



**POSITION STATEMENT OF  
MONTANA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
ON  
VETERANS CARE  
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The MMA supports the position that the VA should continue as an institution to assure optimal ongoing medical care to veterans. It should focus its efforts on those veterans that have service connected mental and physical disabilities. It should continue to expand its efforts to serve those veterans who are most challenged by multiple social determinants of care. Its efforts to provide quality clinical medical education in this country should be recognized and continue to be supported. All veterans should, however, be offered the option of seeking their medical care within the VA system or from the local medical providers and institutions closest to their home. Either choice of care should be supported financially by the federal government to allow equal or improved availability and quality.