

## **Resolution No. 612**

### **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY CARE OPTIONS FOR VETERANS**

WHEREAS, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States are generally satisfied with the health care they receive from VA and believe the VA health care system must be improved to ensure all veterans have timely access to high quality care; and

WHEREAS, the VFW has collected and evaluated direct feedback from veterans regarding their options, preferences and expectation when receiving health care; and

WHEREAS, the VFW has consistently worked with Congress and VA to improve the health care VA provides our nation's veterans through innovative community care programs to ensure veterans have a seamless experience receiving health care from VA, whether it is at VA medical facilities or through private sector health care providers; and

WHEREAS, VA and Congress have indicated that they intend to reform VA community care programs to expand access to private sector providers for veterans who use the VA health care system; and

WHEREAS, the veteran population is a shifting demographic with evolving health care needs, which necessitates that VA identify new and innovative ways to deliver timely access to high quality, comprehensive, and veteran-centric health care; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the VFW, that Congress must establish a single, sustainable and veteran-centric community care program that expands VA's community care authorities and ensures veterans are able to receive the timely, high quality, comprehensive, and veteran-centric health care they have earned and deserve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VA comply with federal prompt payment requirements and incentivize private sector health care providers to participate in its community care program, while ensuring veterans are not held financially liable for services furnished through such program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VA must remain the guarantor and coordinator of care for enrolled veterans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the VFW oppose privatizing the VA health care system or eroding VA's ability to provide direct care to veterans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Congress and VA must furnish and conduct proper outreach to ensure veterans are fully aware of their health care options.

Submitted by Commander-in-Chief  
To Committee on VETERANS SERVICE RESOLUTIONS