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## Auburn VA Clinic to join VA NorCal Health Care System

Reassignment improves access, reduces travel for clinic Veterans

**MATHER, Calif.** — In an effort to improve access and reduce travel for its Veterans, the Sierra Foothills VA Clinic, in Auburn, California, will join the VA Northern California Health Care System, based near Sacramento, on Oct. 1, 2019.

“We’re eager to welcome the Sierra Foothills VA Clinic into the VA NorCal system,” said David Stockwell, director of the VA NorCal Health Care System. “Auburn is a reasonable drive from Sacramento, which is home to both a VA medical center and an outpatient clinic, which means less driving and greater access for Placer County Veterans.”

In the past, the Auburn clinic operated as part of VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System, based in Reno, Nevada. The distance between the Auburn clinic and its parent medical center in Reno has proved difficult for some Veterans and VA support personnel based in Reno, especially during winter road closures across the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

“As VA health care services have expanded in Sacramento, moving the Auburn clinic’s center of operations makes the most sense for Veteran care,” said Lisa Howard, director of the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System. “We’re proud of our history in establishing the Auburn clinic, but the well-being of Veterans always drives our decision-making process.”

For more information about the Sierra Foothills VA Outpatient Clinic or VA Northern California Health Care System, please contact Will Martin at 916-843-9247 or [William.Martin6@va.gov](mailto:William.Martin6@va.gov). To discuss the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System in Reno, Nevada, please contact Glenna Smith, Public Affairs Officer, at [Glenna.Smith2@va.gov](mailto:Glenna.Smith2@va.gov) or 775-789-6628.

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