



On April 15, 2003, VISN 3 advanced to step five of the CARES (Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services) process, which requires the VA Undersecretary for Health to review and evaluate draft market plans submitted by each VA Network. The following schedule outlines the review of the market plans before they are transmitted to the national CARES Commission:

April 15-18	Review Market Plans for completeness. National CARES Program Office (NCPO)
April 21-28	Focused Reviews conducted. Focused Reviews include: Small Facility, Proximity, Capacity, Special Disability Programs, Stakeholder Input, DoD and Capital.
April 28-May 2	Market Plan Reviews conducted.
May 3-9	Complete Draft National CARES Plan for USH Review.
May 7-8	CARES Clinical Advisory Group Meeting (CCAG)
May 12-14	Revise Draft National CARES Plan
May 15	CARES Senior Resource Group (SRG) Meeting
May 15-29	Finalize Draft National CARES Plan
May 29	Transmit to Secretary and Federal Register
June 2	Secretary transmits to CARES Commission without review

Additional information about the CARES Process and VISN3's draft market plans may be found on the VISN3 webpage, where stakeholders may also provide comments or feedback. Visit the CARES site at <http://www.va.gov/visns/visn03/cares.asp>.