# BLIND REHABILITATION SERVICE VISUAL IMPAIRMENT SERVICES OUTPATIENT REHABILITATION (VISOR)

The mission of Blind Rehabilitation Service (BRS) is to assist eligible Veterans and active duty Service members with a visual impairment in developing the skills needed for personal independence and successful reintegration into the community and family environment.

# **ELIGIBILITY**

The eligibility of prospective patients to receive BRS care is determined by the review of 3 key criteria:

- 1. Veteran is eligible for VA health benefits (or is an active duty Service member) and
- 2. Possesses a visual impairment or
- 3. Has received a designation of excess disability (impact on functional abilities).

# **VISOR PROGRAMS**

- VISOR programs are outpatient rehabilitation clinics in which advanced ambulatory low vision care services are provided
- Temporary lodging may be offered by the local VA Medical Center for short stay programs
- Low vision optometry exam and functional vision evaluation
- Provide assessment and therapeutic instruction on how to maximize remaining vision to complete tasks, such as accessing printed material, financial management and food prep/kitchen safety
- · Training on how to use assistive technology to address functional deficits as a result of visual impairment
- Assessment and instruction to increase awareness of the environment and safety

## **LOCATIONS**

- Battle Creek, MI
- Buffalo, NY
- Denver, CO
- Houston, TX
- Lebanon, PA
- Lyons, NJ
- · Richmond, VA
- Minneapolis, MN
- · Washington, D.C.

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