

I wanted to share some positive developments in regards to efforts to expand health care services for veterans in Northern California. Veterans in the Yuba/Sutter area are now able to receive their primary care at the Feather River Tribal Health located at 1231 Plumas Street, Yuba City. The VA partnered with Feather River Indian Tribe and Indian Health Service to provide care for our veterans closer to home until the Yuba City/Marysville Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) is established. Veterans can schedule an appointment by calling 530-751-8457. The clinic will be available to see veterans on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with expanded appointment availability expected as more veterans visit the clinic. Meanwhile, the VA expects the Yuba City/Marysville CBOC to open within six months.

In Siskiyou County, the VA is still working its way through the contracting process with medical providers in the Yreka area to provide primary care services to local veterans. Once a vendor has been selected and a contract signed, the medical provider will have 60 days to update their facility and go through the necessary training and orientation before it can open its doors to veterans. It is my understanding that the VA is in the final stages of issuing a contract, which means veterans should see primary care services in Yreka before the end of the year.