

Addendum to cover letter of Steve Williams

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The number of veterans that will need services for long term care is expected to increase in the coming years. There is a shortage of veteran homes to meet the current need. In northeast Kansas there are no Kansas Veterans Homes, yet the highest number of vets resides in this area.

Vets needs to be recognized for the selfless service that have provided to our country by meeting their long term health needs as they were promised when they enlisted in the military.

Caregivers need to be provided with the information and social work help if needed when an admission is made to the veteran's home. Often the system is hard to navigate and clear information is needed.

Quality services need to be provided and measured according to the Medicare long term care ratings and standards.

Mental health services need to be provided at the veteran's long term care home to address the needs of PTSD and other issues they may have.