

VA Butler's *new* Health Care Center (HCC)



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- **VA Butler Healthcare was selected for an HCC because of its mission** as a large outpatient clinic – with a need for significant capital improvements – to support the health care needs of local Veterans into the future. VA Butler's new Health Care Center received Congressional approval and was authorized as *Public Law 111-82* on November 24, 2009 as a major lease.
- **VA has selected the developer to build the new Health Care Center (HCC)** on the 21-acre Deshon Woods property in Butler County. The contract was awarded to *Westar Development Company* in Aurora, Ohio. *Westar Development Company* has 50 years of experience as a real estate development and management company, including developing over four million square feet of properties for the Federal Government.
- **VA will lease the facility from the *Westar Development Company*** for \$6.2 million annually during a 20-year term once construction is complete. Construction will begin in fall 2012 and is expected to be completed in spring 2014. During the construction of the new Health Care Center, Veterans will continue to receive services without interruption at the current facility.
- **The HCC contract calls for construction of a three-story building** with 168,000 square feet to more efficiently provide VA Butler's outpatient services. It also includes 1,347 parking spaces. The new HCC will be silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified. LEED certification provides independent, third-party verification that a building, home, or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at achieving high performance in key areas of human and environmental health.
- **The new HCC will include primary care, specialty care, mental health,** dental, diagnostic, laboratory, pathology, radiology, podiatry, optometry, pharmacy, physical rehabilitation, and women's health. It will be fully equipped to continue as well as expand the technology used by VA to provide care. This includes telemedicine equipment for telehealth, clinical video telehealth, teledermatology, teleretinal exams, and teleaudiology.
- **The HCC will enhance and improve the outpatient health care environment** for our Veterans and their families and will provide new space for all outpatient services and support staff. The HCC will also allow for the expansion of clinics as our Veteran utilization increases. All of the services currently provided in Building 1 will be provided at the HCC. Once the HCC is activated, the VA will no longer need Building 1 and will pursue the standard process to decommission the space. The process includes consideration for cultural assessment, potential reuse, and possible demolition.
- **The existing campus is needed and will remain in use by some VA services.** While all outpatient services and support staff will move to the new HCC, all other remaining VA services such as the Community Living Center, Domiciliary, 10-bed transitional homeless (CWT-TR house), grounds, transportation, maintenance facilities, fire station, etc. will remain in operation and exist on the main VA Butler Healthcare campus.

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