

THE IC OFFERS ASSISTANCE WITH:

- *Assistive technology*
- *Benefits*
- *Community transition*
- *Employment readiness*
- *Independent Living skills classes*
- *One-on-one or group peer support*
- *Deaf and Hard of Hearing - advocacy, education, and communication access*
- *Outreach - at extension sites in Cripple Creek and Calhan*
- *Individual & systems advocacy - transportation, housing, accessibility, disability awareness, health care, and emergency communications*
- *Information and referral - about resources and services in the community as well as licensed and non-licensed home health services*
- *Older Individuals with Blindness (OIB) and low vision - advocacy and support*

The Independence Center is the local home of civil rights for people with disabilities. We support and promote these civil rights throughout our service area which includes El Paso, Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Park, and Teller counties. Our staff, programs and even our building demonstrate that people with disabilities can live, learn, work, play, and participate in civic life as equals.

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People with disabilities
building community
THE INDEPENDENCE CENTER

VETERAN IN CHARGE

A Veteran Directed Home and Community Based Services Program



ARE YOU A VETERAN WITH A DISABILITY WHO WANTS TO LIVE MORE INDEPENDENTLY IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR INDEPENDENCE

The Independence Center Veteran In Charge (VIC) program serves eligible veterans of any age who are at risk of nursing home placement. This program allows you to receive home and community based services that enable you to continue living in your home for as long as possible.

“Veteran directed” means you have more control over:

WHAT
services, supports and goods you need.

WHO
provides those services and supports.

WHEN, WHERE & HOW
the services and supports are provided.

HOW MUCH
you pay for them.

With the Veteran In Charge program, you have the freedom to build a self-directed plan for greater independence and the authority to control how to pay for your long-term supports and services. With knowledgeable support from a Coach, you can have a flexible monthly budget to purchase goods and services such as:

- In-home personal care
- Assistive devices
- Homemaker services
- Environmental support
- Caregiver support
- Meal delivery
- Home modifications
- Transportation
- Adult day care
- Emergency response system

The Veteran In Charge program is a partnership between the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC) and The Independence Center (The IC). The IC Coach works with eligible veterans to plan and manage VA-funded supports and services.

Next Step:

Contact your VA social worker for a referral because the VA determines your eligibility and establishes the budget for you.

If you don't have a social worker, contact Christine Gowdy, VD-HCBS Coordinator, at 303-399-8020, ext. 3239.

