

# Asset and Infrastructure Review

The Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) is an initiative to study the current and future health care needs of Veterans across America, and to evaluate VA's health care infrastructure to ensure VA is ready and able to continue to provide Veterans with world-class access and outcomes. As part of the congressionally mandated AIR process, VA will submit recommendations to the AIR Commission that will:

- Cement VA as the primary, world-class provider and coordinator of Veterans health care for generations to come.
- Build a health care network with the right facilities, in the right places, to provide the right care for all Veterans, including underserved and at-risk Veteran populations in every part of the country—making sure that our facilities and services are where the Veterans are.
- Ensure that the infrastructure that makes up the Department of Veterans Affairs in the decades ahead reflects the needs of the 21st century Veterans—not the needs and challenges of a health care system that was built, in many cases, 80 years ago.
- And strengthen our roles as the leading health care researchers in America and with our academic partnerships to remain the leading health care training institution in America.

AIR includes three steps:

1. **Market Assessments:** VA is conducting market assessments – studies of every VA market across the country designed to understand the makeup of our Veterans by health care needs, age, race, gender, era they served, and where they live. Many VHA leaders have been a part of the conversations about those market assessments already, and VA will draw on those conversations in performing additional market assessments to carefully assess the impact of the pandemic on VA data.
2. **Recommendations:** VA is using those market assessments to inform recommendations for the future of VA's health care infrastructure. The recommendations are being finalized now, and the Secretary is scheduled to announce the recommendations on March 14th when they are submitted to the AIR Commission.
3. **AIR Commission:** The AIR Commission (a bipartisan, presidentially appointed and congressionally approved group), the President, and Congress will review the recommendations submitted by VA and determine whether or not they will be accepted and implemented.

## AIR Commission

As outlined in the MISSION Act, the VA Secretary will submit recommendations regarding the future of VA health care to the bipartisan, presidentially appointed and congressionally approved AIR Commission. The recommendations will focus on increasing access and improving outcomes for Veterans.

During the AIR Commission's review, the Commission will hold public hearings, visit VA facilities, meet with VA partners, and listen to Veterans to assess those recommendations. The Commission will submit a report with its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the President for review and approval prior to review by Congress. The AIR process is shown below:

