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VA to Build New Nursing Home in Central Valley With *Regional Multi-Specialty Outpatient Facility*

WASHINGTON – Veterans in the Livermore and Central Valley areas will have a new state-of-the-art nursing home and outpatient facilities to improve access to outpatient services from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), according to a strategic plan announced today by Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson.

"A new nursing home in the Central Valley, transferred from the current Livermore campus, collocated with a new regional outpatient center, in addition to the new East Bay outpatient clinic, previously announced, will result in improved access to nursing home, primary and specialty care for veterans in the Livermore and Central Valley areas. These veterans will have access to a nursing home that matches the high quality of care they have always received from VA and improved access to outpatient services," Nicholson said. "Veterans and their families can rest assured a world-class nursing home will be established."

VA will seek to develop the vacated Livermore campus for services to veterans such as a continuing care retirement community with assisted living, rehabilitation and other services. To accomplish this, VA will use its enhanced-use leasing program that enables VA to retain ownership and control the use of the land. The Secretary rejected a re-use option for a conference and destination center. "We want to keep the Livermore campus as a resource for veterans in partnership with the private sector to develop innovative re-use proposals for veterans services," he said.

"I thank the Local Advisory Panel, congressional delegation, and other stakeholders for their assistance in making this decision," Nicholson added.

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This decision concludes the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) review process for Livermore and the Central Valley, which began in 2004 as part of an effort to upgrade VA health care facilities across the country.

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