

**Lafayette, Louisiana**  
**Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) Expansion**  
*Replacement and Expansion Lease for Lafayette's CBOC*

**Summary: Impact on Veterans and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) of failure to secure authorization of lease:**

*If Congress cannot enact the authorization for the expanded CBOC, Veterans will be forced to contend with an overcrowded, outdated facility, with the situation only worsening as workload increases.*

*Veterans will be denied the relief to these access problems of an almost three-fold expansion of clinic space, which would bring needed expansions of Primary Care, Mental Health, Women's Health, and Specialty Care as well as additions of Dental, Imaging, Physical Therapy, Urology, Ophthalmology, and Dermatology. Without this authorization, Veterans will continue to be required to travel 180 miles roundtrip to the Alexandria VA Medical Center to receive the additional services the expanded clinic would have offered.*

*There are negative effects as well on the Alexandria VA Medical Center, which suffers a significant space deficit. With expansion plans scuttled, there will be no relief in sight to address crowded conditions in that facility.*

*The community would also lose the benefit of 14 additional medical employees associated with the expansion.*

**Veterans currently served at current lease facility (if applicable): 7,227 Veterans**

**Detail on adverse impact of failure of authorization:**

- *Veterans will be required to travel 180 miles roundtrip to the parent facility, the Alexandria VA Medical Center, to receive the services the expanded clinic will have offered.*
- *The current size of the clinic is 11,208 Net Usable Square Footage (NUSF); the new clinic will be approximately three times the size at 29,224 NUSF to meet the current and projected workload demand.*
- *The Alexandria VA Medical Center will continue to be overcrowded and will be unable to decompress to the expanded clinic.*
- *56 employees support the programs at the existing Lafayette CBOC; the expansion would increase the number to 70 employees.*
- *Alexandria's Space Deficit will remain, 60,042 sqft*