

**A note from PremierFMS VA Account Manager, Anderson Alcantara:**

Greetings Readers! Spring is finally here. Say hello to fresh air and goodbye to the blistering cold. You can turn off the heater, open your windows, and enjoy the refreshing Spring breeze. In this quarterly edition of the PremierFMS VA e-Newsletter, you'll get the chance to read some engaging content from our website ([premier-fms.com](https://premier-fms.com)) and get to know me, Anderson Alcantara, the newest member of the Veterans team here at PremierFMS.

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**VA's New Surgery Initiative Set to Reduce Complications**



The VA has introduced a new surgery initiative that has already decreased patient deaths. The initiative is called the Surgical Pause. It's a risk analysis index to test patients for frailty. This initiative helps surgeons create treatment plans that don't put Veterans in danger after surgery.

[Learn about Surgical Pause](#)

## Grant Funding to Aid Utah Veteran DCPs

In Utah, Direct Care Professionals (DCPs) serving Veterans can now receive professional support for their services. DCPs are receiving support from the Salt Lake VA Medical Center's SEARCH project. The project, with the help of Jennifer Morgan, received a \$60,000 grant in January.

[Read More](#)

## PremierFMS Celebrates DDAM in March

It's March and PremierFMS is celebrating Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (DDAM). DDAM has been around since 1987. President Regan dedicated the month to building awareness for individuals with disabilities.

[Celebrate Today](#)

## PremierFMS Celebrates Older Americans Month

May is right around the corner and PremierFMS is looking forward to celebrating Older Americans Month (OAM). OAM is organized each year by the Administration for Community Living (ACL). During the month, the ACL shares ways to celebrate the month by connecting with older adults in your community.

[Learn More](#)



### Did You Know?

PremierFMS is on social media. Click below to follow us and stay up to date with all things PremierFMS.



### Upcoming Events & Conferences

Event	Date & Location	Sign-Up Information
Applied Self-Direction Conference	March 14-15 Marriott Waterfront Baltimore, MD	<a href="#">Register Today</a>



### Quarterly Reader Poll

We want to hear from you! Would you recommend PremierFMS to a friend?

Yes

No

I need more time to decide



## Employee Spotlight - Anderson Alcantara



*"PremierFMS has blessed me with the opportunity of meeting others who share a passion to support our families and participants."*

### Five Things to Know About Anderson:

#### What is Anderson's role at PremierFMS?

Anderson is an Account Manager on the VA team at PremierFMS and has been with us for a little over a month. Last month, Anderson celebrated working a full decade in Self-Direction!

#### What does Anderson like most about working at PremierFMS?

So far, Anderson enjoys how friendly his coworkers are and appreciates how quick everyone is to support him in his new role.

#### What inspires Anderson to help others?

In previous roles, Anderson served as a supports broker where he worked directly in participant's homes. There, he saw firsthand how life-changing self-direction services are.

**At PremierFMS, Anderson** feels blessed to have the opportunity to connect with others who share the same goal of supporting participants and families pursuing independent lives through self-direction.

#### What are Anderson's interests outside of work?

Anderson likes to spend time with family and friends and be outdoors. He enjoys being around anyone he can share a laugh with. Anderson also has a passion for acting and will reenact scripts from his favorite movies and TV shows in his free time.



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