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Are you a VA Home?

No, we are a State Home that receives VA funding as well as State funding.

What are the costs?

The financial assessment is based on the resident's monthly income and assets. Maximum cost is approximately 1/3 the cost of private care. Effective 2012, the maximum monthly cost of Domiciliary (Independent Living) is \$511.00, Domiciliary Plus (Supervised Care) is \$1,430.00, skilled nursing care is \$1,950.00 and Special Care (Alzheimer & Dementia Care) is \$2,600.00.

Many of our residents pay less than these maximums. The Financial Office can give you an estimate by phone; however a final figure requires income and deduction verification documents. Until those are provided, the resident may pay the maximum.

Do I have to pay for physician visits and medication?

No, physician visits and VA formulary medications are included in your monthly financial assessment. Medications not in the VA formulary may incur an additional fee that is the responsibility of the resident.

I have medical insurance/Medicare/Medicaid/Long-Term Care Insurance. Will these policies be used?

When these insurance policies exist, they may be utilized to pay for the cost of care or durable medical equipment (DME). Furthermore, these insurance premiums may qualify as a deduction when computing your monthly financial assessment.

How do I qualify to live in the Home?

You must be an Honorably discharged wartime veteran and have been a resident of the State of Ohio for one year anytime during lifetime (does not have to be consecutive) and are disabled and unable to earn a living.

The most recent discharge must be Honorable or under Honorable conditions. Wartime service is defined as active duty during a period of war as recognized by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. (Applicants need not have served in the war theater). One year Ohio residency is simply a declaration in the application. Documentation is not required. Disability may be due to disease, wounds, age or otherwise. (Homelessness has been accepted as a cause of an applicant's inability to earn a living).

How old do I have to be?

Admission is regardless of age. Most recently, our youngest resident was 24 years young.

Can my spouse come with me to live at the Home?

Only if your spouse is a veteran and can also qualify for residence. We have had married couples that were both wartime veterans.

What level/type of care is provided?

Sandusky offers: 230 Domiciliary beds (Independent Living), 42 Domiciliary Plus beds (Supervised Care), 42 Additional Domiciliary Plus beds, 287 Skilled Nursing beds, and 140 Special Care beds (Alzheimer/Dementia) for a total of 720 beds.

Veteran-specific hospice care is available. However, these services are offered in the applicable resident's room throughout the Nursing Home.

Georgetown offers: 84 Skilled Nursing beds, 42 Special Care beds (Alzheimer/Dementia), and 22 Hospice beds (veteran-specific) for a total of 148 beds.

How long is the waiting list?

There is no waiting list for the Sandusky Domiciliary. There is a small waiting list for Skilled Nursing and Special Care at both the Sandusky and Georgetown facilities. Average wait for Sandusky is 7 - 30 days. The average wait for Skilled Care in Georgetown is approximately two months. However, there is no waiting list for Special Care or Hospice Care.

Can I bring my pet?

No, resident pets are not permitted at OVH. However, there is an excellent pet therapy program in which dogs, cats and other animals are brought to visit with the residents on a frequent basis. Both Homes also have bird aviaries and aquariums and the Domiciliary has a very vocal parrot in its atrium.

Can I get assistance with completing the application?

The admission application has been shortened to seven pages in an effort to make the process easier and faster. However, should you want assistance, your County Veteran Service Officer can assist you in completing the application and obtaining a copy of your active duty discharge.

Can I bring my computer and TV?

Yes! Each resident room contains TV cable connections. Basic TV cable fees are now included in the monthly financial assessment. However, should a resident desire premium channels, a cable modem or a DSL phone line for a computer, those fees will be the resident's responsibility.

Can I schedule a tour to see the Home?

Of course! We would be delighted to show off our excellent facilities. For the Sandusky Home, please call 419-625-2454. For a Sandusky Nursing Home tour, please contact Jackie Bird at ext: 1540; to tour the Sandusky facility, please contact Mark Faust at ext: 1219. For a tour of the Georgetown Home, please call Deb Simpson at 937-378-2905 or toll free 1-866-644-6838 #1.

Can someone make a presentation to our group or at our event?

For events or presentations in Northern Ohio (North of I-70) please contact Tricia McKinnon; for Southern Ohio (South of I-70) please contact Michael Michalski (see contact information below). For those counties along the I-70 corridor, either one or both will be happy to come to your community.

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