BLIND REHABILITATION SERVICE
VISUAL IMPAIRMENT SERVICES TEAM (VIST)

The mission of Blind Rehabilitation Service (BRS) is to assist eligible Veterans and active duty Service members with a visual impairment in developing the skills needed for personal independence and successful reintegration into the community and family environment.

ELIGIBILITY

The eligibility of prospective patients to receive BRS care is determined by the review of 3 key criteria:

1. Veteran is eligible for VA health benefits (or is an active duty Service member) **and**
2. Possesses a visual impairment **or**
3. Has received a designation of excess disability (impact on functional abilities).

VIST COORDINATORS

VIST Coordinators provide lifetime care coordination for Veterans with visual impairments and often serve as the entry point into the continuum of care for Blind Rehabilitation Services.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Assessment, treatment planning, referral and follow-up
- Education and counseling to Veterans, their family and/or caregiver
- Review of VA and non-VA benefits
- Education and outreach within the VA and community
- Referrals to appropriate therapies and resources, including:
  - Eye Clinic and/or Low Vision Optometry
  - Outpatient Blind Rehabilitation Clinics (including home-based training)
  - Comprehensive inpatient Blind Rehabilitation Centers
  - Audiology, Physical Medicine and any other appropriate provider

FOR MORE INFORMATION

VIST Coordinator services are available at all VHA Medical Centers. Please contact your local VIST Coordinator or speak to your local Primary Care Provider for additional information.

Insert Local Contact Information

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VA Blind Rehabilitation Service Website
www.rehab.va.gov/blindrehab/

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