

PURPOSE

Legal blindness (or severe low vision) is a condition which can affect every aspect of the involved person's life. In many instances, veterans and families are not aware of the health and rehabilitation services available to veterans with visual impairments.

The Visual Impairment Services program ensures that veterans are referred to services and programs that can assist with the adjustment to sight loss.

**You may be eligible for VIST services whether you lost vision during or after active duty.*

The program is designed to improve quality of life for participants through the development and enhancement of skills and capabilities needed for personal independence, adjustment, and successful reintegration into the community and family environment.

REFERRALS

For further information or to enroll in the VIST program at VA Long Beach, please contact the VIST Coordinator.

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VA clinical staff can request VIST services by placing an order for #52 Visual Impairment Services under CPRS New Consult.

OBJECTIVES

- Assist the veteran with adjustment to and management of sight loss
- Ensure the provision of healthcare and rehabilitation training and necessary adaptive equipment to visually impaired veterans
- Inform veterans and their families about services and benefits available to them through the Department of Veterans Affairs

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT SERVICES TEAM (VIST)

A program of services for eligible veterans who are blind or severely visually impaired.

Services include:

- Assistance with eligibility and enrollment
- Assessment of the individual's rehabilitation and training needs
- Patient and family education and counseling
- Review of individual's needs for adaptive aids and equipment
- Review of veteran's benefits
- Comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation services

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Veterans!

Are you visually impaired or legally blind?



Visual Impairment Services

Benefits and services for veterans who are blind or severely visually impaired