



Section 201 of COMPACT Act states VA will provide, pay for and reimburse for emergent suicide care for eligible individuals at VA medical facilities and at non-Department facilities.



Eligible individuals include all Veterans regardless of eligibility for VHA health care benefits (includes OTH discharges).



Emergent suicide care includes inpatient or crisis residential care for no more than 30 days and/or outpatient medical and mental healthcare for no more than 90 days. If the individual remains in acute suicidal crisis, extensions may be provided. Each new crisis is a new episode of eligibility.



VA will ensure eligible Veterans are not financially responsible for costs associated with emergent suicide care, including emergency transportation.

COMPACT Act, Section 201 Impact:

- VA providing cost-free mental health and medical emergent suicide care removes the cost barrier
- By extending eligibility and access to acute and follow up suicide care, the net of protection VA will provide to prevent suicide increases dramatically
- **COMPACT 201 benefit potentially increases eligibility to an additional 9 million unenrolled Veterans, potentially doubling the needed services**