

**TITLE 770. OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION
CHAPTER 10. CENTER DIVISION PROGRAM
SUBCHAPTER 3. MAINTENANCE CHARGES, PATIENT FUNDS AND ASSETS**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

770:10-3-1. MAINTENANCE CHARGES, PATIENT FUNDS AND ASSETS [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The proposed amendments in 770:10-3-1 would amend the reference(s) to "Center" or "Centers" within the rule to the correct reference(s) of "Home" or "Homes", as well as to amend how care and maintenance charges begin and cease for residents at the Oklahoma Veterans Homes in paragraphs (d), (e), and (i). The amendments would add death as a provision to cease care and maintenance charges on the day the resident expires. The amendments will also update how residents at the Oklahoma Veterans Homes are billed for care and maintenance charges; that maintenance charge rates will be adjusted annually on December 1 of each year; and, add that all annual cost-of-living adjustments from federal benefit or grant programs will now become part of the calculations included in the rate calculation. The proposed amendments will align with practices that are the most mission effective and cost effective for the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) and the State of Oklahoma.

AUTHORITY:

72 O.S. 63.3 Oklahoma Veterans Commission

COMMENT PERIOD:

Written and oral comments will be accepted from December 16, 2024, until 4:30 p.m. on January 15, 2025, at the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA), 2132 NE 36th St. Oklahoma City, OK 73111, Attn: Lisa Acevedo; or by email to lisa.acevedo@odva.ok.gov

PUBLIC HEARING:

A request for a public hearing can be requested by contacting the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) Legislative Liaison Lisa Acevedo via phone or email. (405) 522-8075 or to lisa.acevedo@odva.ok.gov

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

N/A

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of proposed rules may be obtained upon request from Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) Legislative Liaison, Lisa Acevedo. 2132 NE 36th St. Oklahoma City, OK 73111. (405) 522-8075 or lisa.acevedo@odva.ok.gov

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

The rule impact statement may be obtained upon request from Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) Legislative Liaison, Lisa Acevedo. 2132 NE 36th St. Oklahoma City, OK 73111. (405) 522-8075 or lisa.acevedo@odva.ok.gov

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