

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)**  
**Response to the Recommendation by the**  
**Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs**  
**October 18-19, 2023**

**Recommendation:** The Committee recommends that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) develop a workgroup to determine the current state of extended care resources available to meet the needs for Veterans with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Stroke, and Acquired Brain Injury and to determine the projected needs for this population as they age. The Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care (GEC) will consider all available resources and will develop strategies to meet these needs over time for this high-risk population. GEC will work with Spinal Cord Injuries and Disorders and Rehabilitation and Prosthetic Services program offices to develop strategies and a plan and will report back to the Committee in October 2024.

**VA Response:** Concur. The VHA Rehabilitation and Prosthetic Services National Program Office in coordination with GEC and Spinal Cord Injury and Diseases National Program Offices concurs with the recommendation that VHA develop a workgroup to determine the current state of extended care resources available to meet the needs for Veterans with SCI, TBI, Stroke, and Acquired Brain Injury and to determine the projected needs for this population as they age. Please see steps towards implementation below.

<b>VA Action Plan</b>						
<b>Steps to Implement</b>	<b>Lead Offices</b>	<b>Other Offices</b>	<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Develop Workgroup	GEC	Spinal Cord Injury and Diseases National Program Office	Identify Subject Matter Experts	October 2024	Pending	Tonya Page
Review current resources	Rehabilitation and Prosthetic Services		Identify resources			Joel Scholten, MD
Determine projected needs			Review population projections			Jennifer Sippel, PhD
Develop plan to meet needs of this population over time			Collaborate on plan/strategies for future			
Present plan to Committee at regular intervals, beginning fall 2024			Present plan to Committee			