• There are +17,000 veterans with Spinal Cord Injury/Disorder (SCI/D) in the VA Health Care system.

• VA SCI/D Care Centers require medical staff specialized in SCI/D care – a main reason why paralyzed veterans and their caregivers choose the VA Health Care system.

• PVA is the ONLY veterans service organization that evaluates care throughout the VA Health Care system. Every year we visit all SCI/D Centers and collaborate with the VA to make a great health care system even better...

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SCI/D Centers evaluated by PVA in 2019: 6 Long-Term & 24 Acute Care Centers

Human Resources’ hiring delays across the VA Health Care system are a rampant problem

Typically it will take SCI/D Centers 6–12 months to recruit an employee

A lack of custodial staff results in unclean rooms and takes nurses away from providing bedside care

SCI/D Long–Term Care Centers west of the Mississippi River

SCI/D Long–Term Care Centers have chronic wait lists of veterans for admission

Veterans with SCI/D who need long-term care are at higher risk of acquiring bed sores & infections like pneumonia if they stay at community nursing homes rather than VA SCI/D Long-Term Care Centers

Staff shortages across the VA Health Care system result in veterans often having to bring in their own cleaning supplies

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SCI/D Long–Term Care beds available across the VA Health Care system and most are occupied

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