**RURAL HEALTH INITIATIVE** (RHI), CHARLES GEORGE VA MEDICAL CENTER: RHI IS DEDICATED TO INFORMING VETERANS ABOUT VA HEALTHCARE. RHI CAN HELP VETERANS APPLY FOR SERVICES OR GET ANSWERS TO ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS. RHI OFFERS ONE-ON-ONE AND GROUP COUNSELING FOR ENROLLMENT AND ELIGIBILITY. RHI ALSO OFFERS HEALTH EDUCATION CLASSES TO VETERANS IN OUR AREA. IF YOU WOULD LIKE RHI STAFF TO ATTEND A LOCAL EVENT OR FESTIVAL TO SHARE GENERAL INFORMATION ON VETERANS HEALTH BENEFITS AND VETERANS HEALTH ISSUES, CONTACT THE ASHEVILLE RHI OFFICE: 828-298-7911, EXT 4337. EMAIL: WWW.ASHEVILLE.VA.GOV. ALSO AVAILABLE ON FACEBOOK: WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ASHEVILLEVAMC.

**HOME BASED PRIMARY CARE** (HBPC), CHARLES GEORGE VA MEDICAL CENTER: HOME BASED PRIMARY CARE IS A HOME HEALTH CARE PROGRAM WHOSE MISSION IS TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE PRIMARY CARE IN THE HOMES OF VETERANS WHO HAVE COMPLEX MEDICAL, SOCIAL, OR MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS WHICH MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN CARE IN A ROUTINE OUTPATIENT CLINIC. THE GOAL OF HBPC IS TO PROVIDE QUALIFIED VETERANS HEALTH CARE IN THEIR HOMES SO THEY MAY LIVE AS INDEPENDENTLY AS POSSIBLE, AND DELAY OR PREVENT HOSPITALIZATION OR NURSING HOME PLACEMENT. ELIGIBILITY FOR HBPC: 1) LIVE WITHIN THE AREA SERVED BY HBPC (SERVICE AREA INCLUDES HAYWOOD COUNTY AND MOST COUNTIES IN WNC); 2) BE ENROLLED IN THE VA AND ELIGIBLE FOR PRIMARY CARE; 3) HAVE NEEDS THAT CAN BE MET BY THE HBPC TEAM, AND HAVE A HOME SITUATION SAFE FOR HBPC STAFF AND FOR THE VETERAN. CONTACT HBPC LOCALLY: 828-369-5481. EMAIL: MYHEALTHEVET@VA.GOV. TOLL FREE: 1-800-932-6408, EXT 5703.

**HOME BASED MEDICAL FOSTER CARE PROGRAM** (MFH), CHARLES GEORGE VA MEDICAL CENTER: THE MFH PROGRAM MATCHES DISABLED VETERANS WITH NON-FAMILY CAREGIVERS WHO SHARE THEIR HOMES WITH VETERANS TO PROVIDE ONGOING CARE. OUR LOCAL MFH PROGRAM IS COORDINATED BY CHARLES GEORGE VA MEDICAL CENTER, WHICH PROVIDES OVERSIGHT, TRAINING, SUPPORT, MEDICAL CARE, AND INTERVENTION FOR THE CAREGIVER AND THE VETERAN. THE CAREGIVER MAKES A LONGTERM COMMITMENT TO THE VETERAN, EVEN AS THE VETERAN AGES AND HIS/HER NEEDS CHANGE; THE GOAL BEING TO AVOID NURSING HOME PLACEMENT, HOSPITALIZATION, AND TO PROVIDE A MORE HOME-LIKE ENVIRONMENT. WHO CAN BE A CAREGIVER: 1) MUST BE 21 YEARS OR OLDER; 2) OWN OR RENT YOUR OWN HOME; 3) HAVE A VACANT ROOM ACCESSIBLE TO THE VETERAN; 4) HOME MUST PASS VA INSPECTION FOR FIRE AND SAFETY; 5) COMPLY WITH TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC NEEDS OF THE VETERAN. CONTACT MFH: 828-298-7911, EXT 5834

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