

Committee name	Committee description	Charter renewed on
Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board.	Provides advice on the fair and equitable selection of the most meritorious research projects for support by VA research funds; provides advice for research program officials on program priorities and policies; and ensures that the VA Rehabilitation Research and Development program promotes functional independence and improves the quality of life for impaired and disabled Veterans.	April 21, 2020.

The Secretary has also renewed the charter for the following statutorily authorized Federal advisory committee

for a two-year period, beginning on the date listed below:

Committee name	Committee description	Charter renewed on
Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials.	Provides advice on the administration of national cemeteries, Soldiers' lots and plots, the selection of cemetery sites, the erection of appropriate memorials and the adequacy of Federal burial benefits.	April 21, 2020.
Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans.	Provides advice on benefits and services to Veterans experiencing homelessness.	May 6, 2020.
Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs.	Provides advice on VA prosthetics programs and the rehabilitation research, development, and evaluation of prosthetics technology; assesses VA programs that serve Veterans with spinal cord injury, blindness or vision impairment, loss of or loss of use of extremities, deafness or hearing impairment or other serious incapacities.	May 26, 2020.
Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War.	Provides advice to the Secretary on the administration of benefits for Veterans who are former prisoners of war and the needs of these Veterans, in the areas of compensation, health care and rehabilitation.	June 15, 2020.
Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee.	Provides advice on all matters pertaining to geriatrics and gerontology	July 9, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey Moragne, Committee Management Office, Department of Veterans Affairs, Advisory Committee Management Office (00AC), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420; telephone 202-266-4660 or 202-714-1578; or via email at Jeffrey.Moragne@va.gov. To view a copy of a VA Federal advisory committee charters, please visit <http://www.va.gov/advisory>.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Cost-Based and Inter-Agency Billing Rates for Medical Care or Services Provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for Fiscal Year 2021

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document updates the Cost-Based and Inter-Agency billing rates for medical care or services provided by the U.S. Department of

Veterans Affairs (VA) furnished in certain circumstances.

APPLICABLE DATE: The rates set forth herein are effective October 1, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Romona Greene, Office of Community Care, Revenue Operations, Payer Relations and Services, Rates and Charges (10D1C1), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420; telephone: 202-382-2521 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: VA's methodology for computing Cost-Based and Inter-Agency rates for medical care or services provided by VA is set forth in section 17.102(h) of title 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Two sets of rates are obtained by applying this methodology, Cost-Based and Inter-Agency.

Cost-Based rates apply to medical care and services that are provided by VA under 38 CFR 17.102(a), (b), (d) and (g), respectively, in the following circumstances:

- In error or based on tentative eligibility;
- In a medical emergency;
- To pensioners of allied nations; and
- For research purposes in circumstances under which the medical care appropriation shall be reimbursed from the research appropriation.

Inter-Agency rates apply to medical care and services that are provided by VA under § 17.102(c) and (f), respectively, in the following circumstances when the care or services provided are not covered by any applicable sharing agreement in accordance with § 17.102(e):

- To beneficiaries of the Department of Defense or other Federal agencies; and
- To military retirees with chronic disability.

The calculations for the Cost-Based and Inter-Agency rates are the same with two exceptions. Inter-Agency rates are all-inclusive and are not broken down into three components (*i.e.*, Physician; Ancillary; and Nursing, Room and Board), and do not include standard fringe benefit costs that cover Government employee retirement, disability costs, and return on fixed assets. When VA pays for medical care or services from a non-VA source under circumstances in which the Cost-Based or Inter-Agency rates would apply if the care or services had been provided by VA, the charge for such care or services will be the actual amount paid by VA for the care or services. Inpatient charges will be at the per diem rates shown for the type of bed section or discrete treatment unit providing the care.

The following table depicts the Cost-Based and Inter-Agency rates that are

effective October 1, 2020, and will remain in effect until the next fiscal year

Federal Register update. These rates supersede those established by the

Federal Register notice published on September 30, 2019, at 84 FR 51728.

	Cost-based rates	Inter-agency rates
A. Hospital Care per inpatient day		
General Medicine:		
All Inclusive Rate	\$4,626	\$4,473
Physician	554	.....
Ancillary	1,206	.....
Nursing Room and Board	2,866	.....
Neurology:		
All Inclusive Rate	4,433	4,280
Physician	649	.....
Ancillary	1,170	.....
Nursing Room and Board	2,614	.....
Rehabilitation Medicine:		
All Inclusive Rate	3,090	2,979
Physician	351	.....
Ancillary	944	.....
Nursing Room and Board	1,795	.....
Blind Rehabilitation:		
All Inclusive Rate	2,073	1,998
Physician	167	.....
Ancillary	1,030	.....
Nursing Room and Board	876	.....
Spinal Cord Injury:		
All Inclusive Rate	3,032	2,924
Physician	376	.....
Ancillary	763	.....
Nursing Room and Board	1,893	.....
Surgery:		
All Inclusive Rate	8,205	7,935
Physician	904	.....
Ancillary	2,489	.....
Nursing Room and Board	4,812	.....
General Psychiatry:		
All Inclusive Rate	2,403	2,314
Physician	227	.....
Ancillary	378	.....
Nursing Room and Board	1,798	.....
Substance Abuse (Alcohol and Drug Treatment):		
All Inclusive Rate	2,327	2,240
Physician	222	.....
Ancillary	538	.....
Nursing Room and Board	1,567	.....
Psychosocial Residential Rehabilitation Program:		
All Inclusive Rate	306	297
Physician	19	.....
Ancillary	32	.....
Nursing Room and Board	255	.....
Intermediate Medicine:		
All Inclusive Rate	3,029	2,928
Physician	149	.....
Ancillary	444	.....
Nursing Room and Board	2,436	.....
Poly-trauma Inpatient:		
All Inclusive Rate	3,303	3,165
Physician	375	.....
Ancillary	1,009	.....
Nursing Room and Board	1,919	.....
B. Nursing Home Care, Per Day		
All Inclusive Rate	1,504	1,450
Physician	47	.....
Ancillary	203	.....
Nursing Room and Board	1,254	.....
C. Outpatient Medical Treatments		
Outpatient Visit (to include Ineligible Emergency Dental Care)	409	396
Outpatient Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Service Visit	241	231
Outpatient Poly-trauma/Traumatic Brain Injury	643	622

Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication

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