# FAMILY CAREGIVER EXPANSION PROGRAM – Effective 1 Oct 2022

Applications are now being accepted by VAMC Audie L. Murphy, Caregiver Support Program Office Telephone: (210)617-5300 ext. 9278. Applications can be faxed directly to this office at: (210)949-3326 FAX Attn: Caregiver Support OR applications can be processed via VA Website:

https://www.caregiver.va.gov/ and you can obtain additional information about the program.

### **VETERAN ELIGIBILITY**

- 1. Veteran must have a single or combined service-connected disability rating of 70% or more.
- 2. Must be enrolled in VA Health Care and actively receiving on-going care from a VA Primary Care Team
- 3. Veteran Dates of Active Duty Service: ALL ERAS
- 4. The Veteran must be in need of in-person care services for a minimum of (6) continuous months based on any one of the following: An inability to perform an activity of daily living; <u>OR</u> A need for supervision, protection or instruction; <u>OR</u> It is in the best interest of the Veteran to participate in the program.
- 5. Personal care services that would be provided by the Family Caregiver will not be provided by or through another individual or entity.
- 6. The care will be provided in the Veteran's home.

#### **CAREGIVER CRITERIA**

- 1. Must be at least 18 year of age.
- 2. Can be Veteran's Spouse, Son/Daughter, Parent, Step Family Member or extended family member: Not required to live with Veteran
- 3. Can be someone else that if selected as a Caregiver, must live with the Veteran full-time.

## **APPLICATIONS**

- 1. VA Form 10-10CG Application for Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers Program
- 2. VA Form 10-5345 Request for and Authorization to Release Health Information (for the requested caregiver)
- 3. Assessed by the VA as able to complete caregiver education, training & demonstrate the ability to carry out the required personal care Services, core competencies & additional care requirements.
- 4. No determination by VA of Intimate Partner Violence, abuse, neglect of the Veteran by caregiver.

# IF YOU DO NOT QUALIFY FOR THIS PROGRAM - INQUIRE ABOUT: Program of General Caregiver Support Services

This will assist caregivers to find available resources locally or through other organizations. No formal application is required.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE COMPLETING THE APPLICATIONS PLEASE CONTACT:
Gillespie County Veterans Service Office at (830)997-3758