

Lodging Criteria

During administrative hours, the Fisher House Manager and staff will be responsible for managing the daily operations of the house and managing any issues. During non-administrative hours, the Health Administrative Specialist on Duty (HOD) will assume primary responsibility for management of any Fisher House issues.

Lodging Criteria: All guests must meet the lodging criteria outlined in VHA Directive 1107 to qualify for temporary accommodations in the Fisher House.

- Guests are required to travel 50 or more miles or at least 2 hours from their home to the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center (Lovell FHCC). Mileage is determined by most direct route like for beneficiary travel. The Fisher House Manager may waive the distance or time provision based on exceptional circumstances, such as inclement weather, road conditions, or the mode of transportation used.
- Guests must be medically stable and capable of self-care or be accompanied by an individual able to provide mobility assistance. Lovell FHCC does not provide nursing or other medical care in the Fisher House. Guests must be independent in their activities of daily living.
- The Fisher House primarily serves accompanying individuals of hospitalized Veterans and Service members.
- The accompanying individuals of a Veteran or active-duty Service member hospitalized at a non-VA community hospital are eligible for lodging when the patient's admission is coordinated and funded by the Lovell FHCC or Service member's branch of service.
- Fisher House lodging will prioritize accompanied Veterans with outpatient procedures and surgeries with early morning check-in times and accompanied Veterans receiving outpatient oncology services over Veterans with routine outpatient appointments which can be rescheduled to a more convenient time of day for travel.
- At no time are unaccompanied Veterans and active-duty Service members authorized to lodge at the Fisher House. Veterans are not eligible to reside in the Fisher House while admitted as an inpatient on any unit (including the Community Living Center or Psychosocial Rehabilitation programs).
- Fisher House does not support individuals in need of transitional or permanent housing; nor will it be used as a discharge center