

**VA**U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

# Press Release

Office of Public Affairs  
VA Northern California  
Health Care SystemSacramento Medical Center 10535  
Hospital Way, Mather, CA 95655  
(916) 843-9247**IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Date: Sep. 19, 2018**Contact: Will Martin, Public Affairs Officer  
916-843-9247 or [William.Martin6@va.gov](mailto:William.Martin6@va.gov)

## Report: Sacramento VA Medical Center experiences “large improvement”

SAIL report scorecard shows majority of nation’s  
VA medical centers improved in quality of services to Veterans

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – According to a [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs \(VA\) SAIL report](#) released this week, the Sacramento VA Medical Center experienced “large improvement” in its overall quality and service to Veterans over the past year, one of 103 VA medical centers (VAMC) nationwide that experienced improvement.

“This report is confirmation that we’re realizing our daily goal of providing high-quality, compassionate care to Veterans,” said David R. Stockwell, director of the Sacramento VA Medical Center. “There’s still plenty of work ahead, but I’m incredibly proud of the efforts made by our entire staff in shaping the future of VA health care in Northern California.”

The Sacramento VA Medical Center enjoyed the strongest improvement of any medical center in the VA Sierra Pacific Network, which includes Northern California and the Bay Area, Central California, the Sierra Nevada region, Southern Nevada, and the Pacific Islands. In addition, Sacramento was one of 37 VA medical centers recognized for “large improvement,” the SAIL report’s highest improvement rating, placing it among the top 25 percent of VAMCs nationwide.

The SAIL report, which VA has released to the public each quarter since 2015, assesses 25 quality metrics and two efficiency metrics in areas such as death rate, complications, and patient satisfaction, as well as overall efficiency and physician capacity at 146 VA medical centers. It’s used as an internal tool for VA leaders and personnel to identify best practices and develop strategies to improve troubled facilities.

According to this week’s [Wall Street Journal story](#) on the SAIL report, the RAND Corporation, an independent research institution, issued a report this year that found “VA hospitals typically perform as well or better than private-sector hospitals when similar statistics are compared.”

For further information on the VA SAIL report or the Sacramento VA Medical Center, please contact Will Martin, Public Affairs Officer, at 916-843-9247 or [William.Martin6@va.gov](mailto:William.Martin6@va.gov).

###