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Hello Next Chapter Community,

At Next Chapter, we have been proud to support our regions' Veterans and their family members. We provided assistance in accessing behavioral health services and social supports to aid in managing life stressors, preventing crises, and the transition from military to civilian life. We know that transition can be a long process, and for some, transition challenges can happen years after leaving the military.

Over the past 30 months, we have had the great fortune to be supported by the Colorado Behavioral Health Administration grant. This allowed us to cover some or all the costs of counseling and treatment to aid in transition for Veterans and their family members. We have, in that time, provided tens of thousands of no out-of-pocket expense counseling sessions and more.

Unfortunately, the funds to support this aspect of Next Chapter's service have come to an end. In budgeting for the rest of this fiscal year, which ends on 30 June 2025, we have expended all available funds to provide care. The Next Chapter program was a proof-of-concept that was scheduled to run for three years, which was successful. However, we do not yet know if Next Chapter will continue to be funded by the State.

Until a funding decision has been made, I regret to inform you that Next Chapter will no longer be able to pay for care after 31 March 2025. This period of eight weeks or so, will give you time to complete treatment with your current provider, or to make alternative payment arrangements if you wish to remain in treatment with them. If you use your personal insurance, Tricare, TriWest, VA, or Medicaid, you can still see the same provider. **However, you will be responsible for the cost(s) or co-pays associated with your treatment or services.**

It is our hope that funding authorization will pass in this year's Colorado legislative session so we can continue this important work. Unfortunately, due to normal workings of the State government, we must close out all accounts and have all financial responsibilities paid prior to the end of Next Chapter's fiscal year. This process takes at least 90 days to complete.

It has been our honor to provide this program, and we hope we can continue to do so. For now, we must scale back our service to meet the State government requirements. If you have questions, do not hesitate to reach out to your Next Chapter team at nextchapterco.org or 1.888.719.VETS (8387).

Respectfully yours,

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