

Empower Meets With Congressman Abe Hamadeh on Expanding Care for Veterans in Rural Communities

Empower's Chief Growth Officer joined Rep. Abe Hamadeh for a private dinner in Phoenix to discuss expanding VA compensation and pension examinations and general medical services, so more veterans can get care closer to home.

PHOENIX, Ariz., October 2026 Empower Chief Growth Officer Anthony Conti met with Congressman Abe Hamadeh (R-Ariz.), who represents Arizona's 8th Congressional District and serves on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, over an intimate dinner in Phoenix on Wednesday, October 21. The conversation centered on a practical question: how to give veterans better, more convenient access to care, especially veterans in rural communities who often travel long distances for an examination or a medical appointment.

Conti shared Empower's perspective as a behavioral health and general medicine provider for veterans, and outlined the areas where Empower is advocating in Washington for expanded services:

VA Compensation & Pension (C&P) examinations. Expanding access to timely, high-quality disability examinations, so veterans spend less time waiting and traveling for an appointment.

General medicine (GenMed) services. Expanding general medical examination and care services alongside behavioral health, so a veteran's care stays connected instead of split across separate systems.

Care closer to home. Pairing in-person clinicians with telemedicine, where clinically appropriate, to reach veterans who live far from major medical centers.

The dinner continues a conversation that began in Washington, D.C. in September, when Empower founder and CEO Yisroel Loeb, PhD, met with Rep. Hamadeh and Veterans' Affairs Committee staff about improving disability examinations for veterans. Empower is continuing to work with the Congressman and his office on practical ways to better serve veterans in Arizona and across the country.

Dr. Loeb is in Washington, D.C. this week continuing that work, meeting with several Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) to advance the conversation on expanding services for veterans, including VA C&P examinations and general medicine (GenMed) services.

"Where a veteran lives shouldn't decide how quickly they're seen or how good their care is," said Anthony Conti, Chief Growth Officer of Empower. "Too many veterans in rural communities still drive long distances for an exam or a basic medical appointment. Empower provides in-person care in 43 states and telemedicine in all 50, and we want to put that reach to work for the people who served. We're grateful for the Congressman's time, and we'll keep making the case in Washington for care that is closer, more convenient and built around the veteran."

"Veterans deserve clinicians who understand what they've been through and who treat them like people, not case numbers," said Yisroel Loeb, PhD, founder and chief executive officer of Empower. "As a psychologist, I've seen how much it matters when behavioral health and general medical care work together instead of in separate silos. This week in Washington, I'm sitting down with Veterans Service Organizations that hear from veterans every day, and we'll keep working with them, Congressman Hamadeh's office and others to make that kind of care easier for veterans to reach, wherever they live."

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About Empower

Empower is a clinician-led behavioral health company headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona. Founded by licensed psychologist Yisroel Loeb, PhD, Empower provides connected, human-first health care across personal injury, workers' compensation, VA/C&P evaluations, and clinical behavioral health, through a national network of licensed psychologists and medical providers operating under named clinical leadership. Empower provides in-person care in 43 states and telemedicine in all 50. Empower exists because care should work for the people in it: the patient who needs it, the provider who delivers it, and the partner who makes it possible. Learn more at empowermh.co.

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