapter 33 DoD Reimbursements	88	91	93
0899 Total reimbursable obligations	220	212	207
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	13,430	14,244	14,618
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	6,081	6,825	2,625
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations	3	.....	.....
1033 Recoveries of prior year paid obligations	241	.....	.....
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	6,325	6,825	2,625
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, mandatory:			
Advance appropriations, mandatory:			
1270 Advance appropriation	13,709	11,832	14,065
1272 Advance appropriations transferred to other accounts .....	.....	–2,000	.....
1280 Advanced appropriation, mandatory (total)	13,709	9,832	14,065
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected	221	212	207
1900 Budget authority (total)	13,930	10,044	14,272
1930 Total budgetary resources available	20,255	16,869	16,897
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	6,825	2,625	2,279
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	131	641	813
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	13,430	14,244	14,618
3020 Outlays (gross)	–12,917	–14,072	–14,441
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired	–3	.....	.....
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	641	813	990
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	130	640	812
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	640	812	989

READJUSTMENT BENEFITS—Continued
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Identification code 036–0137–0–1–702	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross	13,930	10,044	14,272
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority	6,705	6,607	11,003
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances	6,212	7,465	3,438
4110 Outlays, gross (total)	12,917	14,072	14,441
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4120 Federal sources	–221	–212	–207
4123 Non-Federal sources	–241		
4130 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total)	–462	–212	–207
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4143 Recoveries of prior year paid obligations, unexpired accounts	241		
4160 Budget authority, net (mandatory)	13,709	9,832	14,065
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory)	12,455	13,860	14,234
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	13,709	9,832	14,065
4190 Outlays, net (total)	12,455	13,860	14,234

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

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Enacted/requested:			
Budget Authority	13,709	9,832	14,065
Outlays	12,455	13,860	14,234
Legislative proposal, subject to PAYGO:			
Outlays			–27
Total:			
Budget Authority	13,709	9,832	14,065
Outlays	12,455	13,860	14,207

WORKLOAD—Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Evaluation and planning	79,975	78,376	79,159
Rehabilitation services	105,841	103,724	104,761
Employment services status	26,468	25,939	26,198
Vocational/educational counseling	11,978	12,098	12,219

WORKLOAD—Education

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Original claims	314,621	373,667	381,140
Adjustments/supplemental claims	3,171,356	3,778,184	3,853,748

For 2021, the Budget requests \$12,578,965,000 in advance appropriations for Readjustment Benefits. This request satisfies the requirement created by the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (P.L. 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 the 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. Although veterans are no longer training under this program, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is still required to issue equitable relief payments when approved by the Secretary.

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

CASELOAD AND AVERAGE COST DATA

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Chapter 33:			
Number of trainees	708,069	699,162	691,821
Average cost per trainee	\$15,074	\$15,994	\$16,522
Total cost (in millions)	\$10,674	\$11,182	\$11,431
Chapter 30:			
Number of trainees	26,441	22,545	19,282
Average cost per trainee	\$9,876	\$10,065	\$10,242
Total cost (in millions)	\$261	\$227	\$197
Chapter 1606:			
Number of trainees	48,690	44,716	42,581
Average cost per trainee	\$2,369	\$2,421	\$2,474
Total cost (in millions)	\$115	\$106	\$103
Chapter 1607:			
Number of trainees	696	696	0
Average cost per trainee	\$4,498	\$4,651	\$0
Total cost (in millions)	\$3	\$3	\$0
Chapter 35 Sons and Daughters:			
Number of trainees	90,263	95,322	99,776
Average cost per trainee (in dollars)	\$5,701	\$7,292	\$7,460
Total cost (in millions)	\$515	\$695	\$744
Chapter 35 Wives and Widow(ers):			
Number of trainees	19,497	21,185	23,283
Average cost per trainee (in dollars)	\$5,214	\$6,663	\$6,811
Total cost (in millions)	\$102	\$141	\$159
Veterans Retraining Assistance Program:			
Number of trainees	0		
Average cost per trainee	\$0		
Total cost (in millions)	\$206	\$0	\$0

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

CASELOAD AND AVERAGE COST DATA

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Chapter 31:			
Rehabilitation, Evaluation, Planning and Service cases	27,738	27,073	27,344
Number of trainees	97,770	95,427	96,381
Average cost per trainee (in dollars)	\$14,642	\$15,590	\$16,177
Total cost (in millions)	\$1,432	\$1,488	\$1,559

Specially Adapted Housing Grants.—Specially adapted housing grants are provided to certain severely disabled veterans. In 2019, the maximum grant amount is \$85,645. Veterans who suffer service-connected blindness or who have lost the use of both upper extremities can receive up to \$17,130.

Specially Adapted Housing Assistive Technology Grants.—Under the Veterans Benefits Act of 2010 (P.L. 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 \$21,058.69 in 2019 under The Veterans Benefits Act of 2010 (P.L. 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

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Housing grants:			
Number of housing grants	2,609	2,850	2,875
Average cost per grant	\$41,027	\$42,895	\$44,926
Total cost (in millions)	\$107	\$122	\$129
Number of housing technology grants	3	5	5
Average cost per grant	\$199,936	\$200,000	\$200,000
Total cost (in millions)	\$6	\$1	\$1
Automobiles or other conveyances:			
Number of conveyances	2,057	2,425	2,425
Average benefit	\$20,431	\$20,909	\$21,398
Obligations (in millions)	\$42	\$51	\$52
Adaptive equipment (including maintenance, repair, and installation for automobiles):			
Number of items	7,085	7,247	7,247
Average benefit	\$13,203	\$14,323	\$15,538
Obligations (in millions)	\$94	\$104	\$113

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0137–0–1–702	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
41.0 Direct obligations: Grants, subsidies, and contributions	13,209	14,032	14,411
99.0 Reimbursable obligations	221	212	207
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	13,430	14,244	14,618

READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

(Legislative proposal, subject to PAYGO)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0137–4–1–702	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0102 VA Cap for Flight Training at Public Schools			–28
0103 Approve Prep Courses for License and Certification Exams			1
0104 COLA Round-Down			–1
0106 Restore Entitlement			1
0191 Direct program activities, subtotal			–27
0799 Total direct obligations			–27
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts (object class 41.0)			–27
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year			27
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts			–27
3020 Outlays (gross)			27

READJUSTMENT BENEFITS—Continued
Program and Financing—Continued

Identification code 036–0137–4–1–702	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Mandatory:			
Outlays, gross:			
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances			–27
4180 Budget authority, net (total)			
4190 Outlays, net (total)			–27

Require an Individual to Make an Election to Receive Educational Assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (MGIB-AD) Program. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. section 3011(c)(1) to require an individual to make an election to receive MGIB-AD educational assistance before the Department of Defense (DoD) can begin the \$100 pay reduction. Although this proposal would not directly impact VA's mandatory Readjustment Benefits account, it would decrease the amount withheld from basic pay of servicemembers and deposited into the general fund of the Treasury as a miscellaneous/proprietary receipt. Treasury's receipts are counted as a negative outlay; therefore, reduced collections results in an increase in Federal outlays. VA estimates this proposal would increase Federal outlays by \$50.7 million in 2020, \$196.8 million over five years, and \$300.3 million over ten years.

Prevent VA from Providing Unlimited Amounts of Payment for Flight Training at Public Schools. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. section 3313(c) to add a new section (j) to impose tuition and fee payment caps at institutions of higher learning with flight training programs and establish a maximum allowable fee structure for all VA-funded flight programs. Benefit savings are estimated to be \$27.9 million in 2020, \$148.6 million over five years, and \$326.9 million over ten years.

Approve Preparatory Courses of Licensing and Certification Exams for GI Bill Benefits. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. section 3002(3)(B) to add a preparatory course for a test that is required to enter into, maintain, or advance in a given vocation or profession. Benefit costs are estimated to be \$1.2 million in 2020, \$5.8 million over five years, and \$11.4 million over ten years.

Round-Down of the Computation of the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for Certain Education Programs for Ten Years. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. sections 3015(h) and 3564 to round-down COLA computations from 2020 to 2029. This proposal would require that such increases be rounded down to the next lower whole dollar. Benefit savings are estimated to be \$1.3 million in 2020, \$13.2 million over five years, and \$54.3 million over ten years.

Allow for Extension of a Period of Employment Services under Chapter 31. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. section 3105(b)(1) to allow a period of employment services to be extended for up to six months for a total of 24 months, if needed, to accomplish rehabilitation. The extended period of service would increase the veteran's marketability and employment options. No benefit costs are associated with this proposal.

Restoration of Entitlement to Chapter 31 Assistance for Veterans Affected by School Closure or Disapproval. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. 3699 to extend the restoration of entitlement to educational assistance for veterans affected by school closure or disapproval, implemented by section 109 of the Howard W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 (Forever GI Bill), to apply to vocational rehabilitation programs provided under chapter 31. Benefit costs are estimated to be \$571 thousand in 2020, \$1.8 million over five years, and \$3.6 million over ten years.

Eliminate Certain Provisions that Limit the Amount of Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) Assistance to Pay for Construction of an Adapted Home. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. section 2102(a) to eliminate an element of the statutory formula that reduces the amount of grant funds otherwise available to an eligible veteran to construct an adapted housing unit. Benefit costs are estimated to be insignificant.

Authorize the Secretary to Collect Overpayments of Grant Funds Made under Chapter 21. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. section 2102 to explicitly authorize the Secretary to collect overpayments made to any veteran or other entity in connection with the acquisition or delivery of Specially Adapted Housing (SAH). This proposed authority is consistent with VA's authority under 38 U.S.C. section 3685 to collect overpayments made in connection with its education programs. Benefit savings are estimated to be insignificant.

Extension of Authority for Specially Adapted Housing Assistive Technology (SAH-AT) Grant Program. VA seeks to amend 38 U.S.C. section 2108(g) to extend the authority of the Secretary to administer the SAH Assistive Technology (SAH-AT) grant program through September 30, 2024. Section 203 of Public Law 111–275 (Veterans Benefits Act of 2010) established the SAH-AT grant program with a sunset date of September 30, 2016. Section 122 of Public Law 115–251 last extended this authority through September 30, 2020. Benefit costs associated with this proposal are \$0 in 2020, \$4 million over five years, and \$4 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 [,] of title 38, United States Code, [\$111,340,000] \$146,844,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$129,224,000 [which] shall become available on October 1, [2019] 2020 [,] and shall remain available until expended []. (Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019.)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0120–0–1–701	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0011 VMLI Death Claims	42	44	43
0012 Payment to Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance	88	71	92
0100 Total direct expenses	130	115	135
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	130	115	135
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	3		
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1200 Appropriation	12		18
Advance appropriations, mandatory:			
1270 Advance appropriation	108	109	111
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected	7	6	6
1900 Budget authority (total)	127	115	135
1930 Total budgetary resources available	130	115	135
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	1	7	1
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	130	115	135
3020 Outlays (gross)	–124	–121	–135
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	7	1	1
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	1	7	1
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	7	1	1
Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross	127	115	135
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority	120	115	135
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances	4	6	
4110 Outlays, gross (total)	124	121	135
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4123 Non-Federal sources	–7	–6	–6
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	120	109	129
4190 Outlays, net (total)	117	115	129

WORKLOAD

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Policy service actions	772,305	780,350	749,870
Collections	399,615	342,400	293,700
Disability claims	28,791	31,860	31,850
Insurance awards	155,905	158,540	148,680

For 2021, the Budget requests \$129,224,000 in advance appropriations for Veterans Insurance and Indemnities. This request satisfies the requirement created by the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (P.L. 113–235) and prevents our Nation's veterans from being adversely affected by budget delays.

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

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

National Service Life Insurance (NSLI).—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 (S-DVI).—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	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Number of Policies	2,614	2,670	2,730
Amount of Insurance (dollars in millions)	\$354	\$370	\$381

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0120–0–1–701	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
42.0 Direct obligations: Insurance claims and indemnities	126	113	132
99.0 Reimbursable obligations	4	2	3
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	130	115	135

FILIPINO VETERANS EQUITY COMPENSATION FUND

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–1121–0–1–701	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Budgetary resources:			
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 (P.L. 110–329), to make payments to eligible persons who served in the Philippines during

World War II. Payments were subsequently authorized by the Congress in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (P.L. 111–5). Original funding of \$198,000,000 was supplemented by a transfer of \$67,000,000 authorized by 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.

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, **[\$2,956,316,000] \$3,000,000,000: 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 10 percent shall remain available until September 30, **[2020] 2021.** (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019.*)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0151–0–1–705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0010 Compensation and pensions	2,419	2,409	2,427
0011 Education	227	230	224
0012 Vocational rehabilitation and counseling	231	225	245
0013 Insurance	1	1	1
0014 Housing	15	20	21
0015 Transition and Economic Development		71	82
0799 Total direct obligations	2,893	2,956	3,000
0801 Compensation and pensions	915	1,206	1,568
0802 Education		1	1
0804 Insurance	29	33	32
0805 Housing	125	156	156
0899 Total reimbursable obligations	1,069	1,396	1,757
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	3,962	4,352	4,757
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	60	28	28
1012 Unobligated balance transfers between expired and unexpired accounts	26		
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	86	28	28
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation	2,910	2,956	3,000
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036–1122] ...	7		
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total)	2,917	2,956	3,000
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected	1,069	1,396	1,757
1900 Budget authority (total)	3,986	4,352	4,757
1930 Total budgetary resources available	4,072	4,380	4,785
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1940 Unobligated balance expiring	–82		
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	28	28	28
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	780	806	697
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	3,962	4,352	4,757
3011 Obligations ("upward adjustments"), expired accounts	25		
3020 Outlays (gross)	–3,889	–4,461	–4,689
3041 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired	–72		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	806	697	765
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	780	806	697
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	806	697	765
Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross	3,986	4,352	4,757

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION—Continued
Program and Financing—Continued

Identification code 036–0151–0–1–705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority	3,288	3,737	4,163
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances	601	724	526
4020 Outlays, gross (total)	3,889	4,461	4,689
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4030 Federal sources	–1,075	–1,396	–1,757
4040 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total)	–1,075	–1,396	–1,757
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4052 Offsetting collections credited to expired accounts	6		
4070 Budget authority, net (discretionary)	2,917	2,956	3,000
4080 Outlays, net (discretionary)	2,814	3,065	2,932
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	2,917	2,956	3,000
4190 Outlays, net (total)	2,814	3,065	2,932

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 Public Law 101–508.

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0151–0–1–705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent	1,303	1,329	1,298
11.5 Other personnel compensation	388	398	408
11.9 Total personnel compensation	1,691	1,727	1,706
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits	540	550	559
13.0 Benefits for former personnel	1	1	1
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons	30	25	32
22.0 Transportation of things	2	5	5
23.1 Rent	124	131	135
23.2 Rental payments to others	20	21	21
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	16	17	17
24.0 Printing and reproduction	2	3	3
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	445	448	489
26.0 Supplies and materials	7	8	8
31.0 Equipment	14	19	23
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities	1	1	1
99.0 Direct obligations	2,893	2,956	3,000
99.0 Reimbursable obligations	1,069	1,396	1,757
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	3,962	4,352	4,757

Employment Summary

Identification code 036–0151–0–1–705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment	21,761	22,489	22,501
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment	1,200	1,410	1,398

SERVICE-DISABLED VETERANS INSURANCE FUND

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–4012–0–3–701	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0801 Capital investment	28	30	30
0802 Death claims	117	124	125
0803 All other	6	7	7
0804 Payments to GOE and IT	15	20	21
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	166	181	183

Budgetary resources:

Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	12	22	10
Budget authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected	176	169	190
1930 Total budgetary resources available	188	191	200
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	22	10	17

Change in obligated balance:

Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	22	27	27
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	166	181	183
3020 Outlays (gross)	–161	–181	–183
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	27	27	27
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	22	27	27
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	27	27	27

Budget authority and outlays, net:

Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross	176	169	190
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority	127	155	169
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances	34	26	14
4110 Outlays, gross (total)	161	181	183
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4120 Federal sources	–88	–71	–92
4123 Non-Federal sources	–88	–5	–5
4123 Non-Federal sources		–68	–67
4123 Non-Federal sources		–25	–26
4130 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total)	–176	–169	–190
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory)	–15	12	–7
4180 Budget authority, net (total)			
4190 Outlays, net (total)	–15	12	–7

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

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Number of policies (EOY)	277,063	277,881	278,159
Insurance in force (dollars in millions) (EOY)	\$2,911	\$2,946	\$2,967

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 \$1,450 million by September 30, 2019. 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	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Reimbursable obligations:			
33.0 Investments and loans	28	30	30
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities	138	151	153
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	166	181	183

VETERANS REOPENED INSURANCE FUND**Program and Financing** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4010-0-3-701	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0801 Death claims	19	17	14
0802 Dividends	1	1	1
0803 All other	5	4	4
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	25	22	19
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	98	80	64
Budget authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected	7	6	5
1930 Total budgetary resources available	105	86	69
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	80	64	50
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	26	23	19
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	25	22	19
3020 Outlays (gross)	-28	-26	-20
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	23	19	18
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	25	22	18
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	22	18	17
Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross	7	6	5
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority	7	6	5
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances	21	20	15
4110 Outlays, gross (total)	28	26	20
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4121 Interest on Federal securities	-5	-4	-3
4123 Non-Federal sources	-1	-1	-1
4123 Non-Federal sources	-1	-1	-1
4130 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total)	-7	-6	-5
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory)	21	20	15
4180 Budget authority, net (total)			
4190 Outlays, net (total)	21	20	15
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
5000 Total investments, SOY: Federal securities: Par value	123	101	81
5001 Total investments, EOY: Federal securities: Par value	101	81	66

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

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Number of policies	7,902	6,268	4,877
Insurance in force (dollars in millions)	\$84	\$61	\$48

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	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Reimbursable obligations:			
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities	23	20	17
43.0 Interest and dividends	2	2	2
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	25	22	19

SERVICEMEMBERS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FUND**Program and Financing** (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4009-0-3-701	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0801 Premium payments	759	782	782
0802 Payments to carrier	2		
0803 Payment to GOE	2	3	3
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts (object class 41.0)	763	785	785
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	1	1	1
Budget authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected	763	785	785
1930 Total budgetary resources available	764	786	786
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	1	1	1
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	763	785	785
3020 Outlays (gross)	-763	-785	-785
Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross	763	785	785
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority	763	784	784
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances		1	1
4110 Outlays, gross (total)	763	785	785
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4123 Non-Federal sources	-763	-785	-785
4180 Budget authority, net (total)			
4190 Outlays, net (total)			
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
5000 Total investments, SOY: Federal securities: Par value	1	1	1

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

Identification code 036-4009-0-3-701	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
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 [2019] 2020, within the resources available, not to exceed \$500,000 in gross obligations for direct loans are authorized for specially adapted housing loans.

In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs, \$200,612,000 \$200,377,391. (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019.*)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-1119-0-1-704	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
Credit program obligations:			
0701 Direct loan subsidy		1	6
0702 Loan guarantee subsidy	416	108	
0705 Reestimates of direct loan subsidy	5	10	
0706 Interest on reestimates of direct loan subsidy	4	8	
0707 Reestimates of loan guarantee subsidy	470	37	
0708 Interest on reestimates of loan guarantee subsidy	147	33	
0709 Administrative expenses	149	201	201
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	1,191	398	207
Budgetary resources:			
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation	179	201	201
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1200 Appropriation	1,042	197	6
1900 Budget authority (total)	1,221	398	207
1930 Total budgetary resources available	1,221	398	207
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1940 Unobligated balance expiring	-30		
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	1		
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	1,191	398	207

3020 Outlays (gross)	-1,192	-398	-207
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	1		

Budget authority and outlays, net:

Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross	179	201	201
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority	149	201	201
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4033 Non-Federal sources	-5		
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4052 Offsetting collections credited to expired accounts	5		
4070 Budget authority, net (discretionary)	179	201	201
4080 Outlays, net (discretionary)	144	201	201
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross	1,042	197	6
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority	416	197	6
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances	627		
4110 Outlays, gross (total)	1,043	197	6
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	1,221	398	207
4190 Outlays, net (total)	1,187	398	207

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

Identification code 036-1119-0-1-704	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct loan levels supportable by subsidy budget authority:			
115001 Acquired Direct Loans	5	16	18
115004 Vendee Direct Loans	1	31	36
115999 Total direct loan levels	6	47	54
Direct loan subsidy (in percent):			
132001 Acquired Direct Loans	7.94	6.33	17.77
132004 Vendee Direct Loans	-26.49	-5.47	8.51
132999 Weighted average subsidy rate	2.20	-1.45	11.60
Direct loan subsidy budget authority:			
133001 Acquired Direct Loans		1	3
133004 Vendee Direct Loans		-2	3
133999 Total subsidy budget authority		-1	6
Direct loan subsidy outlays:			
134001 Acquired Direct Loans		1	3
134004 Vendee Direct Loans		-2	3
134005 Acquired and Vendee Loan Reestimates		18	
134999 Total subsidy outlays		17	6
Direct loan reestimates:			
135001 Acquired Direct Loans	2	7	
135004 Vendee Direct Loans	2	2	
135005 Acquired and Vendee Loan Reestimates		7	
135999 Total direct loan reestimates	4	16	
Guaranteed loan levels supportable by subsidy budget authority:			
215001 Housing Guaranteed Loans	153,866	153,753	158,024
215999 Total loan guarantee levels	153,866	153,753	158,024
Guaranteed loan subsidy (in percent):			
232001 Housing Guaranteed Loans	0.27	0.07	-30
232999 Weighted average subsidy rate	0.27	0.07	-30
Guaranteed loan subsidy budget authority:			
233001 Housing Guaranteed Loans	415	108	-474
233999 Total subsidy budget authority	415	108	-474
Guaranteed loan subsidy outlays:			
234001 Housing Guaranteed Loans	415	108	-475
234999 Total subsidy outlays	415	108	-475
Guaranteed loan reestimates:			
235001 Housing Guaranteed Loans	-1,853	-3,417	
235002 Guaranteed Loan Sale Securities—Vendee		-7	
235999 Total guaranteed loan reestimates	-1,853	-3,424	
Administrative expense data:			
3510 Budget authority	179	201	201
3590 Outlays from new authority	149	201	201

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 pur-

chases 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 \$453,100; or
- (e) for certain loans in excess of \$453,100, 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]

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Construction and valuation	648	630	613
Loan processing	1204	1274	1350
Loan service and claims	231	259	290

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–1119–0–1–704	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:			
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	149	201	201
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	1,042	197	6
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	1,191	398	207

VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND

(Legislative proposal, subject to PAYGO)

Expansion of the Assets Included in the Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund. This proposal would revise 38 U.S.C. 3722 to authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to deposit into the Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund fees collected from lenders that use VA's automated underwriting system (AUS). Revised section 3722 would further allow those collected fees to be used to help offset VA's AUS maintenance and enhancement cost. The proposal would increase Federal fee collections from lenders by \$22.5 million in 2020 and \$224.7 million over 10 years. The fee collections are based on a new \$50 fee per loan and 449,461 new loan guarantees annually. No benefit costs are associated with this proposal.

Extend Vendee Loan Program and Change Mandatory Vendee Thresholds to Discretionary Targets. This proposal would extend through September 30, 2024, the Secretary's requirement to sell properties VA acquires through foreclosure with vendee financing and change the current mandatory financing thresholds to non-mandatory performance targets. Public Law 115–251, Section 125, extended VA's mandatory requirement to sell between 50 to 85 percent of its VA-owned foreclosed homes with vendee lending through September 30, 2019. VA seeks to extend its authority to sell optionally between 50 and 85 percent of VA-owned foreclosed homes with vendee lending by changing the current mandatory vendee lending thresholds to non-mandatory performance targets. The proposal would not affect market

demand for vendee loan financing and no loan subsidy costs are associated with this proposal.

HOUSING DIRECT LOAN FINANCING ACCOUNT

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–4127–0–3–704	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0003 Property sales expense	1		
0004 Property management/other expense	7	3	1
0091 Direct program activities, subtotal	8	3	1
Credit program obligations:			
0710 Direct loan obligations	6	47	54
0713 Payment of interest to Treasury	21	21	23
0740 Negative subsidy obligations		2	
0742 Downward reestimates paid to receipt accounts	2		
0743 Interest on downward reestimates	3	2	
0791 Direct program activities, subtotal	32	72	77
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	40	75	78
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	88	90	
1023 Unobligated balances applied to repay debt	–74	–90	
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	14		
Financing authority:			
Borrowing authority, mandatory:			
1400 Borrowing authority	106	74	72
1422 Borrowing authority applied to repay debt	–8		
1440 Borrowing authority, mandatory (total)	98	74	72
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected	69	51	37
1825 Spending authority from offsetting collections applied to repay debt	–51	–50	–31
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total)	18	1	6
1900 Budget authority (total)	116	75	78
1930 Total budgetary resources available	130	75	78
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	90		
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1		1	1
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	40	75	78
3020 Outlays (gross)	–39	–75	–78
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	1	1	1
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year		1	1
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	1	1	1
Financing authority and disbursements, net:			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross	116	75	78
Financing disbursements:			
4110 Outlays, gross (total)	39	75	78
Offsets against gross financing authority and disbursements:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4120 Federal sources: Payments from program account	–9	–19	–6
4122 Interest on uninvested funds	–6		
4123 Interest and principal received on loans	–51	–29	–29
4123 Cash sale of properties	–3	–3	–2
4130 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total)	–69	–51	–37
4160 Budget authority, net (mandatory)	47	24	41
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory)	–30	24	41
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	47	24	41
4190 Outlays, net (total)	–30	24	41

Status of Direct Loans (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–4127–0–3–704	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Position with respect to appropriations act limitation on obligations:			
1111 Direct loan obligations from current-year authority	6	47	54

HOUSING DIRECT LOAN FINANCING ACCOUNT—Continued

Status of Direct Loans—Continued

Identification code 036-4127-0-3-704	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
1150 Total direct loan obligations	6	47	54
Cumulative balance of direct loans outstanding:			
1210 Outstanding, start of year	342	307	337
1231 Disbursements: Direct loan disbursements	6	47	54
1251 Repayments: Repayments and prepayments	-41	-16	-16
1263 Write-offs for default: Direct loans .....	.....	-1	-1
1290 Outstanding, end of year	307	337	374

Balance Sheet (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4127-0-3-704	2017 actual	2018 actual
ASSETS:		
Federal assets:		
1101 Fund balances with Treasury	88	91
Investments in U.S. securities:		
1106 Receivables, net	7	20
1206 Non-Federal assets: Receivables, net	5	5
Net value of assets related to post-1991 direct loans receivable:		
1401 Direct loans receivable, gross	342	307
1402 Interest receivable	21	20
1404 Foreclosed property	3	2
1405 Allowance for subsidy cost (-)	33	30
1499 Net present value of assets related to direct loans	399	359
1901 Other Federal assets: Other assets	1	.....
1999 Total assets	500	475
LIABILITIES:		
Federal liabilities:		
2101 Accounts payable .....	.....	1
2103 Debt	489	463
2105 Other	10	6
Non-Federal liabilities:		
2201 Accounts payable .....	.....	.....
2207 Other	1	5
2999 Total liabilities	500	475
NET POSITION:		
3300 Cumulative results of operations .....	.....	.....
4999 Total liabilities and net position	500	475

HOUSING GUARANTEED LOAN FINANCING ACCOUNT

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4129-0-3-704	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0002 Losses on defaulted loans	657	844	974
0005 Payment to trustee reserve	9	17	16
0009 Property sales expense	110	123	143
0010 Property management expense	84	93	108
0011 Property improvement expense	1	3	4
0012 Loans acquired	6	18	20
0013 Refunds	29	.....	.....
0091 Direct program activities, subtotal	896	1,098	1,265
Credit program obligations:			
0711 Default claim payments on principal	1,367	1,592	1,820
0740 Negative subsidy obligations .....	.....	.....	474
0742 Downward reestimates paid to receipt accounts	2,327	3,182	.....
0743 Interest on downward reestimates	142	312	.....
0791 Direct program activities, subtotal	3,836	5,086	2,294
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	4,732	6,184	3,559

Budgetary resources:

Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	11,086	11,044	9,392
1033 Recoveries of prior year paid obligations	8	.....	.....
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	11,094	11,044	9,392
Financing authority:			
1800 Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
Collected	4,681	4,532	4,655

1801 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources	1	.....	.....
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total)	4,682	4,532	4,655
1930 Total budgetary resources available	15,776	15,576	14,047
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	11,044	9,392	10,488

Change in obligated balance:

Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	307	291	53
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	4,732	6,184	3,559
3020 Outlays (gross)	-4,748	-6,422	-3,551
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	291	53	61
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	.....	-1	-1
3070 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired	-1	.....	.....
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year	-1	-1	-1
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	307	290	52
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	290	52	60

Financing authority and disbursements, net:

Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross	4,682	4,532	4,655
Financing disbursements:			
4110 Outlays, gross (total)	4,748	6,422	3,551
Offsets against gross financing authority and disbursements:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4120 Payments from program account	-1,032	-178	.....
4120 Recoveries from DLFA	-7	-49	-56
4122 Interest on uninvested funds	-227	-817	-834
4123 Funding fees	-2,021	-1,978	-2,031
4123 Cash sale of properties	-1,391	-1,510	-1,734
4123 Redemption of Properties/Other income and receivables	-11	.....	.....
4130 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total)	-4,689	-4,532	-4,655
Additional offsets against financing authority only (total):			
4140 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired	-1	.....	.....
4143 Recoveries of prior year paid obligations, unexpired accounts	8	.....	.....
4150 Additional offsets against budget authority only (total)	7	.....	.....
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory)	59	1,890	-1,104
4180 Budget authority, net (total) .....	.....	.....	.....
4190 Outlays, net (total)	59	1,890	-1,104

Status of Guaranteed Loans (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4129-0-3-704	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Position with respect to appropriations act limitation on commitments:			
2111 Guaranteed loan commitments from current-year authority	153,866	153,753	158,024
2150 Total guaranteed loan commitments	153,866	153,753	158,024
2199 Guaranteed amount of guaranteed loan commitments	42,467	42,436	43,615

Cumulative balance of guaranteed loans outstanding:

2210 Outstanding, start of year	603,631	664,358	758,061
2231 Disbursements of new guaranteed loans	153,866	153,753	158,024
2251 Repayments and prepayments	-91,056	-57,579	-62,670
Adjustments:			
2262 Terminations for default that result in acquisition of property	-1,367	-1,592	-1,820
2263 Terminations for default that result in claim payments	-716	-879	-1,010
2290 Outstanding, end of year	664,358	758,061	850,585

Memorandum:

2299 Guaranteed amount of guaranteed loans outstanding, end of year	168,656	192,320	215,686
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Balance Sheet (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4129-0-3-704	2017 actual	2018 actual
ASSETS:		
Federal assets:		
1101 Fund balances with Treasury	11,393	11,334
Investments in U.S. securities:		
1106 Receivables, net	350	74
1206 Non-Federal assets: Receivables, net .....	.....	13
Net value of assets related to post-1991 acquired defaulted guaranteed loans receivable:		
1504 Accounts receivable from foreclosed property	14	.....

1504	Foreclosed property	726	666
1599	Net present value of assets related to defaulted guaranteed loans	740	666
1999	Total assets	12,483	12,087
LIABILITIES:			
Federal liabilities:			
2103	Debt		
2105	Other liabilities	1,871	3,354
Non-Federal liabilities:			
2201	Accounts payable	307	291
2204	Non-federal liabilities for loan guarantees	10,305	8,442
2999	Total liabilities	12,483	12,087
NET POSITION:			
3300	Cumulative results of operations		
4999	Total liabilities and net position	12,483	12,087

HOUSING LIQUIDATING ACCOUNT

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4025-0-3-704		2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:				
0105	Capital investments, guaranteed claims payment and other operating expenses	4	3	3
Budgetary resources:				
Unobligated balance:				
1000	Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1		1	
1021	Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations	1		
1022	Capital transfer of unobligated balances to general fund		-1	
1033	Recoveries of prior year paid obligations	1		
1050	Unobligated balance (total)	2		
Budget authority:				
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:				
1800	Collected	12	10	8
1820	Capital transfer of spending authority from offsetting collections to general fund	-9	-7	-5
1850	Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total)	3	3	3
1930	Total budgetary resources available	5	3	3
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
1941	Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	1		
Change in obligated balance:				
Unpaid obligations:				
3000	Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	1		
3010	New obligations, unexpired accounts	4	3	3
3020	Outlays (gross)	-4	-3	-3
3040	Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired	-1		
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
3100	Obligated balance, start of year	1		
Budget authority and outlays, net:				
Mandatory:				
4090	Budget authority, gross	3	3	3
Outlays, gross:				
4100	Outlays from new mandatory authority		3	3
4101	Outlays from mandatory balances	4		
4110	Outlays, gross (total)	4	3	3
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 collection on Veteran liability debts	-3	-3	-2
4123	Principal collection on Veteran liability debts	-7	-5	-4
4123	Non-Federal sources	-1		
4130	Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total)	-13	-10	-8
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:				
4143	Recoveries of prior year paid obligations, unexpired accounts	1		
4160	Budget authority, net (mandatory)	-9	-7	-5
4170	Outlays, net (mandatory)	-9	-7	-5
4180	Budget authority, net (total)	-9	-7	-5
4190	Outlays, net (total)	-9	-7	-5
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
5010	Total investments, SOY: non-Fed securities: Market value	140	140	140

5011	Total investments, EOY: non-Fed securities: Market value	140	140	140
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Status of Direct Loans (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4025-0-3-704		2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Cumulative balance of direct loans outstanding:				
1210	Outstanding, start of year	2	1	
1251	Repayments: Repayments and prepayments	-1	-1	
1290	Outstanding, end of year	1		

Status of Guaranteed Loans (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4025-0-3-704		2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Cumulative balance of guaranteed loans outstanding:				
2210	Outstanding, start of year	45	23	12
2251	Repayments and prepayments	-21	-11	-6
2262	Adjustments: Terminations for default that result in acquisition of property	-1		
2290	Outstanding, end of year	23	12	6

Memorandum:

2299	Guaranteed amount of guaranteed loans outstanding, end of year	10	5	2
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Addendum:

Cumulative balance of defaulted guaranteed loans that result in loans receivable:				
2310	Outstanding, start of year	20	16	12
2331	Disbursements for guaranteed loan claims			
2351	Repayments of loans receivable	-4	-4	-4
2364	Other adjustments, net			
2390	Outstanding, end of year	16	12	8

Balance Sheet (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4025-0-3-704		2017 actual	2018 actual
ASSETS:			
1101	Federal assets: Fund balances with Treasury	1	1
Non-Federal assets:			
1201	Investments in non-Federal securities, net	139	140
1206	Receivables, net	1	1
1601	Direct loans, gross	2	1
1602	Interest receivable	35	37
1603	Allowance for estimated uncollectible loans and interest (-)	-35	-28
1699	Value of assets related to direct loans	2	10
1701	Defaulted guaranteed loans, gross	20	16
1703	Allowance for estimated uncollectible loans and interest (-)	-18	-15
1706	Foreclosed property	1	1
1799	Value of assets related to loan guarantees	3	2
1999	Total assets	146	154
LIABILITIES:			
Non-Federal liabilities:			
2201	Accounts payable	1	1
2204	Liabilities for loan guarantees	259	276
2999	Total liabilities	260	277
NET POSITION:			
3300	Cumulative results of operations	-114	-123
4999	Total liabilities and net position	146	154

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4025-0-3-704		2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:				
32.0	Land and structures	1	1	1
33.0	Investments and loans	3	2	2
99.9	Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	4	3	3

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] \$1,163,000.**

NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT—Continued
(Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019.)

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For the cost of direct loans, **[\$39,000]** \$57,729, 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 **[\$2,037,000]** \$2,008,232.

In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to carry out the direct loan program, **[\$396,000]** \$401,880, which may be paid to the appropriation for "General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration". (Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019.)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–1120–0–1–704	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
Credit program obligations:			
0705 Reestimates of direct loan subsidy	1	2	.....
0706 Interest on reestimates of direct loan subsidy .....	.....	1	.....
0709 Administrative expenses	2	2	2
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	3	5	2
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	2	2	1
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation	2	2	2
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1200 Appropriation	1	2	.....
1900 Budget authority (total)	3	4	2
1930 Total budgetary resources available	5	6	3
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	2	1	1
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	.....	.....	1
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	3	5	2
3020 Outlays (gross)	–3	–4	–2
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year .....	.....	1	1
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year .....	.....	.....	1
3200 Obligated balance, end of year .....	.....	1	1
Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross	2	2	2
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority	2	2	2
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross	1	2	.....
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority	1	2	.....
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	3	4	2
4190 Outlays, net (total)	3	4	2

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

Identification code 036–1120–0–1–704	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct loan levels supportable by subsidy budget authority:			
115002 Native American Direct Loans	4	9	9
115003 Vocational Rehabilitation	1	2	2
115999 Total direct loan levels	5	11	11
Direct loan subsidy (in percent):			
132002 Native American Direct Loans	–20.22	–11.89	–5.23
132003 Vocational Rehabilitation	1.26	1.90	2.87
132999 Weighted average subsidy rate	–15.92	–9.38	–3.76
Direct loan subsidy budget authority:			
133002 Native American Direct Loans	–1	–1	–1
133999 Total subsidy budget authority	–1	–1	–1
Direct loan subsidy outlays:			
134002 Native American Direct Loans	–1	–1	–1

134999 Total subsidy outlays	–1	–1	–1
Direct loan reestimates:			
135002 Native American Direct Loans	2	2	.....
135999 Total direct loan reestimates	2	2	.....
Administrative expense data:			
3510 Budget authority	1	2	2
3590 Outlays from new authority	1	2	2

The Native American Veteran 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 the Department of Veterans Affairs' Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling Program as authorized by chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code. Repayment of these loans is made in monthly installments, without interest, through deductions from future payments of compensation, pension, subsistence allowance, educational assistance allowance, or retired pay.

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–1120–0–1–704	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:			
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	1	2	2
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	2	3	.....
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	3	5	2

NATIVE AMERICAN DIRECT LOAN FINANCING ACCOUNT

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–4130–0–3–704	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
Credit program obligations:			
0710 Direct loan obligations	4	9	9
0713 Payment of interest to Treasury	3	3	2
0715 Property Expenses	1	.....	.....
0740 Negative subsidy obligations	1	1	1
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	9	13	12
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	3	4	4
1023 Unobligated balances applied to repay debt	–1	.....	.....
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	2	4	4
Financing authority:			
Borrowing authority, mandatory:			
1400 Borrowing authority	7	9	8
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected	8	8	7
1825 Spending authority from offsetting collections applied to repay debt	–4	–4	–3
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total)	4	4	4
1900 Budget authority (total)	11	13	12
1930 Total budgetary resources available	13	17	16
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	4	4	4
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	1	1	1
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	9	13	12
3020 Outlays (gross)	–9	–13	–12
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
Financing authority and disbursements, net:				
Mandatory:				
4090	Budget authority, gross	11	13	12
Financing disbursements:				
4110	Outlays, gross (total)	9	13	12
Offsets against gross financing authority and disbursements:				
Offsetting collections (collected) from:				
4120	Federal sources	-2	-2	.....
4123	Non-federal sources - Repayments and prepayments of principal	-4	-3	-4
4123	Non-Federal sources - Interest received on loans	-2	-3	-3
4130	Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total)	-8	-8	-7
4160	Budget authority, net (mandatory)	3	5	5
4170	Outlays, net (mandatory)	1	5	5
4180	Budget authority, net (total)	3	5	5
4190	Outlays, net (total)	1	5	5

Status of Direct Loans (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4130-0-3-704		2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Position with respect to appropriations act limitation on obligations:				
1111	Direct loan obligations from current-year authority	4	9	9
1150	Total direct loan obligations	4	9	9
Cumulative balance of direct loans outstanding:				
1210	Outstanding, start of year	60	61	66
1231	Disbursements: Direct loan disbursements	4	9	9
1251	Repayments: Repayments and prepayments	-3	-4	-3
1290	Outstanding, end of year	61	66	72

Balance Sheet (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4130-0-3-704		2017 actual	2018 actual
ASSETS:			
Federal assets:			
1101	Fund balances with Treasury	4	5
Investments in U.S. securities:			
1106	Receivables, net	2	2
Net value of assets related to post-1991 direct loans receivable:			
1401	Direct loans receivable, gross	60	61
1402	Interest receivable	2	2
1405	Other assets	3	3
1499	Net present value of assets related to direct loans	65	66
1999	Total assets	71	73
LIABILITIES:			
Federal liabilities:			
2103	Federal liabilities debt	69	71
2105	Other liabilities	2	2
2999	Total liabilities	71	73
NET POSITION:			
3300	Cumulative results of operations .....	.....	.....
4999	Total liabilities and net position	71	73

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

Identification code 036-4258-0-3-704		2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:				
0001	Direct program activity	1	1	1
0900	Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	1	1	1
Budgetary resources:				
Unobligated balance:				
1000	Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	5	4	4
Financing authority:				
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:				
1800	Collected .....	.....	1	1
1930	Total budgetary resources available	5	5	5

Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
1941	Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	4	4	4
Change in obligated balance:				
Unpaid obligations:				
3000	Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1 .....	.....	1	1
3010	New obligations, unexpired accounts	1	1	1
3020	Outlays (gross) .....	.....	-1	-1
3050	Unpaid obligations, end of year	1	1	1
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
3100	Obligated balance, start of year .....	.....	1	1
3200	Obligated balance, end of year	1	1	1

Financing authority and disbursements, net:

Mandatory:				
4090	Budget authority, gross .....	.....	1	1
Financing disbursements:				
4110	Outlays, gross (total) .....	.....	1	1
Offsets against gross financing authority and disbursements:				
Offsetting collections (collected) from:				
4123	Non-Federal sources .....	.....	-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		2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Position with respect to appropriations act limitation on obligations:				
1121	Limitation available from carry-forward	95	95	95
1143	Unobligated limitation carried forward	-95	-95	-95
Cumulative balance of direct loans outstanding:				
1210	Outstanding, start of year	4	4	4
1290	Outstanding, end of year	4	4	4

Balance Sheet (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4258-0-3-704		2017 actual	2018 actual
ASSETS:			
Federal assets: Fund balances with Treasury			
1101	.....	5	5
1401	Net value of assets related to post-1991 direct loans receivable:	4	4
Direct loans receivable, gross			
1999	Total assets	9	9
LIABILITIES:			
Federal liabilities:			
2103	Debt	5	5
2105	Loan Guaranty/Other Liabilities	4	4
2999	Total liabilities	9	9
4999	Total liabilities and net position	9	9

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

Identification code 036-4112-0-3-702		2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:				
Credit program obligations:				
0710	Direct loan obligations	2	2	2
0900	Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	2	2	2
Budgetary resources:				
Financing authority:				
Borrowing authority, mandatory:				
1400	Authority to borrow (indefinite)	1	2	2
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:				
1800	Collected	2	2	2
1825	Spending authority from offsetting collections applied to repay debt	-1	-2	-2
1850	Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total)	1	.....	.....
1900	Budget authority (total)	2	2	2
1930	Total budgetary resources available	2	2	2
Change in obligated balance:				
Unpaid obligations:				
3010	New obligations, unexpired accounts	2	2	2

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DIRECT LOAN FINANCING ACCOUNT—Continued
Program and Financing—Continued

Identification code 036-4112-0-3-702	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
3020 Outlays (gross)	-2	-2	-2
Financing authority and disbursements, net:			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross	2	2	2
Financing disbursements:			
4110 Outlays, gross (total)	2	2	2
Offsets against gross financing authority and disbursements:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4123 Repayments and prepayments of principal	-2	-2	-2
4180 Budget authority, net (total)			
4190 Outlays, net (total)			

Status of Direct Loans (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4112-0-3-702	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Position with respect to appropriations act limitation on obligations:			
1111 Direct loan obligations from current-year authority	2	2	2
1150 Total direct loan obligations	2	2	2
Cumulative balance of direct loans outstanding:			
1210 Outstanding, start of year	1	1	1
1231 Disbursements: Direct loan disbursements	1	2	2
1251 Repayments: Repayments and prepayments	-1	-2	-2
1290 Outstanding, end of year	1	1	1

Balance Sheet (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4112-0-3-702	2017 actual	2018 actual
ASSETS:		
Federal assets:		
Investments in U.S. securities:		
1104 Investments US Securities		
1401 Net value of assets related to post-1991 direct loans receivable:		
Direct loans receivable, gross	1	1
1999 Total assets	1	1
LIABILITIES:		
2103 Federal liabilities: Debt	1	1
4999 Total liabilities and net position	1	1

Trust Funds

POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERANS EDUCATION ACCOUNT

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8133-0-7-702	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Budgetary resources:			
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
Change in obligated balance:			
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

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Total program obligations (in thousands)	\$157	\$150	\$143
Number of disenrollments	67	64	60
Total refunds (in thousands)	\$147	\$140	\$133
Average Refund	\$2,194	\$2,194	\$2,194
Total trainees	2	2	2
Total trainee cost (in thousands)	\$10	\$9	\$9
Average trainee cost	\$4,904	\$4,792	\$5,044
Section 901 trainees	0	1	1
Total Section 901 trainee cost (in thousands)	\$0	\$1	\$1
Average Section 901 trainee cost	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000

NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE FUND

Special and Trust Fund Receipts (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8132-0-7-701	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
0100 Balance, start of year	2,851	2,324	1,870
Receipts:			
Current law:			
1130 NSLI Fund, Premium and Other Receipts	52	66	52
1140 NSLI Fund, Interest	130	123	96
1199 Total current law receipts	182	189	148
1999 Total receipts	182	189	148
2000 Total: Balances and receipts	3,033	2,513	2,018
Appropriations:			
Current law:			
2101 National Service Life Insurance Fund	-182	-189	-148
2103 National Service Life Insurance Fund	-527	-454	-403
2199 Total current law appropriations	-709	-643	-551
2999 Total appropriations	-709	-643	-551
5099 Balance, end of year	2,324	1,870	1,467

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8132-0-7-701	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0001 Death claims	491	447	372
0002 Disability claims	2	2	1
0003 Matured endowments	97	82	83
0004 Cash surrenders	35	35	27
0005 Dividends	37	37	35
0006 Interest paid on dividend credits and deposits	30	17	13
0007 Payment to general operating expenses	11	14	11
0091 Total operating expenses	703	634	542
0201 Capital investment: Policy loans	8	9	8
0799 Total direct obligations	711	643	550
0801 Death claims	29	26	21
0803 Matured endowments	6	5	5
0804 Cash surrenders	2	2	1
0805 Dividends	2	2	2
0806 Interest paid on dividend credits and deposits	1	1	1
0807 Payment to general operating expenses	1	1	1
0899 Total reimbursable obligations	41	37	31
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	752	680	581
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations	2		
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, mandatory:			
1201 Appropriation (special or trust fund)	182	189	148
1203 Appropriation (previously unavailable)	527	454	403
1260 Appropriations, mandatory (total)	709	643	551
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected	41	37	30

1900	Budget authority (total)	750	680	581
1930	Total budgetary resources available	752	680	581
Change in obligated balance:				
Unpaid obligations:				
3000	Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	761	694	615
3010	New obligations, unexpired accounts	752	680	581
3020	Outlays (gross)	-817	-759	-701
3040	Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired	-2		
3050	Unpaid obligations, end of year	694	615	495
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
3100	Obligated balance, start of year	761	694	615
3200	Obligated balance, end of year	694	615	495
Budget authority and outlays, net:				
Mandatory:				
4090	Budget authority, gross	750	680	581
Outlays, gross:				
4100	Outlays from new mandatory authority	223	100	298
4101	Outlays from mandatory balances	594	659	403
4110	Outlays, gross (total)	817	759	701
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:				
Offsetting collections (collected) from:				
4123	Non-Federal sources	-41	-37	-30
4180	Budget authority, net (total)	709	643	551
4190	Outlays, net (total)	776	722	671
Memorandum (non-add) entries:				
5000	Total investments, SOY: Federal securities: Par value	3,604	3,015	2,376
5001	Total investments, EOY: Federal securities: Par value	3,015	2,376	1,853

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

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Number of policies	203,807	163,997	127,397
Insurance in force (dollars in millions)	\$2,598	\$2,077	\$1,604

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 \$2,531 million as of September 30, 2019 to \$2,012 million as of September 30, 2020. The actuarial estimate of policy obligations as of September 30, 2020, totals \$1,948 million, leaving a balance of \$64 million for contingency reserves.

Status of Funds (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8132-0-7-701	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Unexpended balance, start of year:			
0100 Balance, start of year	3,613	3,019	2,486
0999 Total balance, start of year	3,613	3,019	2,486
Cash income during the year:			
Current law:			
Receipts:			
1130 NSLI Fund, Premium and Other Receipts	52	66	52
1130 National Service Life Insurance Fund	41	37	30
1150 NSLI Fund, Interest	130	123	96
1199 Income under present law	223	226	178
1999 Total cash income	223	226	178
Cash outgo during year:			
Current law:			
2100 National Service Life Insurance Fund [029-25-8132-0]	-817	-759	-701
2199 Outgo under current law	-817	-759	-701
2999 Total cash outgo (-)	-817	-759	-701

Surplus or deficit:			
3110 Excluding interest	-724	-656	-619
3120 Interest	130	123	96
3199 Subtotal, surplus or deficit	-594	-533	-523
3999 Total change in fund balance	-594	-533	-523
Unexpended balance, end of year:			
4100 Uninvested balance (net), end of year	4	110	110
4200 National Service Life Insurance Fund	3,015	2,376	1,853
4999 Total balance, end of year	3,019	2,486	1,963

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8132-0-7-701	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:			
33.0 Investments and loans	8	9	8
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities	625	566	484
43.0 Interest and dividends	78	68	59
99.0 Direct obligations	711	643	551
99.0 Reimbursable obligations	41	37	30
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	752	680	581

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

Identification code 036-8150-0-7-701	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
0100 Balance, start of year	2	1	
2000 Total: Balances and receipts	2	1	
Appropriations:			
Current law:			
2103 United States Government Life Insurance Fund	-1	-1	
5099 Balance, end of year	1		

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-8150-0-7-701	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
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	1	1	2
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	1	1	
3020 Outlays (gross)	-1		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	1	2	2
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	1	1	2
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	1	2	2
Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross	1	1	
Outlays, gross:			
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances	1		
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	1	1	
4190 Outlays, net (total)	1		
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
5000 Total investments, SOY: Federal securities: Par value	3	2	2
5001 Total investments, EOY: Federal securities: Par value	2	2	2

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE FUND—Continued

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

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Number of policies	20	0	0
Insurance in force (dollars in millions)	\$1	\$016	\$0

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 \$2.0 million as of September 30, 2019, to \$1.7 million as of September 30, 2020, as an increasing number of policies mature through death or disability. The actuarial evaluation of policy obligations as of September 30, 2020, totals \$1.2 million, leaving a balance of \$.4 million for contingency reserves.

Status of Funds (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–8150–0–7–701	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Unexpended balance, start of year:			
0100 Balance, start of year	3	2	2
0999 Total balance, start of year	3	2	2
Cash outgo during year:			
Current law:			
2100 United States Government Life Insurance Fund [029–25–8150–0]	–1		
2199 Outgo under current law	–1		
2999 Total cash outgo (–)	–1		
Surplus or deficit:			
3110 Excluding interest	–1		
3199 Subtotal, surplus or deficit	–1		
3999 Total change in fund balance	–1		
Unexpended balance, end of year:			
4100 Uninvested balance (net), end of year			
4200 United States Government Life Insurance Fund	2	2	2
4999 Total balance, end of year	2	2	2

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–8150–0–7–701	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 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	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0801 Death claims	147	146	143
0802 Cash surrenders	13	12	11
0803 Dividends	24	19	15
0804 All other	18	18	17
0805 Payments to insurance account	6	8	7
0806 Capital investment	5	5	4
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	213	208	197

Budgetary resources:

1000 Unobligated balance:			
Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	1,210	1,101	984
Budget authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected	106	91	80
1801 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources	–2		
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total)	104	91	80
1930 Total budgetary resources available	1,314	1,192	1,064
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	1,101	984	867

Change in obligated balance:

Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	413	403	391
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	213	208	197
3020 Outlays (gross)	–223	–220	–196
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	403	391	392
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1	–18	–16	–16
3070 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired	2		
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year	–16	–16	–16
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	395	387	375
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	387	375	376

Budget authority and outlays, net:

Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross	104	91	80
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority	104	91	80
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances	119	129	116
4110 Outlays, gross (total)	223	220	196
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4121 Interest on Federal securities	–70	–60	–52
4123 Non-Federal sources	–12	–10	–9
4123 Non-Federal sources	–22	–19	–17
4123 Non-Federal sources	–2	–2	–2
4130 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total)	–106	–91	–80
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4140 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired	2		
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory)	117	129	116
4180 Budget authority, net (total)			
4190 Outlays, net (total)	117	129	116

Memorandum (non-add) entries:

5000 Total investments, SOY: Federal securities: Par value	1,603	1,487	1,357
5001 Total investments, EOY: Federal securities: Par value	1,487	1,357	1,242

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

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Number of policies	90,488	80,677	70,882
Insurance in force (dollars in millions)	\$1,336	\$1,206	\$1,070

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	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Reimbursable obligations:			
33.0 Investments and loans	5	5	4
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities	169	169	164
43.0 Interest and dividends	39	34	29
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	213	208	197

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, **[\$1,127,486,000] \$1,235,200,000**, of which **[\$647,486,000] \$1,036,600,000** shall remain available until September 30, **[2023] 2024**, and of which **[\$480,000,000] \$198,600,000** shall remain available until expended, of which **[\$400,000,000] \$35,000,000** shall be available for seismic improvement projects and seismic program management activities, including for projects that would otherwise be funded by the Construction, Minor Projects, Medical Facilities or National Cemetery Administration accounts: *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, *funds provided for construction of gravesite expansion projects at existing National Cemeteries, and legal expenses incurred for programs and activities funded by this account*, 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 such sums as may be necessary shall be available to reimburse the "General Administration" account for payment of salaries and expenses of all Office of Construction and Facilities Management employees to support the full range of capital infrastructure services provided, including minor construction and leasing services: *Provided further*, That funds made available under this heading for fiscal year **[2019] 2020**, for each approved project shall be obligated: (1) by the awarding of a construction documents contract by September 30, **[2019] 2020**; and (2) by the awarding of a construction contract by September 30, **[2020] 2021**: *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 notwithstanding the requirements of section 8104(a) of title 38, United States Code, amounts made available under this heading for seismic improvement projects and seismic program management activities shall be available for the completion of both new and existing seismic projects of the Department. (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019.*)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0110-0-1-703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0001 Medical programs	1,150	1,211	1,820
0002 National cemeteries	168	256	187

0005 Staff offices	11	13	10
0799 Total direct obligations	1,329	1,480	2,017
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	1,329	1,480	2,017

Budgetary resources:

Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	1,655	1,486	2,183
1020 Adjustment of unobligated bal brought forward, Oct 1	628		
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations	137		
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	2,420	1,486	2,183
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation	815	2,177	1,235
1131 Unobligated balance of appropriations permanently reduced	-420		
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total)	395	2,177	1,235
1900 Budget authority (total)	395	2,177	1,235
1930 Total budgetary resources available	2,815	3,663	3,418
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	1,486	2,183	1,401

Change in obligated balance:

Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	855	685	853
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	1,329	1,480	2,017
3011 Obligations ("upward adjustments"), expired accounts	1		
3020 Outlays (gross)	-1,360	-1,312	-2,055
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired	-137		
3041 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired	-3		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	685	853	815
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	855	685	853
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	685	853	815

Budget authority and outlays, net:

Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross	395	2,177	1,235
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority	244	412	234
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances	1,116	900	1,821
4020 Outlays, gross (total)	1,360	1,312	2,055
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	395	2,177	1,235
4190 Outlays, net (total)	1,360	1,312	2,055

The Construction, Major Projects appropriation funds construction projects currently costing more than \$20 million. Funding is requested to complete seven previously funded projects in San Juan, PR; Bay Pines, FL; Manhattan, NY; Louisville, KY; Riverside, CA; Western New York; and Bayamon, PR and four ongoing projects in Alameda, CA; San Diego, CA; West Los Angeles, CA; and Reno, NV. In addition, three expansions at existing national cemeteries in Dallas, TX; Houston, TX; and Bourne, MA will be funded. Funds are also requested for salaries and associated expenses for staff for the Office of Construction and Facilities Management and to support advance planning and design activities, seismic correction, and asbestos abatement.

\$244 million of funds appropriated in 2016 and \$117.3 million of funds appropriated in 2018 are not reflected in the available balance in the tables. These funds will become available for use once the Department of Veterans Affairs meets the specific conditions required by law (P.L. 114-113 and 115-141) and the funds are made available by the Treasury.

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0110-0-1-703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:			
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	24	24	24
25.3 Other goods and services from Federal sources	24	24	24
32.0 Land and structures	1,281	1,432	1,969
99.0 Direct obligations	1,329	1,480	2,017
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	1,329	1,480	2,017

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, **[\$649,514,000]** \$398,800,000, to remain available until September 30, **[2023]** 2024, 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, 2019.*)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0111-0-1-703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0001 Medical programs	269	699	456
0002 National cemeteries	88	176	106
0003 Regional offices	48	48	35
0004 Staff offices	33	35	43
0005 Choice Act, P.L. 113-146, Sec. 801	48	11	.....
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	486	969	640
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	534	864	695
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations	46	.....	.....
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	580	864	695
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation	772	800	399
1900 Budget authority (total)	772	800	399
1930 Total budgetary resources available	1,352	1,664	1,094
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1940 Unobligated balance expiring	-2	.....	.....
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	864	695	454
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	948	904	1,232
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	486	969	640
3011 Obligations ("upward adjustments"), expired accounts	1	.....	.....
3020 Outlays (gross)	-480	-641	-678
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired	-46	.....	.....
3041 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired	-5	.....	.....
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	904	1,232	1,194
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	948	904	1,232
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	904	1,232	1,194
Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross	772	800	399
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority	2	151	72
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances	411	452	568
4020 Outlays, gross (total)	413	603	640
Mandatory:			
Outlays, gross:			
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances	67	38	38
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	772	800	399
4190 Outlays, net (total)	480	641	678

The Construction, Minor Projects appropriation funds construction projects costing equal to or less than \$20 million. This account is used to improve the infrastructure of medical facilities and other Department-owned

facilities to reduce the risk to patient life and safety, correct code deficiencies, and improve national cemeteries and regional and staff offices.

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0111-0-1-703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:			
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	18	20	15
32.0 Land and structures	468	949	625
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	486	969	640

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, **[\$150,000,000]** \$90,000,000, to remain available until expended. (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019.*)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0181-0-1-703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0001 Grants for construction of state extended care facilities	346	501	135
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts (object class 41.0)	346	501	135
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	92	459	113
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations	28	5	.....
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	120	464	113
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation	685	150	90
1930 Total budgetary resources available	805	614	203
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	459	113	68
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	193	408	727
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	346	501	135
3020 Outlays (gross)	-103	-177	-333
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired	-28	-5	.....
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	408	727	529
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	193	408	727
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	408	727	529
Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross	685	150	90
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority .....	.....	3	2
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances	103	174	331
4020 Outlays, gross (total)	103	177	333
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	685	150	90
4190 Outlays, net (total)	103	177	333

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 Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), whereby VA provides no more than 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, 2019.*)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0183–0–1–705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0001 Grants for construction of state veterans cemeteries	50	45	45
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts (object class 41.0)	50	45	45
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	5	4	7
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations	4	3	3
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	9	7	10
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation	45	45	45
1930 Total budgetary resources available	54	52	55
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	4	7	10
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	96	96	91
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	50	45	45
3020 Outlays (gross)	–46	–47	–94
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired	–4	–3	–3
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	96	91	39
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	96	96	91
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	96	91	39
Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross	45	45	45
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority	24	24	24
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances	46	23	70
4020 Outlays, gross (total)	46	47	94
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	45	45	45
4190 Outlays, net (total)	46	47	94

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, [\$355,897,000] \$369,200,000, of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available until September 30, [2020] 2021: *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, 2019.*)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–0142–0–1–705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0014 General administration	344	361	369
0806 General administration, reimbursable program	338	382	424
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	682	743	793
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	12	5	.....

1012 Unobligated balance transfers between expired and unexpired accounts	8	.....	.....
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	20	5	.....
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation	336	356	369
1121 Appropriations transferred from other acct [036–0152]	1	.....	.....
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total)	337	356	369
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected	308	382	424
1701 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources	30	.....	.....
1750 Spending auth from offsetting collections, disc (total)	338	382	424
1900 Budget authority (total)	675	738	793
1930 Total budgetary resources available	695	743	793
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1940 Unobligated balance expiring	–8	.....	.....
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	5	.....	.....

Change in obligated balance:

Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	128	169	103
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	682	743	793
3011 Obligations ("upward adjustments"), expired accounts	25	.....	.....
3020 Outlays (gross)	–640	–809	–791
3041 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired	–26	.....	.....
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	169	103	105
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1	–15	–34	–34
3070 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired	–30	.....	.....
3071 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, expired	11	.....	.....
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year	–34	–34	–34
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	113	135	69
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	135	69	71

Budget authority and outlays, net:

Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross	675	738	793
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority	517	653	715
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances	123	156	76
4020 Outlays, gross (total)	640	809	791
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4030 Federal sources	–324	–382	–424
4033 Non-Federal sources	–3	.....	.....
4040 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total)	–327	–382	–424
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4050 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired	–30	.....	.....
4052 Offsetting collections credited to expired accounts	19	.....	.....
4060 Additional offsets against budget authority only (total)	–11	.....	.....
4070 Budget authority, net (discretionary)	337	356	369
4080 Outlays, net (discretionary)	313	427	367
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	337	356	369
4190 Outlays, net (total)	313	427	367

General Administration.—Includes departmental executive direction, departmental support offices, the Office of General Counsel, and the Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection. 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	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent	187	208	219
11.5 Other personnel compensation	5	4	8
11.9 Total personnel compensation	192	212	227
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits	63	67	70
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons	5	5	7
23.2 Rental payments to others	20	18	19
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	3	4	4
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	59	53	38

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—Continued
Object Classification—Continued

Identification code 036-0142-0-1-705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
26.0 Supplies and materials	1	1	3
31.0 Equipment	1	1	1
99.0 Direct obligations	344	361	369
99.0 Reimbursable obligations	338	382	424
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	682	743	793

Employment Summary

Identification code 036-0142-0-1-705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment	1,634	1,764	1,927
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment	886	1,054	1,209

BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS

For necessary operating expenses of the Board of Veterans Appeals, **[\$174,748,000] \$182,000,000**, of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available until September 30, **[2020] 2021**. (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019.*)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-1122-0-1-705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0014 Board of Veterans' Appeals	152	181	188

Budgetary resources:

Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	15	15	9
1012 Unobligated balance transfers between expired and unexpired accounts	1		
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	16	15	9
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation	161	175	182
1120 Appropriations transferred to other acct [036-0151]	-7		
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total)	154	175	182
1930 Total budgetary resources available	170	190	191
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1940 Unobligated balance expiring	-3		
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	15	9	3

Change in obligated balance:

Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	10	19	30
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	152	181	188
3020 Outlays (gross)	-143	-170	-177
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	19	30	41
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	10	19	30
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	19	30	41

Budget authority and outlays, net:

Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross	154	175	182
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority	121	148	154
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances	22	22	23
4020 Outlays, gross (total)	143	170	177
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	154	175	182
4190 Outlays, net (total)	143	170	177

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 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 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. The Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017, enacted on August 23, 2017, became effective on February 19, 2019. This law reformed the current appeals process and replaced it with a new, simpler process that uses easy to understand language and gives veterans choice and control of their appeal.

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-1122-0-1-705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent	96	126	124
11.5 Other personnel compensation	2	2	3
11.9 Total personnel compensation	98	128	127
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits	30	35	39
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons	1	1	1
23.2 Rental payments to others	8	3	5
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	14	14	16
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	1		
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	152	181	188

Employment Summary

Identification code 036-1122-0-1-705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment	920	1,125	1,125

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.), **[\$192,000,000] \$207,000,000**, of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available until September 30, **[2020] 2021**. (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019.*)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0170-0-1-705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0101 Office of Inspector General (Direct)	171	199	207
0192 Total direct program	171	199	207

Budgetary resources:

Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	15	7	
1012 Unobligated balance transfers between expired and unexpired accounts	1		
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	16	7	
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation	164	192	207
1900 Budget authority (total)	164	192	207
1930 Total budgetary resources available	180	199	207
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1940 Unobligated balance expiring	-2		
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	7		

Change in obligated balance:

Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	19	21	55
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	171	199	207
3020 Outlays (gross)	-167	-165	-204
3041 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired	-2		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	21	55	58
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	19	21	55

3200	Obligated balance, end of year	21	55	58
Budget authority and outlays, net:				
Discretionary:				
4000	Budget authority, gross	164	192	207
Outlays, gross:				
4010	Outlays from new discretionary authority	143	137	156
4011	Outlays from discretionary balances	24	28	48
4020	Outlays, gross (total)	167	165	204
4180	Budget authority, net (total)	164	192	207
4190	Outlays, net (total)	167	165	204

This appropriation provides for carrying out the independent oversight responsibilities of the Inspector General Act of 1978. This oversight includes Department of Veterans Affairs (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		2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:				
Personnel compensation:				
11.1	Full-time permanent	95	112	117
11.5	Other personnel compensation	7	9	9
11.9	Total personnel compensation	102	121	126
12.1	Civilian personnel benefits	37	44	45
21.0	Employee Travel	6	7	7
23.1	Rental payments to GSA	3	8	7
23.3	Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	2	1	3
25.2	Other services from non-Federal sources	15	14	13
26.0	Supplies and materials	1	1	1
31.0	Equipment	5	3	5
99.0	Direct obligations	171	199	207
99.9	Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	171	199	207

Employment Summary

Identification code 036—0170—0—1—705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment	849	975	1,000

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, **[\$4,103,000,000]** \$4,343,000,000, plus reimbursements: *Provided*, That **[\$1,199,220,000]** \$1,204,238,000 shall be for pay and associated costs, of which not to exceed 3 percent shall remain available until September 30, **[2020]** 2021: *Provided further*, That **[\$2,523,209,000]** \$2,737,482,000 shall be for operations and maintenance, of which not to exceed 5 percent shall remain available until September 30, **[2020]** 2021: *Provided further*, That **[\$380,571,000]** \$401,280,000 shall be for information technology systems development, and shall remain available until September 30, **[2020]** 2021: *Provided further*, That amounts made available for salaries and expenses, operations and maintenance, and information technology systems development may be transferred among the three subaccounts after the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits notice thereof to **[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 amounts made available for the "Information Technology Systems" account for development 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 notice thereof **[a request]** 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 the funds made available under this heading for information technology systems development 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, 2019.*)**

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036—0167—0—1—705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0001 Development	420	427	401
0002 Operations and maintenance	2,398	2,622	2,734
0003 Administrative and salaries	1,167	1,228	1,200
0004 P.L. 113—146, Sec. 801 - IT Support	94	25	.....
0799 Total direct obligations	4,079	4,302	4,335
0801 Development	11	.....	.....
0802 Operations and maintenance	16	.....	.....
0803 Administrative and salaries	19	.....	.....
0804 IT Systems, Reimbursable obligations .....	.....	63	73
0899 Total reimbursable obligations	46	63	73
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	4,125	4,365	4,408
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	221	207	.....
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations	17	.....	.....
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	238	207	.....
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation	4,056	4,103	4,343
1120 Appropriations transferred to other accts [036—0169]	—8	—8	—8
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total)	4,048	4,095	4,335
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected	46	63	73
1900 Budget authority (total)	4,094	4,158	4,408
1930 Total budgetary resources available	4,332	4,365	4,408
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	207	.....	.....
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	2,097	1,904	2,109
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	4,125	4,365	4,408
3011 Obligations ("upward adjustments"), expired accounts	18	.....	.....
3020 Outlays (gross)	—4,225	—4,160	—4,059
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired	—17	.....	.....
3041 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired	—94	.....	.....
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	1,904	2,109	2,458
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	2,096	1,903	2,108
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	1,903	2,108	2,457

Budget authority and outlays, net:

Discretionary:				
4000	Budget authority, gross	4,094	4,158	4,408
Outlays, gross:				
4010	Outlays from new discretionary authority	2,384	2,429	2,578
4011	Outlays from discretionary balances	1,730	1,668	1,408
4020	Outlays, gross (total)	4,114	4,097	3,986
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:				
Offsetting collections (collected) from:				
4030	Federal sources	-51	-63	-73
4033	Non-Federal sources	-1		
4040	Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total)	-52	-63	-73
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:				
4052	Offsetting collections credited to expired accounts	6		

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS—Continued
Program and Financing—Continued

Identification code 036–0167–0–1–705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
4060 Additional offsets against budget authority only (total)	6		
4070 Budget authority, net (discretionary)	4,048	4,095	4,335
4080 Outlays, net (discretionary)	4,062	4,034	3,913
Mandatory:			
Outlays, gross:			
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances	111	63	73
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	4,048	4,095	4,335
4190 Outlays, net (total)	4,173	4,097	3,986

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 Community Care Program, modernizations to veterans benefits and appeals processing, as well as the divestiture of legacy IT systems.

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	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent	687	761	736
11.1 Full-time permanent - Choice Act, P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801	6		
11.9 Total personnel compensation	693	761	736
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits	231	256	248
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits -Choice Act, P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801	2		
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons	9	7	7
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	963	1,046	1,150
23.3 Communications/utilities - Choice Act, P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801	17	4	
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	1,594	1,661	1,618
25.2 Other services from non-Federal -Choice Act, P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801	14	3	
26.0 Supplies and materials	28	31	35
26.0 Supplies and materials - Choice Act, P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801	4	1	
31.0 Equipment	473	515	541
31.0 Equipment - Choice Act, P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801	50	17	
32.0 Land and structures - Choice Act, P.L. 113–146, Sec. 801	1		
99.0 Direct obligations	4,079	4,302	4,335
99.0 Reimbursable obligations	46	63	73
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	4,125	4,365	4,408

Employment Summary

Identification code 036–0167–0–1–705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment	6,995	7,435	7,435
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment	157	154	140

VETERANS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD

For activities related to implementation, preparation, development, interface, management, rollout, and maintenance of a Veterans Electronic Health Record system, including contractual costs associated with operations authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, and salaries and expenses of employees hired under titles 5 and 38, United States Code, **[\$1,107,000,000] \$1,603,000,000**, to remain available until September 30, **[2021] 2022** **[: Provided, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses**

of Congress quarterly reports detailing obligations, expenditures, and deployment implementation by facility: *Provided further*, That the funds provided in this account shall only be available to the Office of the Deputy Secretary, to be administered by that Office: *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available under this heading may be obligated in a manner inconsistent with deployment schedules provided to the Committees on Appropriations unless the Secretary of Veterans Affairs provides notification to the Committees on Appropriations of such change and an approval is issued. **[: (Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019.)**

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–1123–0–1–703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0001 EHR Contract	487	720	1,106
0002 PMO Support	51	155	187
0003 Infrastructure Readiness	39	412	335
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	577	1,287	1,628
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1		205	25
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation	782	1,107	1,603
1930 Total budgetary resources available	782	1,312	1,628
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	205	25	
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1		437	756
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	577	1,287	1,628
3020 Outlays (gross)	–140	–968	–1,345
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	437	756	1,039
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year		437	756
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	437	756	1,039
Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross	782	1,107	1,603
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority	140	531	769
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances		437	576
4020 Outlays, gross (total)	140	968	1,345
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	782	1,107	1,603
4190 Outlays, net (total)	140	968	1,345

The Veterans Electronic Health Care Record appropriation funds necessary expenses related to the development and deployment of a new veterans electronic health record (EHR) system. This new EHR will allow the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to move toward a single common health record that has full integration between the Department of Defense and VA, as well as community providers. From the veteran perspective, the new system will provide a single, accurate, lifetime health record while improving patient care and safety.

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036–1123–0–1–703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:			
11.1 Personnel compensation: Full-time permanent		5	30
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits		3	8
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons	1	6	4
23.1 Rental payments to GSA		3	
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	556	1,156	1,455
25.3 Other goods and services from Federal sources (FTE to OIT)	9	10	1
25.3 Other goods and services from Federal sources (FTE to VHA)	5	12	7
25.3 Other goods and services from Federal sources		91	120
31.0 Equipment	6	1	
32.0 Land and structures			3
99.0 Direct obligations	577	1,287	1,628
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	577	1,287	1,628

Employment Summary

Identification code 036-1123-0-1-703	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment		170	231

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, **【\$315,836,000】 \$329,000,000**, of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available until September 30, **【2020】 2021**. (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019.*)

Special and Trust Fund Receipts (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0129-0-1-705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
0100 Balance, start of year	2	2	2
2000 Total: Balances and receipts	2	2	2
5099 Balance, end of year	2	2	2

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0129-0-1-705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0201 Operations and maintenance	309	319	329
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	5	5	2
1012 Unobligated balance transfers between expired and unexpired accounts	7	1	1
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	12	6	3
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1100 Appropriation	306	315	329
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected	1		
1900 Budget authority (total)	307	315	329
1930 Total budgetary resources available	319	321	332
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1940 Unobligated balance expiring	-5		
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	5	2	3
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	63	70	58
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	309	319	329
3011 Obligations ("upward adjustments"), expired accounts	6		
3020 Outlays (gross)	-296	-331	-293
3041 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, expired	-12		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	70	58	94
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	63	70	58
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	70	58	94

Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross	307	315	329
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority	241	266	249
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances	55	65	44
4020 Outlays, gross (total)	296	331	293
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4030 Federal sources	-1		
4040 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total)	-1		
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	306	315	329
4190 Outlays, net (total)	295	331	293

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 a number of 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 medallions commemorating the veterans's service that may be affixed to the privately purchased headstones or markers for veterans interred in private cemeteries; 5) providing presidential memorial certificates to family and friends of deceased veterans, recognizing the veterans' contribution and service to the Nation; 6) 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; 7) providing reimbursement caskets and urns for veterans' remains when there are no next of kin and insufficient resources; and 8) recording First Notice of Veteran Deaths into the Department of Veterans Affairs 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.

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-0129-0-1-705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Direct obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent	115	121	126
11.3 Other than full-time permanent	5	5	5
11.9 Total personnel compensation	120	126	131
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits	44	47	48
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons	3	4	4
22.0 Transportation of things	2	2	2
23.1 Rent	3	3	3
23.2 Rental payments to others	1	1	1
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	12	11	12
24.0 Printing and reproduction	1	2	2
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	99	102	105
26.0 Supplies and materials	12	13	13
31.0 Equipment	11	7	7
32.0 Land and structures	1	1	1
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	309	319	329

Employment Summary

Identification code 036-0129-0-1-705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
1001 Direct civilian full-time equivalent employment	1,865	1,941	2,008

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

Identification code 036-4537-0-4-705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0801 Reimbursable program-COGS-Merchandizing	535	320	320
0802 Reimbursable program-Other-Operations	243	345	345
0803 Reimbursable program-COGS-Printing and publications	8	20	20

SUPPLY FUND—Continued
Program and Financing—Continued

Identification code 036-4537-0-4-705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
0804 Reimbursable program-Other	29	437	437
0805 Reimbursable program-Equipment-Procurement services and distribution	717	934	916
0900 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	1,532	2,056	2,038
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	496	200	244
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations	118		
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	614	200	244
Budget authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, mandatory:			
1800 Collected	1,200	2,100	2,100
1801 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources	-82		
1850 Spending auth from offsetting collections, mand (total)	1,118	2,100	2,100
1930 Total budgetary resources available	1,732	2,300	2,344
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	200	244	306
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	836	957	151
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	1,532	2,056	2,038
3020 Outlays (gross)	-1,293	-2,862	-2,079
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired	-118		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	957	151	110
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1	-1,005	-923	-923
3070 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired	82		
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year	-923	-923	-923
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	-169	34	-772
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	34	-772	-813
Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Mandatory:			
4090 Budget authority, gross	1,118	2,100	2,100
Outlays, gross:			
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority		1,995	1,995
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances	1,293	867	84
4110 Outlays, gross (total)	1,293	2,862	2,079
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4120 Federal sources	-1,090	-2,100	-2,100
4123 Non-Federal sources	-110		
4130 Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays (total)	-1,200	-2,100	-2,100
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4140 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired	82		
4170 Outlays, net (mandatory)	93	762	-21
4180 Budget authority, net (total)			
4190 Outlays, net (total)	93	762	-21

Under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. 8121, the Supply Fund is responsible for the operation and maintenance of a supply system for the Department of Veterans Affairs (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 customers.

Object Classification (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4537-0-4-705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Reimbursable obligations:			
11.1 Personnel compensation: Full-time permanent	98	134	134
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits	32		
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons	11	15	15

23.1 Rental payments to GSA	7	10	
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	13	18	10
24.0 Printing and reproduction	8	11	11
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	229	314	314
26.0 Supplies and materials	462	633	633
31.0 Equipment	672	921	921
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	1,532	2,056	2,038

Employment Summary

Identification code 036-4537-0-4-705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment	957	1,115	1,135

FRANCHISE FUND

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 036-4539-0-4-705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0801 Franchise Fund (Reimbursable)	1,062	1,079	1,094
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	115	24	24
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations	38		
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	153	24	24
Budget authority:			
Spending authority from offsetting collections, discretionary:			
1700 Collected	891	1,079	1,094
1701 Change in uncollected payments, Federal sources	42		
1750 Spending auth from offsetting collections, disc (total)	933	1,079	1,094
1930 Total budgetary resources available	1,086	1,103	1,118
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	24	24	24
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	362	480	495
3010 New obligations, unexpired accounts	1,062	1,079	1,094
3020 Outlays (gross)	-906	-1,064	-1,090
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired	-38		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	480	495	499
Uncollected payments:			
3060 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1	-208	-250	-250
3070 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired	-42		
3090 Uncollected pymts, Fed sources, end of year	-250	-250	-250
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	154	230	245
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	230	245	249
Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross	933	1,079	1,094
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority	429	809	820
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances	477	255	270
4020 Outlays, gross (total)	906	1,064	1,090
Offsets against gross budget authority and outlays:			
Offsetting collections (collected) from:			
4030 Federal sources	-891	-1,079	-1,094
Additional offsets against gross budget authority only:			
4050 Change in uncollected pymts, Fed sources, unexpired	-42		
4080 Outlays, net (discretionary)	15	-15	-4
4180 Budget authority, net (total)			
4190 Outlays, net (total)	15	-15	-4

The Department of Veterans Affairs (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 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. 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	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Reimbursable obligations:			
11.1 Personnel compensation: Full-time permanent	109	135	150
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits	36	44	49
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons	3	3	2
23.1 Rental payments to GSA	9	9	9
23.3 Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	119	128	128
24.0 Printing and reproduction	6	6	6
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	692	716	717
26.0 Supplies and materials	3	9	8
31.0 Equipment	85	29	25
99.9 Total new obligations, unexpired accounts	1,062	1,079	1,094

Employment Summary

Identification code 036–4539–0–4–705	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
2001 Reimbursable civilian full-time equivalent employment	1,383	1,928	2,140

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 201. Any appropriation for fiscal year [2019] 2020 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 [2019] 2020, 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 of the amount and purpose of the transfer.

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 [2018] 2019.

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 [2019] 2020, 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 [2019] 2020 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 [2019] 2020 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, the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication, [the Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection,] and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion for all services provided at rates which will recover actual costs but not to exceed [\$48,431,000] \$57,263,000 for the Office of Resolution Management, [\$4,333,000] \$6,000,000 for the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication, [\$17,700,000 for the Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection], and [\$3,230,000] \$4,628,000 for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion: *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]** in 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. 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 Public Law 114–223.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 218. 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 **[2019]** 2020 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]**.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 219. Of the amounts appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year **[2019]** 2020 for "Medical Services", "Medical Community Care", "Medical Support and Compliance", "Medical Facilities", "Construction, Minor Projects", and "Information Technology Systems", up to **[\$301,578,000]** \$314,409,000, 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]** 2571) 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 220 of title II of division **[J]** C of Public Law **[115–141]** 115–244 is repealed.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 220. Of the amounts appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs which become available on October 1, **[2019]** 2020, for "Medical Services", "Medical Community Care", "Medical Support and Compliance", and "Medical Facilities", up to **[\$307,609,000]** \$322,931,000, 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. 221. Such sums as may be deposited to the Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A of title 38, United States Code, for healthcare provided at facilities designated as combined Federal medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500) shall also be available: (1) for transfer to the Joint Department of Defense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 3571); and (2) for operations of the facilities designated as combined Federal medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): *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. 222. 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. 223. 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. 224. 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. 225. 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. 226. 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 Public Law 114–223: *Provided further*, That the report shall also include information on the number of appeals pending at the Veterans Benefits Administration as well as the Board of Veterans Appeals on a quarterly basis.]

[SEC. 227. 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. 228. 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. **[229] 223.** 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 **[2019]** 2020 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 **[2019]** 2020, that were provided in advance by appropriations Acts: *Provided*, That transfers shall be made only with the approval of the Office of Management and Budget: *Provided further*, That the transfer authority provided in this section is in addition to any other transfer authority provided by law: *Provided further*, That no amounts may be transferred from amounts that were designated by Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit

Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That such authority to transfer may not be used unless for higher priority items, based on emergent healthcare requirements, than those for which originally appropriated and in no case where the item for which funds are requested has been denied by Congress: *Provided further*, That, upon determination that all or part of the funds transferred from an appropriation are not necessary, such amounts may be transferred back to that appropriation and shall be available for the same purposes as originally appropriated: *Provided further*, That before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall [request from] submit notice thereof to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress [the authority to make the transfer and receive approval of that request].

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. [230] 224. Amounts made available for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year [2019] 2020, 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. 231. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not reprogram funds among major construction projects or programs if such instance of reprogramming will exceed \$7,000,000, unless such reprogramming is approved by the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

SEC. 232. (a) 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.

(b)(1) None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to enforce or otherwise carry out any Executive action that prohibits the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from appointing an individual to occupy a vacant civil service position, or establishing a new civil service position, at the Department of Veterans Affairs with respect to such a position relating to the hotline specified in subsection (a).

(2) In this subsection—

(A) the term "civil service" has the meaning given such term in section 2101(1) of title 5, United States Code; and

(B) the term "Executive action" includes—

(i) any Executive order, presidential memorandum, or other action by the President; and

(ii) any agency policy, order, or other directive.

(c)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall conduct a study on the effectiveness of the hotline specified in subsection (a) during the five-year period beginning on January 1, 2016, based on an analysis of national suicide data and data collected from such hotline.

(2) At a minimum, the study required by paragraph (1) shall—

(A) determine the number of veterans who contact the hotline specified in subsection (a) and who receive follow up services from the hotline or mental health services from the Department of Veterans Affairs thereafter;

(B) determine the number of veterans who contact the hotline who are not referred to, or do not continue receiving, mental health care who commit suicide; and

(C) determine the number of veterans described in subparagraph (A) who commit or attempt suicide.

SEC. 233. None of the funds in this or any other Act may be used to close Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hospitals, domiciliaries, or clinics, conduct an environmental assessment, or to diminish healthcare services at existing Veterans Health Administration medical facilities located in Veterans Integrated Service Network 23 as part of a planned realignment of VA services until the Secretary provides to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a report including the following elements:

(1) a national realignment strategy that includes a detailed description of realignment plans within each Veterans Integrated Services 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 versus 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. 234. Effective during the period beginning on October 1, 2018 and ending on January 1, 2024, none of the funds made available to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs by this or any other Act may be obligated or expended in contravention of the "Veterans Health Administration Clinical Preventive Services Guidance Statement on the Veterans Health Administration's Screening for Breast Cancer Guidance" published on May 10, 2017, as issued by the Veterans Health Administration National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.

SEC. [235] 225. (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 except that—

(A) the time periods regarding embryo cryopreservation and storage set forth in part III(G) and in part IV(H) of such memorandum shall not apply; and

(B) such term includes embryo cryopreservation and storage without limitation on the duration of such cryopreservation and storage.

(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, 2018 (Public Law 115–141).

[(RESCISSION OF FUNDS)]

SEC. 236. Of the funds made available for fiscal year 2019 under the heading "Department of Veterans Affairs—Veterans Health Administration—Medical Support and Compliance" in title II of division J of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141), \$211,000,000 is hereby rescinded.

SEC. 237. 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.

SEC. 238. Section 842 of Public Law 109–115 shall not apply to conversion of an activity or function of the Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Administration, or National Cemetery Administration to contractor performance by a business concern that is at least 51 percent owned by one or more Indian tribes as defined in section 5304(e) of title 25, United States Code, or one or more Native Hawaiian Organizations as defined in section 637(a)(15) of title 15, United States Code.

SEC. 239. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Labor, shall discontinue using Social Security account numbers to identify individuals in all information systems of the Department of Veterans Affairs as follows:

(1) For all veterans submitting to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs new claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, not later than 5 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) For all individuals not described in paragraph (1), not later than 8 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may use a Social Security account number to identify an individual in an information system of the Department of Veterans Affairs if and only if the use of such number is required to obtain information the Secretary requires from an information system that is not under the jurisdiction of the Secretary.】

【SEC. 240. For funds provided to the Department of Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2019 and 2020 for "Medical Services", section 239 of Division A of Public Law 114–223 shall apply.】

【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] 226. Of the funds provided to the Department of Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year [2019] 2020 and fiscal year [2020] 2021 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. 243. For funds provided to the Department of Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2019 and 2020, section of Division A of Public Law 114–223 shall apply.】

【SEC. 244. (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. 245. 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. 246. For funds provided to the Department of Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2019 and 2020, section 258 of Division A of Public Law 114–223 shall apply.】

【SEC. 247. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to conduct research using canines unless: the scientific objectives of the study can only be met by research with canines; the study has been directly approved by the Secretary; and the study is consistent with the revised Department of Veterans Affairs canine research policy document released on December 18, 2017: *Provided*, That not later than 180 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a detailed report outlining under what circumstances canine research may be needed if there are no other alternatives, how often it was used during that time period, and what protocols are in place to determine both the safety and efficacy of the research.】

【SEC. 248. For an additional amount for the Department of Veterans Affairs, \$2,000,000,000 to remain available until expended, for infrastructure improvements, including new construction, and in addition to amounts otherwise made available in this Act for such purpose, of which:

(1) \$750,000,000 shall be available for seismic improvement projects and seismic program management activities, including projects that would otherwise be funded by the Construction, Major Projects, the Construction, Minor Projects, Medical Facilities, or National Cemetery Administration accounts;

(2) \$300,000,000 shall be for "Departmental Administration—Construction, Major Projects";

(3) \$800,000,000 shall be for "Veterans Health Administration—Medical Facilities" to be used for non-recurring maintenance; and

(4) \$150,000,000 shall be for "Departmental Administration—Construction, Minor Projects":】

【*Provided*, That the additional amounts appropriated for the purposes of non-recurring maintenance and minor construction may be used to carry out critical life-safety projects identified in the Department's annual facility condition assessments;

sustainment projects; modernization projects; infrastructure repair; renovations at existing Veterans Health Administration medical centers and outpatient clinics; and projects included in the Strategic Capital Investment Process plan: *Provided further*, That funds made available under this section for "Construction, Major Projects" shall be available for previously authorized and partially funded major construction projects: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the requirements of section 8104(a) of title 38, United States Code, amounts made available under this heading for seismic improvement projects and seismic program management activities shall be available for the completion of both new and existing projects of the Department: *Provided further*, That the additional amounts appropriated under this section may not be obligated or expended until the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, and such Committees approve, a detailed expenditure plan, including project descriptions and costs, for any non-recurring maintenance, minor construction, major construction, or seismic improvement project being funded with the additional amounts made available in this administrative provision.】

【SEC. 249. (a) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by 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 of the United States Government over which such Inspector General has responsibilities under the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), or to prevent or impede the access of such Inspector General to such records, documents, or other materials, under any provision of law, except a provision of law that expressly refers to such Inspector General and expressly limits the right of access of such Inspector General.

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

(c) COMPLIANCE.—Each Inspector General covered by this section shall ensure compliance with statutory limitations on disclosure relevant to the information provided by the department or agency over which that Inspector General has responsibilities under the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

(d) REPORT.—Each Inspector General covered by this section shall report to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives within 5 calendar days of any failure by any department or agency covered by this section to comply with this section.】

【SEC. 250. (a) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a plan to reduce the chances that clinical mistakes by employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs will result in adverse events that require institutional or clinical disclosures and to prevent any unnecessary hardship for patients and families impacted by such adverse events.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) A description of a process for the timely identification of individuals impacted by disclosures described in subsection (a) and the process for contacting those individuals or their next of kin.

(2) A description of procedures for expediting any remedial or follow-up care required for those individuals.

(3) A detailed outline of proposed changes to the process of the Department for clinical quality checks and oversight.

(4) A communication plan to ensure all facilities of the Department are made aware of any requirements updated pursuant to the plan.

(5) A timeline detailing the implementation of the plan.

(6) An identification of the senior executive of the Department responsible for ensuring compliance with the plan.

(7) An identification of potential impacts of the plan on timely diagnoses for patients.

(8) An identification of the processes and procedures for employees of the Department to make leadership at the facility and the Department aware of adverse events that are concerning and that result in disclosures and to ensure that the medical impact on veterans of such disclosures is minimized.

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

(1) the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.】

【SEC. 251. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used in a manner that would increase wait times for veterans who seek care at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.】

【SEC. 252. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act to the Veterans Health Administration may be used in fiscal year 2019 to convert any program which received specific purpose funds in fiscal year 2018 to a general purpose funded program unless the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits written notification of any such proposal to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least thirty days prior to any such action and an approval is issued by the Committees.】 (*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019.*)

GENERAL FUND RECEIPT ACCOUNTS

(in millions of dollars)

	2018 actual	2019 est.	2020 est.
Offsetting receipts from the public:			
036-143500 General Fund Proprietary Interest Receipts, not Otherwise Classified	4	6	7
036-247300 Contributions from Military Personnel, Veteran's Educational Assistance Act of 1984	134	116	101
036-273330 Housing Downward Reestimates	2,475	3,496	.....
036-275110 Native American Veteran Housing Loans, Negative Subsidies	1	1	1
036-275510 Housing Negative Subsidies .....	.....	2	475
036-322000 All Other General Fund Proprietary Receipts Including Budget Clearing Accounts	48	50	51
General Fund Offsetting receipts from the public	2,662	3,671	635
Intragovernmental payments:			
036-388500 Undistributed Intragovernmental Payments and Receivables from Cancelled Accounts	1	3	5
General Fund Intragovernmental payments	1	3	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. (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, 2019.*)

