

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.
 VA 2.01 (1)(f) VA 2.01 (1)(n) VA
 2.01 (1)(u)
 Amendment No. if Applicable

- ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

FISCAL ESTIMATE
 DOA-2048 N(R10/94)

Subject
Amending and creating administrative rules relating to the assistance to needy veterans grant program.

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation
 or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb
 Within Agency's Budget Yes No

- Increase Existing Appropriation Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Appropriation Decrease Existing Revenues
 Create New Appropriation

Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs

1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory
 2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

3. Increase Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory
 4. Decrease Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
 Towns Villages Cities
 Counties Others _____
 School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

- GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

\$20.485 2(vm)

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This proposed administrative rule change amends VA 2.01 (1) (f), VA 2.01 (1) (n) and to create VA 2.01 (1) (u) relating to the assistance to needy veterans (ANV) grant program.

The proposed administrative rule establishes the following provisions governing the Health Care Aid Grants (HCAG) under the ANV program:

1. Limit "dental care" not to exceed \$1,500 every 3 years
2. Limit "hearing care" not to exceed \$1,800 per ear every 4 years
3. Establish "vision care" not to exceed \$200 per year

Provisions of 2007 Wisconsin Act 20 eliminated caps for dental care, hearing care and vision care and increased the lifetime cap to \$7,500. Prior to those changes, the annual cap for dental care was \$2,500, \$1,500 per ear for hearing care and \$500 for vision care. The lifetime cap was \$5,000. The authorized funding for the 2007-09 biennium is \$1,492,000. Of that amount, \$1,277,700 was expended in FY08, which left a balance of \$214,300 to cover FY09 payments. As a result, the program was closed in October, 2008. Based on the FY08 usage rate and assuming the proposed rule changes are not enacted, the total estimated HCAG demand for the 2009-11 biennium would be about \$3.6 million. However, based on the proposed rule changes, the estimated demand would be about \$1.5 million for the biennium. Thus the projected biennial savings as a result of the proposed rule changes would be approximately \$2.1 million.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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