

Veterans newly released from prisons and transitioning back to the community are at risk for homelessness, substance abuse, mental illness, and chronic illness and are often in need of multiple services, including medical services, psychiatric care, substance abuse treatment, transitional housing, vocational/employment assistance, and Veterans' benefits services.

The Department of Veterans Affairs **Health Care for Re-entry Veterans (HCRV) program** is available to help incarcerated Veterans have a successful re-entry back into the community after their release. The program helps to:

- ◆ Prevent homelessness
- ◆ Decrease re-incarceration
- ◆ Reduce the impact of potential medical, psychiatric, and substance abuse problems on readjustment
- ◆ Provide a 'Network of Care' for re-entering Veterans



HCRV specialists work in partnership with the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, State of New Jersey Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Veterans organizations and Parole to help them plan for eligible Veterans to re-enter the community.

The HCRV Specialists Provide:

- ◆ VA information, resources, assessments, and other re-entry services to incarcerated Veterans.
- ◆ Provides an in-person assessment interview with the Veteran 3-months prior to release.
- ◆ Helps Veteran with VA eligibility including obtaining DD 214.

Eligibility Requirements for VA Health Care

- ◆ Eligibility is based upon active duty service and an honorable discharge from military service.
- ◆ Eligibility must be verified by the HCRV specialist and/or VA Veterans Service Center.
- ◆ By law, VA medical services may not be provided to Veterans while they are incarcerated, including those who are participating in the HCRV program. Eligible Veterans may receive VA hospital or outpatient care upon release from the correctional facility.



HCRV Program Specialists

Veterans who are within 3-months of being released are encouraged to speak with their correctional facility Veteran liaison who will contact the HCRV program staff who will assist with helping to plan for re-entry back into the community.

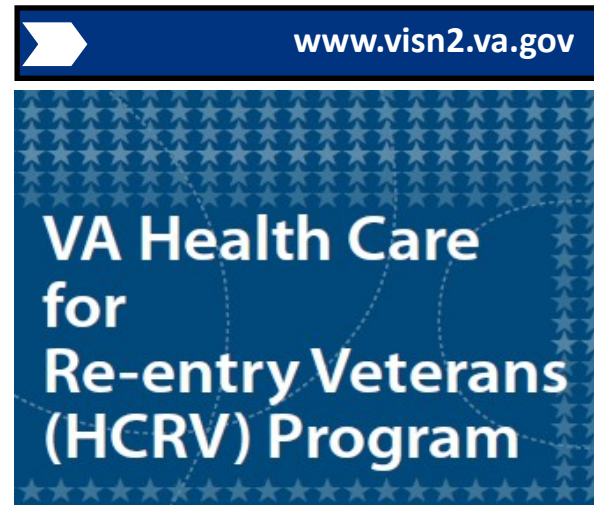
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Your post release success depends on steps you can take while incarcerated. Working in partnership with the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) staff and your VA Re-entry Specialist to develop a re-entry plan will go a long way to reduce some of the stress and challenges you may feel after leaving the corrections system and going back into the community.



This brochure contains information for Veterans who are incarcerated in State and Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) correctional facilities, prison correctional staff, and Parole Officers to help Veteran's plan for release back into the community.



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