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# Federal Recovery Coordination Program

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# Federal Recovery Coordination Program in Brief



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- Federal Recovery Coordination Program (FRCP) provides care coordination for severely wounded, ill, and injured Service members, Veterans, and their families.
  - Federal Recovery Coordinators (FRCs) are master's prepared nurses and clinical social workers trained in benefits, programs, and services provided by the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Labor, Social Security Administration, other federal agencies, and private and community organizations.
  - FRCs work with their clients to create a Federal Individual Recovery Plan (FIRP) which identifies clinical and non-clinical goals of the client and coordinates access to the resources necessary to achieve those goals.
  - FRCs stay with the client for all transitions from recovery through rehabilitation and reintegration.



# FRCP General Eligibility Criteria



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- In an acute care setting within a military treatment facility;
  - Diagnosed or referred with one or more of the following:
    - Spinal Cord Injury;
    - Burns;
    - Amputation;
    - Visual Impairment;
    - Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI); or
    - Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD);
  - Considered at risk for psychological complication; or
  - Self or Command referred based on perceived ability to benefit from a recovery plan.



# Demographics



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## FRCP Active Client Data as of December 3, 2012:

- 902 active clients:
  - 490 (55%) are Active Duty; 412 (45%) are Veterans.
  - 52 percent Army; 32 percent Marines; 12 percent Navy; 4 percent Air Force; and less than 1 percent Coast Guard.
  - 87 percent Active Component and 13 percent National Guard, Reserve, or other.
  - 73 percent are assigned to a wounded warrior program;
  - Mean age is 30, median age is 28.



# RWTF Questions



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Do you find that Recovering Warriors (RWs) having a separate Comprehensive Recovery Plan/Comprehensive Transition Plan (CRP/CTP) and FIRP creates opportunities or problems?

- All plans are developed in conjunction with clients and their care teams.
- FRCs, Recovery Care Coordinators (RCCs), and Clinical Case Managers work together to ensure all categories of benefits and services are covered.
- VA and DoD are working to develop a single common plan to integrate and synchronize care services and benefits.



# RWTF Questions



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What are the issues impacting RW transition from DoD to VA?

- Transitions require coordination and synchronization of benefits and services.
- Lack of visibility across agencies.
- Care coordination services help reduce the potential for obstacles.
- VA and DoD continue to collaborate and examine programs to ensure services are optimally aligned and centered on the Service member and Veteran.
- Creation of lead coordinator role.



# RWTF Questions



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How do pre-DD214 DoD RW programs and services impact the transition from DoD to VA?

- FRCP works on both sides of the DD214.
- VA and DoD are working together to examine all wounded, ill, and injured programs and services to ensure Service members and Veterans are receiving appropriate care, services, and benefits and to reduce the potential for obstacles.
- VA and DoD continue to collaborate and examine programs to ensure services are optimally aligned and centered on the Service member and Veteran.



# RWTF Questions



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What are the issues impacting RW transition to civilian life (long term)?

- Adjusting to a new “normal”
- Connecting clients to benefits and services, including but not limited to:
  - Engaging in meaningful activities
  - Health care access
  - Employment
  - Housing and housing adaptation
  - Finances and financial counseling
- Educating on resources including the National Resource Directory and Veterans Job Bank.



# RWTF Questions



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How do pre-DD214 DoD RW programs and services impact the transition to civilian life?

- DoD and VA programs are complementary in providing the tools, benefits, and services success recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration.
- DoD and VA are working together to ensure these programs are synchronized to provide optimal benefit to Service members and Veterans.