

South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs											
Agency's Mission Statement: To provide comprehensive care and quality service to veterans and their families, regarding health care, education, disability benefits, long-term care, and burial honors by providing professional customer service and care.											
Veterans in South Dakota											
						FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
						64,119	65,014	63,950	63,322	63,500	62,433
Goal 1: To provide veterans and their family members access to federal and state benefits.											
	Performance Measures				Historical Data Section						
	Trend	Status	Actual	Target	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	
Activity A. State Benefits											
Bonus Claims Paid out					\$ 100,780	\$ 72,410	\$ 71,660	\$ 76,330	\$ 36,530	\$ 35,170	
Headstone Setting Fees					\$ 40,100	\$ 25,900	\$ 27,600	\$ 25,400	\$ 29,900	\$ 43,400	
Funeral Honor Reimbursements Processed Quarterly					\$ 42,200	\$ 33,550	\$ 41,650	\$ 56,150	\$ 85,650	\$ 92,500	
Activity B. Processing of State Claims for Benefits											
Headstone Setting Fees Processing Claims								209	301	255	
Bonus Claims								137	102	89	
Activity C. Federal Benefits (based on Federal FY which runs from October - September)											
Education					\$ 28,275,000	\$ 27,602,000	\$ 24,233,000	\$ 22,801,000	\$ 26,378,000	data not available	
Compensation and Pension					\$ 291,448,000	\$ 314,178,000	\$ 335,235,000	\$ 410,905,000	\$ 453,314,000	data not available	
Healthcare					\$ 404,807,000	\$ 474,762,000	\$ 485,486,000	\$ 581,899,000	\$ 604,939,000	data not available	
One time Retroactive Awards					\$ 10,752,826.00	\$ 11,842,977.00	\$ 11,131,751	\$ 14,177,190	\$ 16,398,454	\$ 25,398,453	
Running Awards					\$ 227,704,994.00	\$ 253,971,986.00	\$ 272,834,534	\$ 295,731,878	\$ 334,259,574	\$ 388,726,212	
Activity D. Processing of Federal Claims for Benefits (see federal claims tab)											
Activity E. VA Joint Peer Review Group Education Review											
					Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	
Agency comments regarding the accomplishment of Goal 1: Our goal is to ensure that every veteran that applies for the bonus or military funeral honors, and meets the respective criteria, is provided that benefit in a timely manner. The measureable is the processing time. Our goals is to have state benefits claims processed internally within a week and our goal to have federal benefits filed within one-two working days.											
Goal 2. To provide high quality resident directed long term care by maintaining excellence in personal services and treatment in a setting that promotes dignity, independence, and a home-like environment.											
	Performance Measures				Historical Data Section						
	Trend	Status	Actual	Target	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	
Activity A. Census											
Average Daily Census			73	89	96	98	95	84.75	73	71	
Average number of Veteran Residents			62	75%	78	80	75	70.25	62	60	
Average number of Non-Veteran Residents			11	25%	18	16	19	14.33	11	11	
Admissions			11		38	29	32	30	15	21	
Deaths			13		29	20	29	32	13	16	
Discharges			3		7	11	10	10	8	4	
Activity B. Licensing, Surveys and Inspections											
VA Annual Survey (three-day review of property)			5	0				1		5	
Department of Health (three-day review of property)			3	0				4	3	6	
Activity C. Resident Surveys											
Agency comments regarding the accomplishment of Goal 2: The Veterans Home resident population must be at least 75% Veterans. Surveys conducted by DOH and VA reviews over 270 items. Expectation is to have all deficiencies corrected prior to the exit interview. Those that require review and development of training and standard are handled as quickly as possible and notification is sent to DOH and/or VA to achieve compliance.											
Goal 3. The South Dakota Veterans' Cemetery lays to rest, with dignity and everlasting tribute, those who answered the call and served our nation with honor.											
	Performance Measures				Historical Data Section						
	Trend	Status	Actual	Target	FY19	FY20	FY21 (June only)	FY22	FY23	FY24	
Number of Burials - Total					0	0	62	329	195	229	
Number of Veteran Burials					0	0	46	268	162	176	
Number of Non-veteran Burials					0	0	16	61	33	53	
Military Funeral Honors Provided					0	0	22	174	123	137	
Agency comments regarding the accomplishment of Goal 3: The South Dakota Veterans Cemetery began normal operations and interments on June 4, 2021.											

Comments:

Goal 1 - Activity A. State Benefits

Bonus Claims Paid out - Dependent upon current military conflicts and eligible veterans

Headstone Setting Fees - Dependent upon number of government furnished headstones set within private cemeteries

Goal 1 - Activity B. Federal Benefits (based on Federal FY which runs from October - September)

Education - Federally provided information

Compensation and Pension - Federally provided information

Healthcare - Federally provided information

One time Retroactive Awards - Monetary benefits attained for veterans/dependents through work completed and assistance given to veterans and their dependents by our department

Running Awards - Monetary benefits attained for veterans/dependents through work completed and assistance given to veterans and their dependents by our department - These benefits are paid monthly to the population we serve

Goal 2 - Activity A. Census

Current census target is 89 residents to reflect the temporary census reduction of 13 beds requested in April 2023. The reduction was a result of workforce challenges we have been experiencing in the Hot Springs area.

The reduction was also necessary to keep our occupancy above 90% in order to receive per diem payments from the VA.

RLS census remains low due to veterans having access to Home Healthcare programs and services.

Goal 2 - Activity C. Resident Surveys

The Department contracts with Nexus Health Resources to complete resident satisfactory surveys. Surveys have been done on the following neighborhoods: NASA, Old Glory, JASCO, Stars and Stripes, and Joe Foss

The remaining households will be contacted in the coming weeks. The CoreQ questions are the questions required by CMS.

State Benefits:

Monthly Payments for Headstones/Burial Allowances/Bonus (NOTE: Bonus payments are generally only made once a month and paid via Multiple Payee Vouchers)	Number of Claims paid (in month listed) that went to Auditor in 1-7 Days (including weekends) <u>from Arrival</u> at SDDVA	Number of Claims paid (in month listed) that went to Auditor in 8-14 Days (including weekends) <u>from Arrival</u> at SDDVA	Number of Claims paid (in month listed) that went to Auditor in 15 Days or More (including weekends) <u>from Arrival</u> at SDDVA
September 2021 Headstones	8	11	10
September 2021 Bonus	19	3	14
October 2021 Headstones	3	11	0
October 2021 Bonus	17	8	6
November 2021 Headstones	10	9	6
November 2021 Bonus	2	4	4
December 2021 Headstones	4	25	11
December 2021 Bonus	3	6	5
January 2022 Headstones/Burial Allowance	1	46	3
January 2022 Bonus	0	0	0
February 2022 Headstones	0	1	2
February 2022 Bonus	0	3	10
March 2022 Headstones	6	0	2
March 2022 Bonus	1	1	1
April 2022 Headstones	2	1	0
April 2022 Bonus	6	1	7
May 2022 Headstones	21	5	1
May 2022 Bonus	3	1	1
June 2022 Headstones	1	6	3
June 2022 Bonus	4	1	6
Total FY22 Headstone Payment Breakdown	56	115	38
Total FY22 Bonus Payment Breakdown	55	28	54

FY23			
Monthly Payments for Headstones/Burial Allowances/Bonus (NOTE: Bonus payments are generally only made once a month and paid via Multiple Payee Vouchers)	Number of Claims paid (in month listed) that went to Auditor in 1-7 Days (including weekends) <u>from Arrival</u> at SDDVA	Number of Claims paid (in month listed) that went to Auditor in 8-14 Days (including weekends) <u>from Arrival</u> at SDDVA	Number of Claims paid (in month listed) that went to Auditor in 15 Days or More (including weekends) <u>from Arrival</u> at SDDVA
July 2022 Headstones	4	11	48
July 2022 Bonus	1	2	1
August 2022 Headstones	9	5	15
August 2022 Bonus	0	1	7
September 2022 Headstones/Burial Allowance	8	8	3
September 2022 Bonus	4	0	2
October 2022 Headstones/Burial Allowance	6	1	2
October 2022 Bonus	0	0	5
November 2022 Headstones	1	8	9
November 2022 Bonus	4	2	3
December 2022 Headstones	0	12	8
December 2022 Bonus	0	5	8
January 2023 Headstones	0	17	60
January 2023 Bonus	3	2	11
February 2023 Headstones	4	7	0
February 2023 Bonus	1	1	4
March 2023 Headstones	0	0	1
March 2023 Bonus	2	0	8
April 2023 Headstones	1	5	4
April 2023 Bonus	0	2	11
May 2023 Headstones	5	8	0
May 2023 Bonus	3	0	4
June 2023 Headstones	2	18	11
June 2023 Bonus	2	2	1
Total FY23 Headstone Payment Breakdown	40	100	161
Total FY23 Bonus Payment Breakdown	20	17	65

FY24

Monthly Payments for Headstones/Burial Allowances/Bonus (NOTE: Bonus payments are generally only made once a month and paid via Multiple Payee Vouchers)	Number of Claims paid (in month listed) that went to Auditor in 1-7 Days (including weekends) <u>from Arrival</u> at SDDVA	Number of Claims paid (in month listed) that went to Auditor in 8-14 Days (including weekends) <u>from Arrival</u> at SDDVA	Number of Claims paid (in month listed) that went to Auditor in 15 Days or More (including weekends) <u>from Arrival</u> at SDDVA
July 2023 Headstones	0	0	0
July 2023 Bonus	3	2	3
August 2023 Headstones	7	5	20
August 2023 Bonus	1	1	3
September 2023 Headstones	0	0	0
September 2023 Bonus	0	0	0
October 2023 Headstones	0	0	23
October 2023 Bonus	1	3	10
November 2023 Headstones	3	12	18
November 2023 Bonus	0	0	0
December 2023 Headstones	11	0	25
December 2023 Bonus	4	4	15
January 2024 Headstones	0	0	10
January 2024 Bonus	0	0	0
February 2024 Headstones	0	3	23
February 2024 Bonus	3	4	18
March 2024 Headstones	2	0	6
March 2024 Bonus	2	2	3
April 2024 Headstones	2	9	20
April 2024 Bonus	0	0	0
May 2024 Headstones	7	3	6
May 2024 Bonus	0	1	6
June 2024 Headstones	9	9	22
June 2024 Bonus	0	0	0
Total FY24 Headstone Payment Breakdown	41	41	173
Total FY24 Bonus Payment Breakdown	14	17	58

Monthly Payments for Headstones/Burial Allowances/Bonus (NOTE: Bonus payments are generally only made once a month and paid via Multiple Payee Vouchers)	Number of Claims paid (in month listed) that went to Auditor in 1-7 Days (including weekends) <u>from Arrival</u> at SDDVA	Number of Claims paid (in month listed) that went to Auditor in 8-14 Days (including weekends) <u>from Arrival</u> at SDDVA	Number of Claims paid (in month listed) that went to Auditor in 15 Days or More (including weekends) <u>from Arrival</u> at SDDVA
July 2024 Headstones	1	3	13
July 2024 Bonus	1	4	15
August 2024 Headstones	0	6	19
August 2024 Bonus	0	1	9

Timeline for Federal Claims Filing:

	2021	1-2 business days	3-4 business days	5+days
August		629	3	1
September		704	3	1
October		604	3	0
November		685	0	1
December		611	1	0
		3,233	10	3

	2022	1-2 business days	3-4 business days	5+days
January		557	1	0
February		656	2	0
March		629	3	1
April		614	1	0
May		565	4	0
June		726	2	0
July		666	17	0
August		881	2	0
September		937	2	0
October		851	0	0
November		776	1	2
December		697	2	0
		8,555	37	3

	2023	1-2 business days	3-4 business days	5+days
January		812	2	0
February		941	4	0
March		1,088	8	0
April		821	2	0
May		1,013	2	0
June		928	3	0
July		849	5	0
August		1,294	1	0
September		851	10	0
October		995	4	0
November		889	0	0
December		823	1	0
Total		11,304	42	0

	2024	1-2 business days	3-4 business days	5+days
January		985	0	0
February		1,000	0	0
March		1,035	1	0
April		1,079	0	0
May		1,082	0	0
June		1,010	0	0
July		1,194	0	0
August		1,235	1	0
September				
October				
November				
December				
Total		8,620	2	0

MJFSVH Census:

	Census									
	Nursing Care				Domiciliary Care			Domiciliary Care		
	Nursing Care EOM Census	Nursing Care Occupancy %	Nursing Care Average % of Veteran Residents	Nursing Care Average % of Non-Veteran Residents	Domiciliary Care EOM Census	Domiciliary Care Occupancy %	Domiciliary Care Average % of Veteran Residents	Domiciliary Care Average % of Non-Veteran Residents	# of Deaths	# of Discharges
2021										
January	75	96.15	80.00	20.00	19	79.17	78.95	21.05	4	0
February	75	96.15	81.33	18.67	19	79.17	78.95	21.05	1	0
March	76	97.44	81.58	18.42	18	75.00	77.78	22.22	1	0
April	75	96.15	81.33	18.67	18	75.00	77.78	22.22	1	0
May	74	94.87	81.08	18.92	17	70.83	76.47	23.53	3	1
June	72	92.31	81.94	18.06	17	70.83	76.47	23.53	2	2
July	73	93.59	82.19	17.81	18	75.00	77.78	22.22	2	0
August	75	96.15	84.00	16.00	18	75.00	77.78	22.22	1	2
September	70	89.74	84.29	15.71	18	75.00	77.78	22.22	5	1
October	68	87.18	83.82	16.18	17	70.83	82.35	17.65	2	2
November	66	84.62	84.85	15.15	17	70.83	82.35	17.65	3	1
December	63	80.77	85.71	14.29	18	75.00	83.33	16.67	6	1
YTD AVG	71.83	92.09	82.68	17.32	17.83	74.31	78.98	21.02		

2022										
January (Adjusted)	66	84.62	83.33	16.67	18	75.00	83.33	16.67	1	0
February	69	88.46	82.61	17.39	17	70.83	88.24	11.76	1	2
March	66	84.62	81.82	18.18	17	70.83	88.24	11.76	5	0
April	65	83.33	83.08	16.92	17	70.83	88.24	11.76	3	0
May	64	82.05	82.81	17.19	16	66.67	87.50	12.50	1	0
June	62	79.49	82.26	17.74	16	66.67	87.50	12.50	2	1
July	60	76.92	81.67	18.33	16	66.67	87.50	12.50	2	0
August	61	78.21	81.97	18.03	14	58.33	85.71	14.29	1	1
September	59	75.64	83.05	16.95	14	58.33	85.71	14.29	2	0
October	59	75.64	83.05	16.95	17	70.83	88.24	11.76	0	0
November	58	74.36	82.76	17.24	17	70.83	88.24	11.76	1	0
December	58	74.36	82.76	17.24	17	70.83	88.24	11.76	0	0
YTD AVG	62.25	79.81	82.60	17.40	16.33	68.06	87.22	12.78		

	Census									
	Nursing Care				Domiciliary Care			Domiciliary Care		
	Nursing Care EOM Census	Nursing Care Occupancy %	Nursing Care Average % of Veteran Residents	Nursing Care Average % of Non-Veteran Residents	Domiciliary Care EOM Census	Domiciliary Care Occupancy %	Domiciliary Care Average % of Veteran Residents	Domiciliary Care Average % of Non-Veteran Residents	# of Deaths	# of Discharges
2023										
January	58	74.36	84.48	15.52	17	70.83	88.24	11.76	2	0
February	56	71.79	85.71	14.29	16	66.67	87.50	12.50	2	1
March	56	71.79	85.71	14.29	15	62.50	86.67	13.33	1	1
April	59	75.64	86.44	13.56	14	58.33	85.71	14.29	0	0
May	60	92.31	86.67	13.33	11	45.83	81.82	18.18	1	1
June	60	92.31	86.67	13.33	11	45.83	81.82	18.18	1	0
July	62	95.38	87.10	12.90	12	50.00	83.33	16.67	0	0
August	60	92.31	88.33	11.67	12	50.00	83.33	16.67	3	0
September	59	90.77	88.14	11.86	12	50.00	83.33	16.67	1	0
October	59	90.77	88.14	11.86	13	54.17	84.62	15.38	4	0
November	57	81.54	88.33	12.00	12	50.00	85.00	15.00	2	0
December	57.45	81.54	88.33	12.00	13	50.00	85.00	15.00	2	0
YTD AVG	58.90	84.74	86.74	13.26	13.30	55.42	84.64	15.36		

	Census									
	Nursing Care				Domiciliary Care			Domiciliary Care		
	Nursing Care EOM Census	Nursing Care Occupancy %	Nursing Care Average % of Veteran Residents	Nursing Care Average % of Non-Veteran Residents	Domiciliary Care EOM Census	Domiciliary Care Occupancy %	Domiciliary Care Average % of Veteran Residents	Domiciliary Care Average % of Non-Veteran Residents	# of Deaths	# of Discharges
2024										
January	61	94.00	89.00	11.00	12.00	24.00	83.00	17.00	1.00	1.00
February	62	95.00	89.00	11.00	12.00	50.00	83.00	17.00	2.00	0.00
March	59	91.00	89.00	11.00	11.00	46.00	82.00	18.00	1.00	1.00
April	63	97.00	89.00	11.00	9.00	38.00	78.00	22.00	2.00	1.00
May	63	97.00	89.00	11.00	9.00	38.00	78.00	22.00	1.00	0.00
June	63	97.00	89.00	11.00	10.00	42.00	80.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
July	63	97.00	92.00	8.00	10.00	42.00	80.00	20.00	2.00	0.00
August	62	92.00	92.00	5.00	12.00	50.00	75.00	25.00	1.00	0.00

MJFSVH Surveys:

Agency

SD DOH Survey	Date Conducted	Total		Compliance Date
		Deficiencies Noted	Days out of Compliance	
	June 23-24, 2021	No	0	06/24/2021
	Feb 13-16, 2022	3	13	03/13/2023
	Feb 13-15, 2024	6	56	04/11/2024



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VA Survey	Date Conducted	Total		Compliance Date
		Deficiencies Noted	Days Out of Compliance	
	June 14-17, 2021	Yes	23	07/30/2021
	Dec. 12-16 2022	5	321	11/02/2023
	Nov 13-17, 2023	6	262	08/05/2024