

SECTION 15

VERMONT VETERANS' HOME

SEC. 15 APPROPRIATIONS: VERMONT VETERANS' HOME

The following sum of \$500,000 is requested in total to be appropriated for fiscal year 2016 to the Vermont Veterans' Home.

1. Electronic Medical Records \$500,000

Funds are requested to obtain the 35% state matching funds for an electronic medical record system for the facility. A VA grant has been approved and funding is available for the remaining 65% of this project. Electronic medical records will help to improve quality of care, reduce regulatory deficiencies and increase overall revenue for the facility by ensuring we are billing for the care we are providing. Electronic medical records are the standard of practice in the skilled nursing home (nursing home setting). Currently the facility's medical records are completed via handwritten documentation by the various clinical departments. Some of this documentation must be written in several locations leaving multiple opportunities for errors and omissions. Errors and Omissions in the documentation lead to regulator deficiencies and finds as well as limit the facility's ability to bill for all the care and services provided. An electronic medical records system streamlines the documentation and provides prompts and cues to ensure the documentation is accurate. The Capital Funds would be used to purchase the necessary hardware for the staff to enter their documentation, wiring of the facility as parts of this facility lack wireless or hardwired inter/intranet connections, the purchase of new server equipment and implementation and training support.

<u>Total Request for FY 2016</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>
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