

this notice, the actual charge amounts at individual VA medical facilities based on the methodologies in § 17.101 will be posted on VA's Community Care website at [https://www.va.gov/communitycare/revenue\\_ops/payer\\_rates.asp](https://www.va.gov/communitycare/revenue_ops/payer_rates.asp) under the heading "Reasonable Charges Data Tables" and identified as "v3.27 Data Tables (Outpatient and Professional)."

The list of data sources used for calculating the actual charge amounts listed above also will be posted on VA's Community Care website under the heading "Reasonable Charges Data Sources" and identified as "Reasonable Charges v3.27 Data Sources (Outpatient and Professional) (PDF)."

Acute inpatient facility charges and skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility charges remain the same as set forth in 84 FR 51727 published on September 30, 2019.

We are also updating the list of VA medical facility locations. The list of VA medical facility locations, including the first three digits of their zip codes as well as provider-based/non-provider-based designations, will be posted on VA's Community Care website under the heading "VA Medical Facility Locations" and identified as "v3.27 (Jan20)."

As indicated in 38 CFR 17.101(m), when VA provides or furnishes prescription drugs not administered during treatment, "charges billed separately for such prescription drugs will consist of the amount that equals the total of the actual cost to VA for the drugs and the national average of VA administrative costs associated with dispensing the drugs for each prescription." Section 17.101(m) includes the methodology for calculating the national average administrative cost for prescription drug charges not administered during treatment.

VA determines the amount of the national average administrative cost annually for the prior fiscal year (October through September) and then applies the charge at the start of the next calendar year. The national average administrative drug cost for CY 2020 is \$18.38. This change will be posted on VA's Community Care website at [https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/revenue\\_ops/admin\\_costs.asp](https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/revenue_ops/admin_costs.asp) under the heading "CY 2020 Average Administrative Cost for Prescriptions."

Consistent with § 17.101, the national average administrative cost, the updated data, and supplementary tables

containing the changes described in this notice will be posted online, as indicated in this notice. This notice will be posted on VA's Community Care website at [https://www.va.gov/communitycare/revenue\\_ops/payer\\_rates.asp](https://www.va.gov/communitycare/revenue_ops/payer_rates.asp) under the heading "Reasonable Charges Rules, Notices, and Federal Register" and identified as "v3.27 Federal Register Notice 01/01/20 (Outpatient and Professional), and National Average Administrative Cost (PDF)." The national average administrative cost, updated data, and supplementary tables containing the changes described will be effective until changed by a subsequent FR notice.

#### Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Pamela Powers, Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on December 12, 2019, for publication.

#### Jeffrey M. Martin,

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Veterans and Community Oversight and Engagement Board, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act the Veterans and Community Oversight and Engagement Board will meet on January 15-16, 2020 at 11301 Wilshire Boulevard, Building 500, Room 1281, Los Angeles, CA. The meeting sessions will begin and end as follows:

Date	Time
January 15, 2020 ...	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Pacific Standard Time (PST).
January 16, 2020 ...	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.—PST.

The meeting sessions are open to the public.

The Board was established by the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 on September 29, 2016. The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on: Identifying the

goals of the community and Veteran partnership; improving services and outcomes for Veterans, members of the Armed Forces, and the families of such Veterans and members; and on the implementation of the Draft Master Plan approved by the Secretary on January 28, 2016, and on the creation and implementation of any successor master plans.

On Wednesday, January 15, 2020, the agenda will include briefings from senior VA officials, to include comprehensive status update from the West Los Angeles Collective, on infrastructure assessment, housing metrics, reporting requirements, and topics related to the Overall Community Plan. The Board will receive an informative briefing from Operation Fire for Effect representatives on a proposed Framework of the Principles of the Veterans Master Plan. A public comment session will occur from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. followed by a wrap up of Public Comment session.

On Thursday, January 16, 2020, the Board will receive additional briefings from the VA Boston Healthcare System on Moral Injury. A comprehensive review and analysis briefing on the Homeless Gap Analysis in Los Angeles will be provided by both the Community Engagement and Reintegration Services team from VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (VALAHS) and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). The Board's subcommittees on Outreach and Community Engagement with Services and Outcomes, and Master Plan with Services and Outcomes will meet to finalize reports on activities since the last meeting, followed by an out brief to the full Board and update on draft recommendations considered for forwarding to the SECVA. Individuals wishing to make public comments should contact Chihung Szeto at (562) 708-9959 or at [Chihung.Szeto@va.gov](mailto:Chihung.Szeto@va.gov) and are requested to submit a 1-2-page summary of their comments for inclusion in the official meeting record. In the interest of time, each speaker will be held to 5-minute time limit.

Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Mr. Eugene W. Skinner Jr. at (202) 631-7645 or at [Eugene.Skinner@va.gov](mailto:Eugene.Skinner@va.gov).

Dated: December 16, 2019.

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