



VISN 11, the Veterans in Partnership (VIP) Network, covers portions of four states Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. VISN 11 is a large and geographically diverse network and covers 90,100 square miles within 171 counties of the states it serves. The specific areas contained within the network include all of central Illinois, a large portion of the state of Indiana, the entire lower peninsula of Michigan, and northwest Ohio.

As of the end of FY 2007, VISN 11 had an operating budget of \$1.021 billion dollars, a workforce of 9,245 and seven operating VA medical centers in Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Saginaw and Detroit, Mich., Danville, Ill., Indianapolis, Ind., and the Northern Indiana Health Care System with facilities in Fort Wayne and Marion, Ind. The VISN also operates a system of 20 Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC) associated with the medical centers. VISN medical centers provide a full range of health care services to veterans from primary care to highly specialized inpatient care. Six of the eight VISN 11 health care facilities provide nursing home care services onsite and all of the facilities maintain contract with local nursing home to provide services to eligible veterans in their communities. The CBOCs provide primary care services to veterans and include basic psychiatric care and PTSD treatment.

VISN 11 Network priorities include increasing access to care for veterans through an expanding system of CBOCs throughout the VISN; meeting the needs of Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF) veterans through increased availability of mental health services including PTSD counseling; increased outreach to returning veterans; and also increased services to our aging veterans through improving access using telehealth technologies and innovative methods of providing long term care. Three additional CBOCs are in implementation for activation in FY 2008. These CBOCs are in Clare and Alpena, Mich., and Goshen, Ind. The Indianapolis VAMC has been designated a Level 2 TBI Center and has received a grant from the Lilly Foundation to develop a comprehensive combat veterans clinic to address the needs of OEF/OIF veterans. VISN 11 has received funding of approximately 20 million dollars over the past three years to initiate new and expand existing mental health programs for veterans in the VISN.

An estimated 1,250,000 veterans reside within the geographic boundaries of VISN 11 in 2008. Overall, the veteran population in VISN 11 is projected to decrease over the next 15 years by a rate of two percent per year. The projected population in 2023 is estimated at 900,000 veterans. During this same period however, the female veterans population is projected to increase to account for nearly 12 percent of the veteran population from the current six percent. The over 65 population of veterans is projected to decrease at a much slower rate of less than 0.5 percent per year.

In FY 2007, VISN 11 medical centers provided care to 237,680 unique patients. The VISN accounted for 187,120 bed days of care to 24,517 patients and provided 2,119,500 outpatient visits. Of the total outpatient visits in FY 2007, 368,524 or 17 percent were provided in VISN CBOCs.