

# ***Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service Briefing***



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Rehabilitation and Prosthetics Services**

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# Prosthetic & Sensory Aids Service (PSAS)

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Our mission is to provide medically appropriate equipment, supplies, and services to optimize Veteran health and independence.

Our vision is to be the premier source of prosthetic and orthotic services, sensory aids, medical equipment, and support services for Veterans.

***VHA Handbook 1173 establishes uniform and consistent national policy and procedures for the provision of prosthetic services.***



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# PSAS Team

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## ■ Central Office

- PSAS National Director
  - Clinical Liaisons
  - Field Operation Manager
  - Program Managers
  - Data Management Team
  - Executive Assistant
  - Program Specialist
- O&P National Director
  - Program Manager
  - Data Manager

## ■ Field

- VISN Prosthetics Representatives
- Facility Prosthetics Representatives
- Data Analysts
- O&P Clinical Staff
- Purchasing agents
- Support/Administrative Staff



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# Populations Served by PSAS

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## Veterans with needs related to . . .

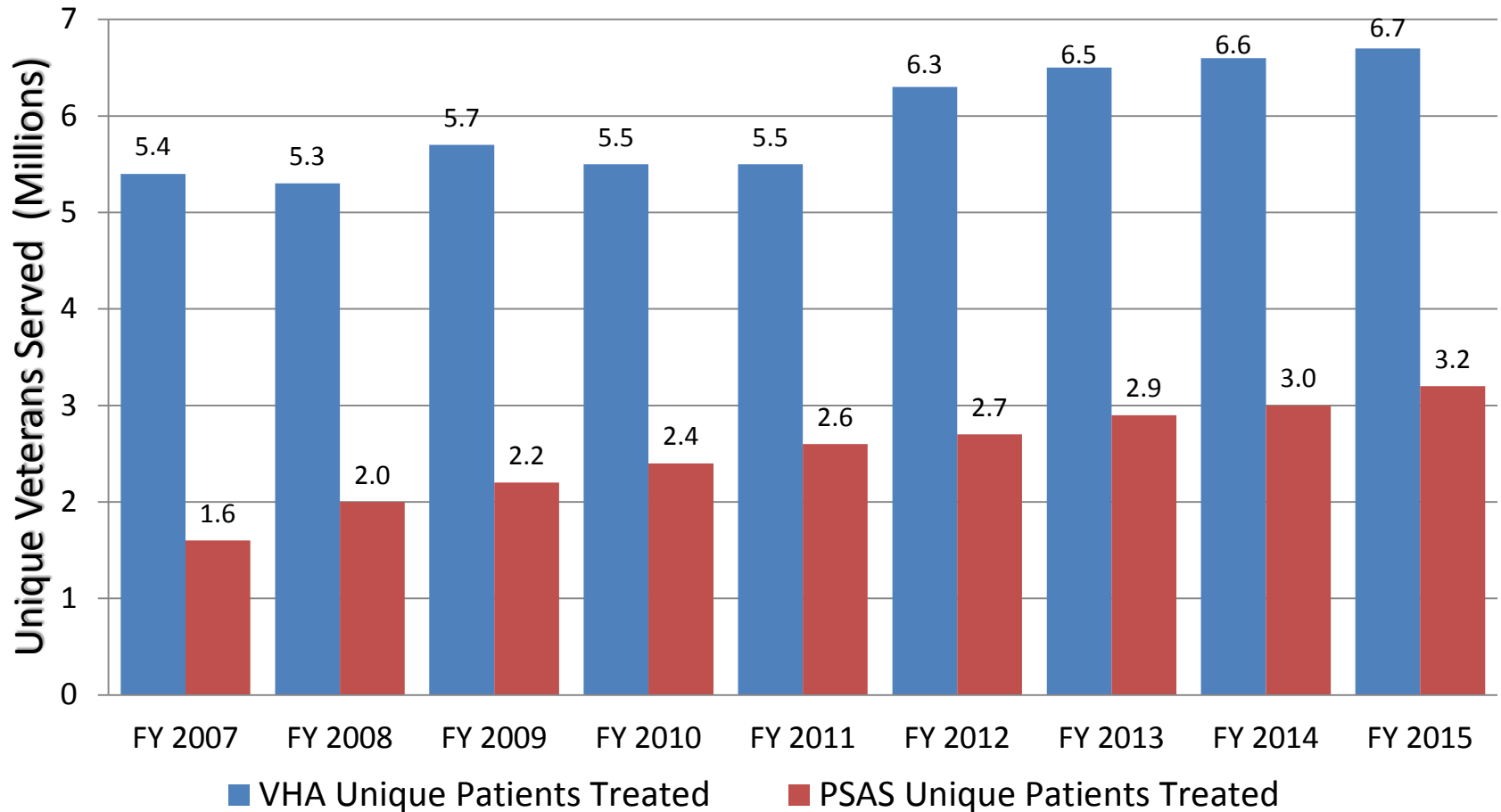
- Amputation
- Spinal Cord Injury/Disorders
- Polytrauma
- Hearing and Vision
- Podiatric Care
- Cardio-Pulmonary Disease
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Speech/Language deficit
- Geriatric Impairments
- Neurologic Dysfunction
- Muscular Dysfunction
- Women's Health
- Orthopedic Care
- Diabetes/Metabolic Disease
- Peripheral Vascular Disease
- Cerebral Vascular Disease



# PSAS Supports Veterans from All Eras



# PSAS Program Scope: Veterans Served





# PSAS Services / Devices / Benefits

## Services

- Orthotic and Prosthetic Services, Restorations
- Home Oxygen
- Dog Insurance

## Devices

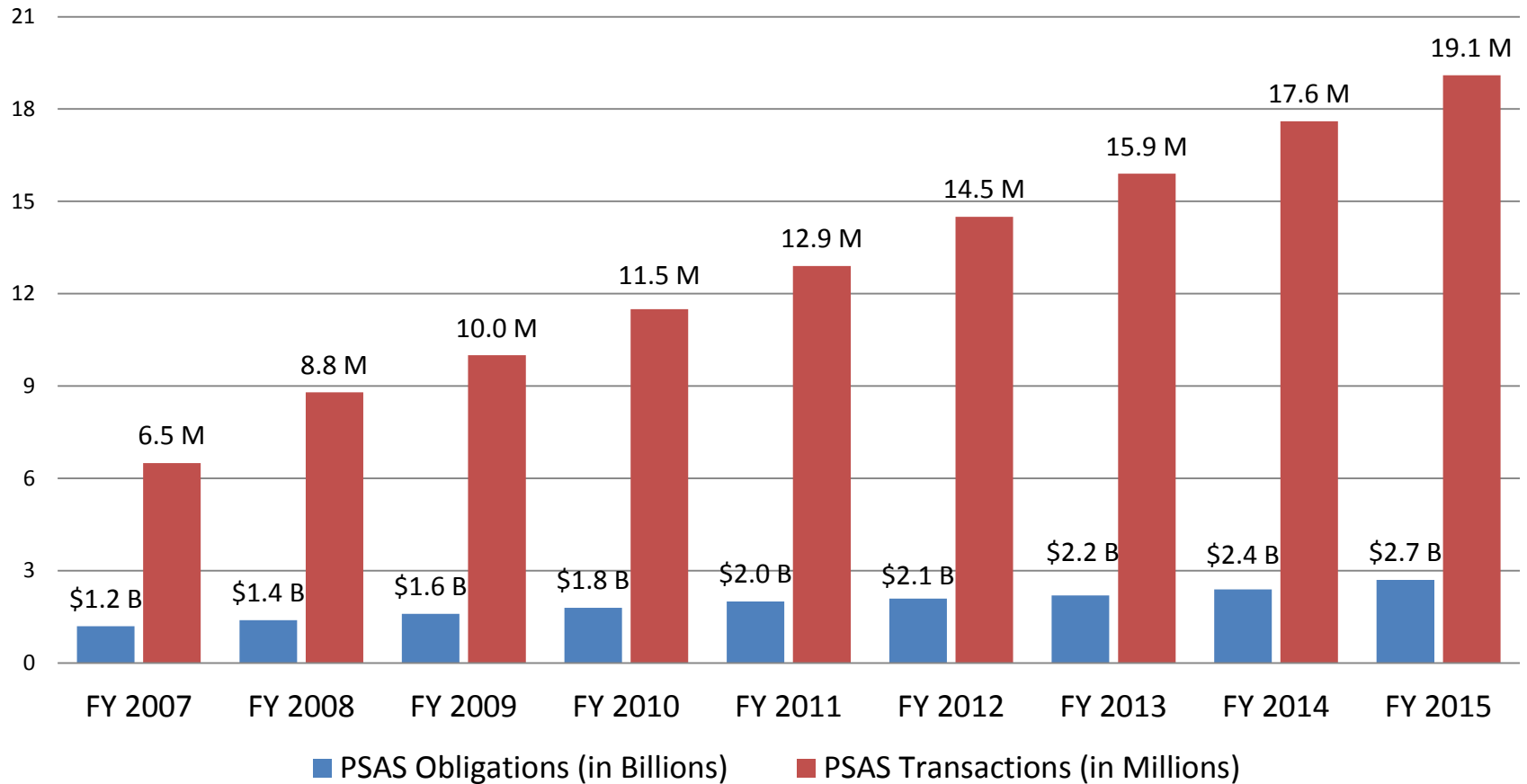
- Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Wheelchairs and Accessories
- Eyeglasses, Blind Aids, Low Vision Aids
- Hearing Aids and Assistive Listening Devices
- Health Monitoring Equipment
- Artificial Limbs/Custom Braces
- Surgical Implants
- Adapted Sports and Recreational Equipment

## Benefit Programs

- Automobile Adaptive Equipment (AAE)
- Clothing Allowance
- Home Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA)

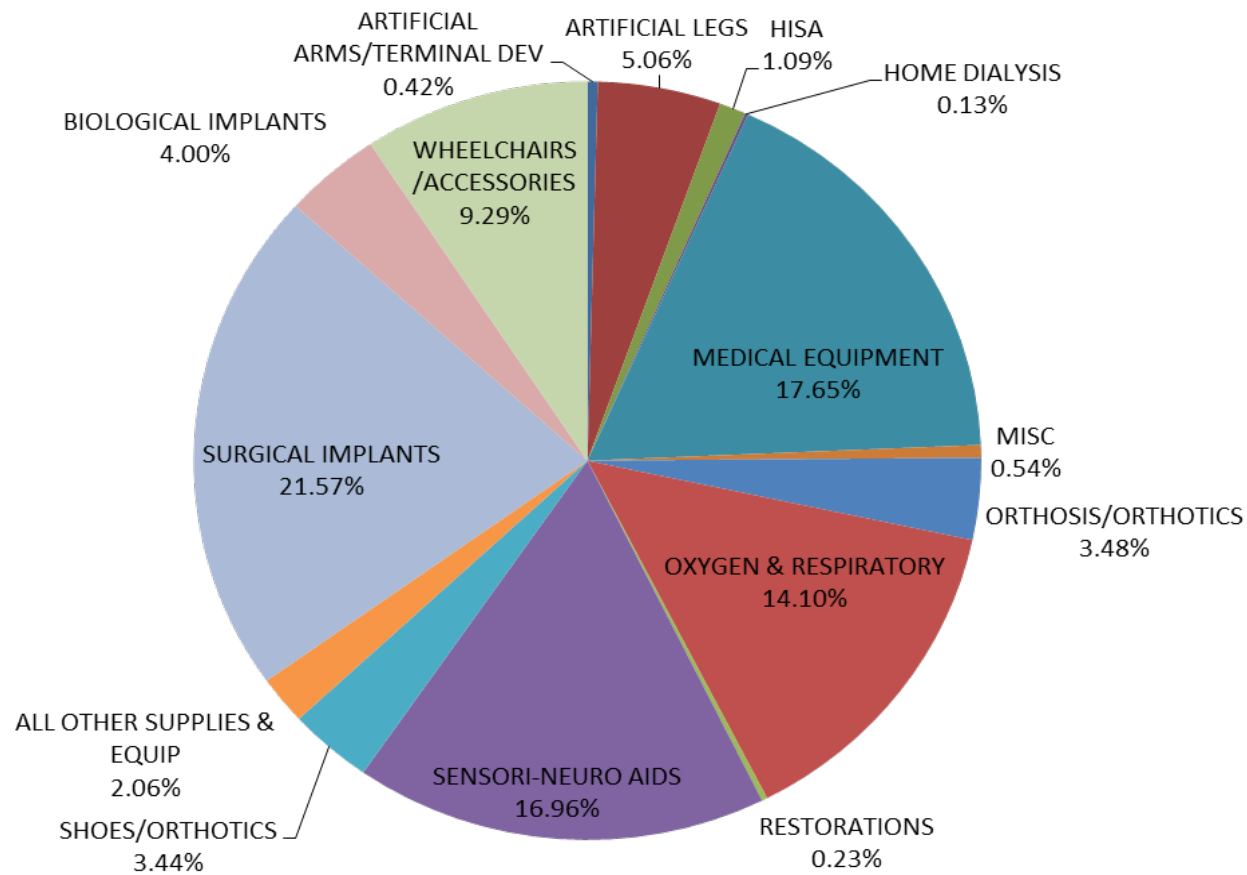


# PSAS Program Scope: Transactions and Costs

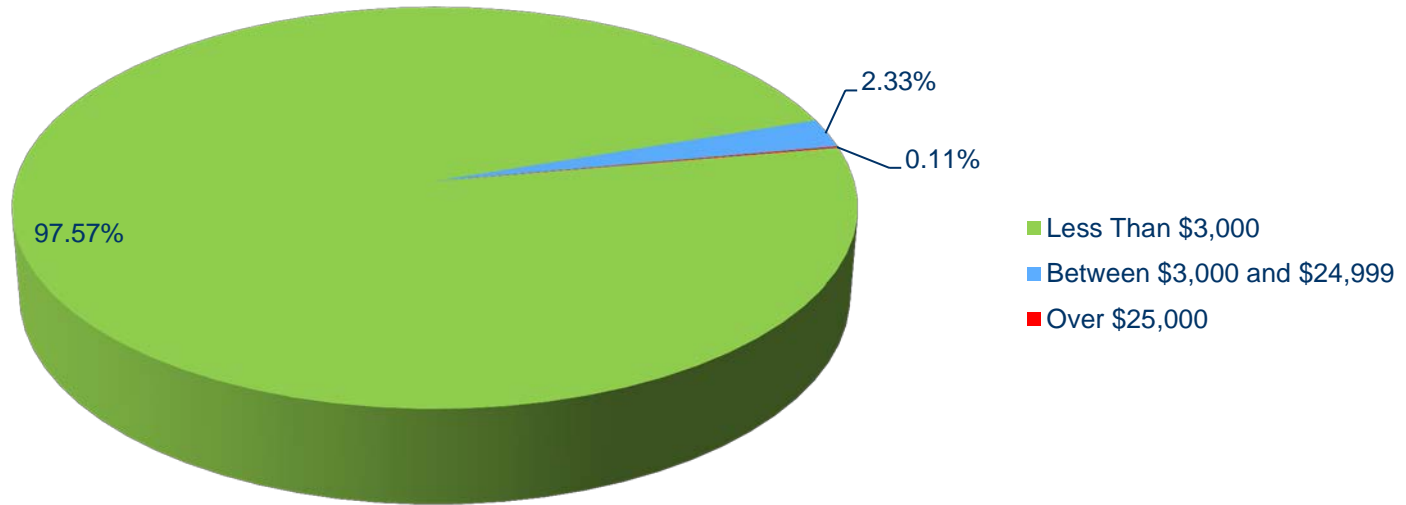




# FY15– Total Cost Breakdown of PSAS Budget



# Prosthetic Patient Specific Purchases by Cost Threshold FY 2015



	Patient Specific Purchases
Less Than \$3,000	3,779,897
Between \$3,000 and \$24,999	90,163
Over \$25,000	4,147



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# Process for Ordering Prosthetic Devices

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- **Veteran** sees a clinical provider or an interdisciplinary team
- **Clinician** writes a prescription to prosthetics for clinically appropriate device / service
- **Prosthetics** facilitates submission of an acquisition plan
  - Prosthetic staff makes sure the needs of Veteran are being met by serving as point of contact
  - Conducts market research related to prosthetic devices and provides expertise regarding sourcing and nomenclature
  - If the order is under \$3,500 Prosthetic staff will purchase the prosthetic devices
  - If the order is over \$3,500, Prosthetic staff compiles and assembles the acquisition plan and uploads to eCMS for contracting action
- **Contracting** receives the acquisition plan and creates a contract award to the vendor
  - Continues market research related to acquisition rules and regulations
  - Completes the eCMS acquisition plan
  - Develops eCMS purchase order action and prepares the contract (SF-1449)
  - Creates the purchase order and obligation of funds
  - Awards the contract and completes the eCMS process



# Implant Pre-authorization Process:

## Pre-procedure:

- **Clinical staff must submit a pre-authorization consult to Prosthetics at the time the procedure is scheduled. The pre-authorization request requires minimum necessary information:**
  - Date of procedure
  - General description of the procedure and implant(s) needed
  - Vendor(s)

### **Why is submitting a Pre-authorization Consult so important?**

→ Submitting a pre-authorization consult prior to obtaining or using an implant(s) protects VA staff from making an unauthorized commitment and prevent personal liability for VA staff.

## Post-procedure:

- **Clinical staff must submit a post-procedure consult to Prosthetics including the exact implant(s) used and all pertinent information.**
  - Date of procedure
  - Vendor
  - Implant
  - HCPC (if available)
  - Quantity
  - Serial/Lot numbers
  - Price (if available)

### **Why is submitting a Post-procedure Consult timely so important?**

→ A post-procedure consult is the official mechanism where we document and communicate the actual implant(s) used during a procedure. This information is required in order for Prosthetics and Contracting staff to pay our vendors timely and correct amount.



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# THANK YOU!

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