

JOIN VETERANS COMMUNITY CARE

Introduction

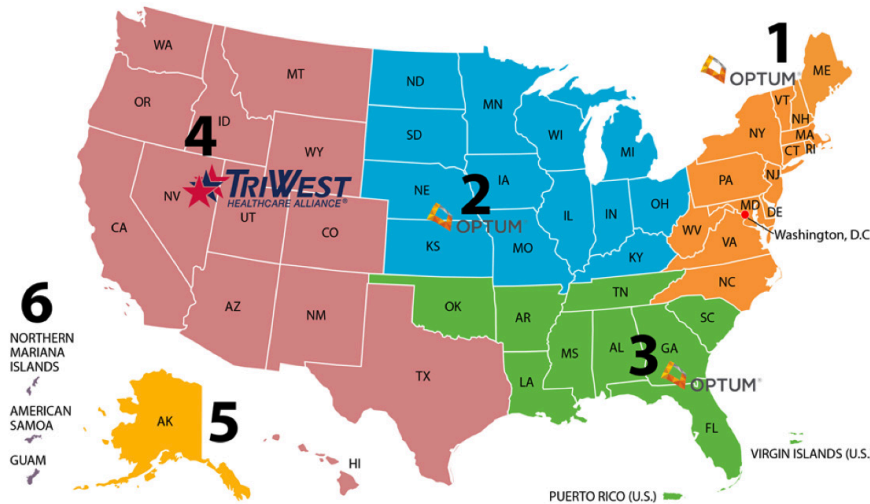


With the urgent need to care for veterans with prostate cancer, there is an opportunity for providers to help. Currently, there are an estimated **500,000** prostate cancer patients in the U.S. Department of Veteran’s Affairs (VA) health system and an estimated **16,000** of these patients have metastatic prostate cancer.¹ With recently passed legislation, **providers are now able to care for Veterans and get reimbursed by being part of the VA Community Care Network (CCN).**²

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+³ Veterans are diagnosed with prostate cancer every year

Step **1** Determine what region your practice resides within <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:

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>



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://bit.ly/2ZPrPA3>

Regions 4, 5, 6: Managed by TriWest



TriWest Provider Signup:

To sign up, please click <https://bit.ly/2ZceLp6>

For TriWest home page, please click

<https://bit.ly/2BTl6gp>

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Example of a Veteran's journey through the VA Community Care Network

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 specified community care criteria, that veteran receives care from your practice.

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.

Why Should My Practice Enroll in the Community Care Network?



By enrolling in the Community Care Network, practices are helping veterans get the care they need, where they need it.

What About Prescription Medicine?⁴



- 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

Veterans have an incidence rate for prostate cancer that is twice that of the general population. ZERO and Veterans Prostate Cancer Awareness (VPCa) are combining their commitment to bring the veterans community the resources, tools, and education needed to help fight and prevent the disease. See zerocancer.org for more information.

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zerocancer.org/veterans

For complete information, visit https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/providers/Community_Care_Network.asp

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