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VA increases in-home and community services cap for vets with complex conditions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2, 2026 — The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced an increase in the expenditure cap for in-home and community-based services for Veterans with certain complex medical conditions. VA's skilled home health care program will now cover the costs of in-home and community-based services for Veterans with spinal cord injuries, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, and other complex medical conditions at 100% of the cost of similar care in a VA Community Living Center. This is an increase from the previous rate of 65%. The rate increase will significantly reduce out-of-pocket costs for eligible Veterans and their families for services like home health aide, home respite, community adult day health care, Veteran Directed Care, and skilled home health. This will make it easier for Veterans to continue residing in their homes. VA estimates 200 Veterans will take advantage of the higher expenditure cap in fiscal year 2026. The skilled home health care program has enrolled approximately 1,800 Veterans since it was estab-

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lished in 2019. "This important change will enable Veterans with complex medical conditions to continue receiving high quality care while remaining in their homes, surrounded by friends and family," said VA Secretary Doug Collins. "By matching the expenditure cap for home and community-based services with the cost of care in our Community Living Centers, we are enabling Veterans to maintain their independence and home connections." The rate increase is the result of Section 120 of the Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act of 2025. VA encourages Veterans and their families to speak with their VA social worker to learn more about these changes.

For ticket and info on the South Florida (Mar. 5): <https://gotigersgo.venue.net/event/B25/BK16>

The Memphis Grizzlies announce Junior Grizzlies Summer Camps presented by OrthoSouth across the Mid-South area

Also, team will host a one-day Special Needs Camp at Madonna Learning Center

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The Memphis Grizzlies announced the schedule for the 2026 Junior Grizzlies Summer Camps, presented by OrthoSouth, across the Mid-South. The announcement was made on January 30. The 2026 Junior Grizzlies Summer Camps are available for boys and girls of all skill levels between the ages of 6 and 14. The four-day camp, running each day from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., will offer young athletes skills instructions, contests, games and opportunities to win special prizes. The Grizzlies will host a



one-day Special Needs Camp at Madonna Learning Center on Friday, June 5, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. In addition to expert basketball instruction by Junior Grizzlies coaches, campers will receive a Grizzlies reversible jersey, a Grizzlies branded basketball and a Grizzlies branded lunch box.

New this summer, the Grizzlies will host High School Team Camps on June 1-2 for Girls JV and Varsity Teams and June 3-4 for Boys JV and Varsity Teams at Shoot 360. Teams will be guaranteed a minimum of four games through pool play and a single elimination tournament. Each

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NSSF petitions U.S. Supreme Court in NSSF v. James case

WASHINGTON, D.C. — NSSF, The Firearm Industry Trade Association, petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari in NSSF v. James, a challenge to New York's public nuisance law that attempts to circumvent the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA). The petition comes after a U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit ruling last

year that allowed New York's law to stand. New York's public nuisance law attempts to evade the will of Congress when it passed the bipartisan PLCAA in 2005 and was signed by President George W. Bush. New York's law creates a new civil action under which "gun industry members" may be

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