

## *How Do I Get Into the Program?*

Patients are first admitted and evaluated in a hospital—currently limited to Tulane University Hospital where VA physicians are providing hospital care. The admitting conditions are Community Acquired Pneumonia, Heart Failure, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (emphysema), and/or Cellulites (a type of skin infection). After this initial evaluation and based on your preference and your hospital physicians' recommendations, the option to continue care in your home through the Hospital at Home program can be initiated.

If you have any questions or would like further information on the SLVHCS Hospital at Home program, feel free to contact

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## *Providing Veterans a Choice in Hospital Care*



**SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA VETERANS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**

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*“when you’re in your own bed,  
you mend better” . . . .*



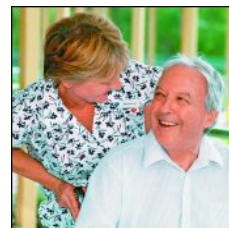
*The Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health care System (SLVHCS) Hospital at Home program provides hospital-level care to specific hospital diagnoses amenable to treatment in the comfort of a person’s own home setting.*

*The hospital at home model has been utilized in Europe for several years. In the U.S., it was developed and tested as part of a National Demonstration and Evaluation Study through Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and School of Public Health, funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation and Department of Veterans Affairs, at clinical sites in Buffalo, New York, Portland, Oregon, and Worcester, Massachusetts.*

*Results from this U.S. study and other hospital at home programs report high patient satisfaction. This U.S. study also showed that quality and safety standards are consistent with traditional hospital care.*

In addition to staying in the comfort and familiar surroundings of one’s own home, all Southeast Louisiana veterans admitted into the Hospital at Home program will receive the following benefits of services:

- Daily physician oversight of all evaluations, including physician home visit(s).
- Daily registered nurse evaluations in the home.
- 24 hour telephone/telemonitoring access to a registered nurse and physician.



- Each nurse will be limited to up to 3 patients at any time allowing for greater availability for medical needs
  - VA coverage of medical expenses
  - Access to laboratory test, oxygen, IVs, electrocardiograms in the home settings
- Telemedicine monitoring
  - Access to Lifeline services
  - The option to continue home care services upon discharge from Hospital to Home to assure close follow-up and access for clinical needs

