

Muskogee

VISN 16 – Muskogee –Healthcare Delivery Study

Secretary's CARES Decision

- The Muskogee VAMC currently has excess capacity, while the region's patient population growth is focused in the Tulsa area.
- The study will assess the demand for health care in the Muskogee/Tulsa region and recommend a plan to best meet the health care needs of veterans, while maximizing use of resources.
- VA will study the needs in the region, including the potential for expansion of inpatient psychiatry at the Muskogee VAMC, and develop a strategy to more effectively manage the vacant space at the Muskogee VAMC and enhance services in the region.
- While the study is underway, VA will plan for the closure of the Muskogee VAMC's five-bed inpatient surgery program.
- The Muskogee VAMC will retain ambulatory surgery and have observation beds available.



Specific Considerations/Requirements

The study will seek solutions to the disparity of excess capacity at Muskogee VA while expected growth in population is in the Tulsa area. The forecasted demand for care in the Tulsa Muskogee area will be analyzed to determine how to best provide accessible quality care while utilizing to the extent feasible the capital invested in the Muskogee VAMC.