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## **Montco to Begin Shuttle Service to VA Healthcare Facilities**

**Norristown, PA (July 9, 2015)** – The Montgomery County Veterans Affairs Office on July 20 will begin a shuttle service for veterans seeking to go to Veterans Administration (VA) healthcare facilities. The free service will transport veterans and caregivers from four county locations to three healthcare centers operated by the VA.

“This is a significant step in our efforts to make sure that our veterans receive the care they need and deserve,” said Josh Shapiro, chair of the Montgomery County Commissioners.

The shuttle, which is wheelchair accessible, will operate four days a week. The shuttle can carry eight ambulatory persons and five wheelchairs. The schedule is as follows:

**Mondays:** Generations of Indian Valley  
259 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Souderton  
Destination: Horsham Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC)

**Tuesdays:** Norristown Senior Adult Activities Center (SAAC)  
536 George Street, Norristown  
Destination: Coatesville VA Medical Center and Spring City CBOC

**Thursdays:** Pottstown Area Senior Center  
288 Moser Road, Pottstown  
Destination: Coatesville VA Medical Center and Spring City CBOC

**Fridays:** Ambler SAAC  
45 Forest Avenue, Ambler  
Destination: Horsham CBOC

The vehicle being used to transport the veterans is a re-purposed van originally used by Parkhouse, the county’s former geriatric facility, which was sold in early 2014. The shuttle program is being

funded by a \$12,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Veterans Affairs and \$25,500 in county Human Services block grant funds.

The shuttles will leave each location at 10:30am each day. The shuttle will leave the medical facilities each day no later than 3:00pm. Veterans must schedule their appointments between the hours of 11:30am and 2:00pm. Passengers will be returned to their home address after 3:00pm, as long as their home is in the general area of the pick-up location.

Veterans seeking to utilize the shuttle service are encouraged to call 610-278-3285 to reserve a seat on the shuttle for the veteran and up to one adult caretaker. Veterans using the shuttle service must be currently enrolled in the VA healthcare system. Any veteran wanting to enroll in the health system should call the Montgomery County Veterans Affairs Office at 610-278-3285 for assistance.