



# VA NY/NJ Veterans Healthcare System CARES Update

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## WHAT IS CARES?

CARES (Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services) is about providing more accessible care to more veterans. CARES will help ensure that VA's capital assets are configured to meet the demand for VA health care during the next 20 years. VA's health care system was designed and built decades ago when patients had long inpatient stays. Today the VA wants to provide care where it is needed in more accessible locations. We are also examining buildings that may not be suitable or needed for the delivery of modern health care to find other uses for them. The funds now used to support these buildings will be redirected to provide more accessible and cost-effective care elsewhere.



VISN 3 Markets

### What do you know about VISN 3?

As the National CARES Program Office (NCPO) goes through the data collection and validation process, we are discovering a wealth of information that was not otherwise known on a coordinated aggregate level. For example, some interesting facts about VISN 3:

Number of buildings.....	231
Number of acres.....	1075
Total GSF.....	9,217,801
Total parking spaces.....	8364
Average age of VISN 3 buildings.....	49 years old
Number of elevators.....	218
Total number of Community Based Clinics.....	34

### This Month

We have finalized Phase 1 of the CARES Process which resulted in the development of three healthcare market areas:

- VA New Jersey Healthcare Market
- VA Long Island Healthcare Market
- VA Metro New York Healthcare Market

The VA Metro New York Healthcare Market was divided into two sub-markets:

- North Metro/Hudson Valley Healthcare Sub-Market
- Southeast Metro Healthcare Market

These markets were developed based on demand analysis for enrolled veterans currently and projected out to the year 2012. Heavy emphasis is being placed on demand analysis which will drive the CARES process.