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...

- 30 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
- Staff shortages across the VA Health Care system result in veterans often having to bring in their own cleaning supplies

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

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

175

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

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

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