

With the urgent need to care for Veterans with prostate cancer, there is an opportunity for providers to help. Currently, there are an estimated **500,000** prostate cancer patients in the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) health system and an estimated **16,000** of these patients have metastatic prostate cancer. With recently passed legislation, **local providers are now able to care for Veterans and get reimbursed by being part of the VA Community Care Network (CCN).**

Your practice administrator can enroll your practice to support the care of Veterans in your community. To join the network, please follow the four steps below:

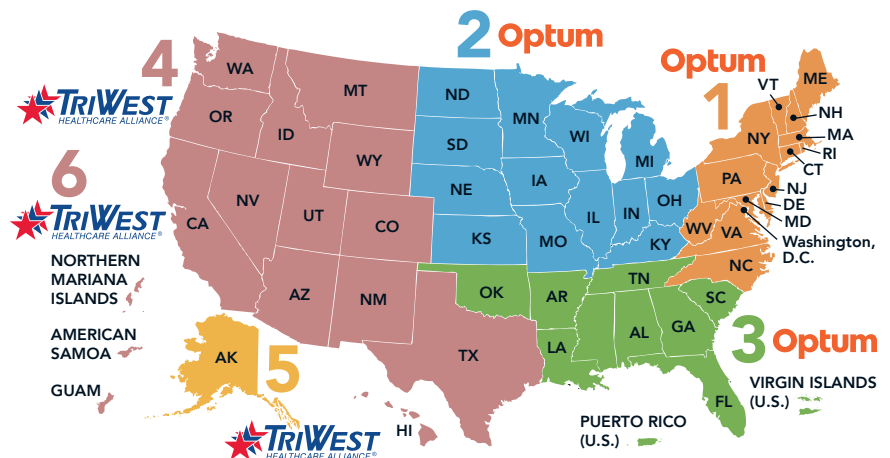


**~12,000+** <sup>3</sup>

**Veterans are diagnosed with prostate cancer every year**

Step **1** Determine the correct region for your practice. <https://bit.ly/3eatsgV>:

Step **2** Have your practice administrator, or the most appropriate office personnel with access to key enrollment data, reach out to TriWest or Optum, based on your region. See below:



**Optum** **Mission Act/Community Care Network Registration Regions 1, 2, 3:** Managed by Optum Contact Optum at the following numbers:  
**Region 1:** 888-901-7407  
**Region 2:** 844-839-6108  
**Region 3:** 888-901-6613  
For Optum home page, please click:  
<https://vacommunitycare.com/>

**TriWest** **Region 4, 5, 6:** Managed by TriWest **TriWest Provider Signup:**  
To sign up, please click <https://www.triwest.com/en/provider/join-the-triwest-provider-network/>  
For TriWest home page, please click <https://www.triwest.com/>

Step **3** Ensure your practice accepts Medicare reimbursement

Step **4** Review the requirements to establish a Veterans Care Agreement (VCA). For agreement overview, please click <https://bit.ly/3eawRMO>

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## EXAMPLE OF A VETERAN'S JOURNEY THROUGH THE VA COMMUNITY CARE NETWORK

- By enrolling in the Community Care Network, practices are helping Veterans get the care they need, where they need it.
- To guide you through this process in more detail, please follow these steps below.

### ELIGIBILITY

- 1 Veteran seeks care from VA.
- 2 VA determines, based on community care criteria, that the Veteran is eligible for community care for this medical need.

### APPOINTMENTS

- 3 VA engages your practice to accept referral and method of delivery (referral packet includes medical record).
- 4 Once referral is accepted, either VA schedules appointment with community care provider or Veteran schedules appointment.

### GETTING CARE

- 5 Veteran receives care from your practice.
- 6 Provider sends medical record to VA.

### BILLING

- 7 Provider bills Optum or TriWest for the care.

### WHAT ABOUT PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE?<sup>4</sup>



- For prescription medication, the prescription should be sent to and filled by the nearest VA pharmacy
- Veterans can receive prescription medication for a 14-day or fewer supply that can be filled at a non-VA pharmacy
- A prescription for more than a 14-day supply must be filled by VA

### ABOUT THE ZERO VETERANS INITIATIVE:

ZERO is committed to bringing the Veterans community the resources, tools, and education needed to fight and prevent the disease.

<sup>1</sup> Richman, Mike. VA, Prostate Cancer Foundation seek solutions for aggressive prostate cancer. VA. Published November 13, 2019. Accessed August 18, 2020. <https://www.research.va.gov/currents/1119-VA-and-Prostate-Cancer-Foundation-seek-solutions-for-aggressive-prostate-cancer.cfm>

<sup>2</sup> Text - H.R.6285 - 116th Congress (2019-2020): Veterans' True Choice Act of 2020. Published March 13, 2020. Accessed August 18, 2020. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6285/text?r=2&s=1>

<sup>3</sup> Community Care - Community Care. VA. Updated August 27, 2020. Accessed August 18, 2020. <https://www.va.gov/resources/eligibility-for-community-care-outside-va/>

<sup>4</sup> Urgent Care - Community Care. VA. Updated September 21, 2020. Accessed August 18, 2020. [https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/veterans/Urgent\\_Care.asp](https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/veterans/Urgent_Care.asp)