

Major Initiative (MI) Five:

The IVMH initiative will transform VA mental health programs into a subsystem operating within the larger VA health care system, which is self-regulating, patient-centered, and offers meaningful choices to Veterans (and families). IVMH will also ensure ongoing recruitment and retention of mental health staff; enhance delivery of evidence-based psychosocial interventions; inform planning, implementation, and operations using a public health model; collaborate with VBA's Compensation and Pension Program to revise the disability rating schedule for mental health conditions; and develop communication to minimize misunderstandings and tensions regarding the interactions between treatment for mental health conditions and disability ratings.

Description: This is a view of the systems, services, and organizations that support MI 5 in the context of supporting VA mental health programs. The primary systems and services with respect to the scope of MI 5 are internal systems, all other non-VA agencies, systems and services are considered external.

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