

Fiscal Highlights

New Nursing Home Options for Utah Veterans - Brian D. Fay

Over the past two months, the Department of Veterans Affairs has dedicated new nursing homes in Payson and Ivins. Each of these new nursing homes provides 108 private rooms for veterans and their spouses. These nursing homes join the William E. Christofferson Veterans Nursing Home in Salt Lake City (82 beds) and the George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home (120 beds). The increased capacity and expanded geographical coverage of these new homes provides more options and increased access to aging and disabled veterans throughout the state.

In addition to the benefits provided to Utah veterans, the construction and operations of the facilities continue to bring federal funds into Utah's economy. Over the past three years, the veterans nursing homes have brought more than \$43 million to Utah through construction and operations reimbursement from the federal government. At full capacity, over \$14 million in federal funds will flow into the state each year to assist Utah veterans with nursing home per diem expenses.