

MEDIA EVENT ADVISORY AND PHOTO –OP FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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VNA Health Care Aurora Patients now Benefit from Shuttle Services from Home to Health Center with thanks to Pace Suburban Bus, Aurora Township and the City of Aurora.

What: In response to community need, patients of VNA Health Care are now able to ride a shuttle bus from their home in Aurora to a VNA Health Center with thanks to Pace Suburban Bus, Aurora Township and the City of Aurora. This service will be launched at a press conference with community leaders in attendance.

When: Friday, January 24th 2020 @ 2:45 p.m. Photo-Op 3 p.m. – Press Conference

Where: 400 North Highland Avenue, Aurora, IL 60506 – First Floor Lobby

Who: Comments will be made by:

Linnea Windel, President & CEO, VNA Health Care
Rocky Donahue, Executive Director, Pace Suburban Bus
Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Board of Directors, Pace Suburban Bus
Deputy Mayor Chuck Nelson, City of Aurora
William Catching, Supervisor, Aurora Township
Dr. Adrienne M. Holloway, Chief Innovation Officer, City of Aurora
Alderman Michael Saville, Ward 6, City of Aurora

Why: Transportation is a basic and necessary requirement for most people that impacts their ability to access well-coordinated healthcare services. Without access to either public or private transportation, traveling to healthcare services can become a considerable challenge. This can be particularly stressful and difficult for parents with small children, the elderly, individuals living with chronic illnesses, and those who are low income.

The Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation at Harvard Law School reports that every year, approximately 3.6 million Americans, urban and rural, miss or delay essential, non-emergency medical care because they experience transportation barriers. The simple issue of not being able to find or purchase a ride to their doctor's office can, ultimately, result in poor health outcomes and enormous health care costs, especially for those who are chronically ill and need regular care.

VNA Health Care patients can now book a low-cost ride from their home to their VNA Health Center appointment or program. Children aged 18 and under travel at no cost.

VNA Health Care is the largest Federally Qualified Health Center in suburban Chicago and operates 16 clinics serving over 72,000 people a year. VNA is recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration as a Health Center Quality Leader at the Gold level and ranks in the top 10% of health centers nationwide for overall patient outcomes. Outcome measures include prenatal care, adolescent weight screening and counseling, vascular disease treatment, blood pressure control, healthy birth weights, and asthma care. VNA's combination of convenience (by appointment or walk-in), patient-centered technology and expert, cost-effective care delivered with respect and compassion have led to these results. VNA is accredited by The Joint Commission and certified as a Primary Care Medical Home for all sites. # # #