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STATE OF WISCONSIN)
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS)



I, Raymond G. Boland, Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs and custodian of the official records of said department do hereby certify that the annexed rules, relating to various benefits available from the Department of Veterans Affairs were duly approved and adopted by the Board of Veterans Affairs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department of Veterans Affairs at 30 W. Mifflin Street, in the city of Madison, Wisconsin this 21st day of April, 1994.

RAYMOND G. BOLAND, SECRETARY

ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CREATING RULES

CREATING RULES

REVISOR OF STATUTE

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs hereby adopts an order to create
Chapter VA 13 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, relating to the veterans

Analysis Prepared By The Department Of Veterans Affairs

Statutory authority: ss.45.35(3) and 45.357, Stats.

Statute interpreted: s.45.357, Stats.

rehabilitation program.

By creating Chapter VA 13 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code the department establishes the need criteria and assistance available under the veterans rehabilitation program authorized at s.45.357, Stats., as created by 1993 Wisconsin Act 16. The rules provide that assistance shall be provided under the terms of a mutual agreement entered into by the department and an eligible veteran.

TEXT OF RULE

Chapter VA 13 is created to read:

VETERANS REHABILITATION PROGRAM

<u>VA 13.01 DEFINITIONS</u>. In this chapter the following terms shall have the designated meanings:

- (1) "Applicant" means a person who requests assistance under the veterans rehabilitation program by filing a written application with the department.
- (2) "Department" means the department of veterans affairs.
- (3) "Veteran" means a veteran as defined in s.45.37(1a), Stats.
- (4) "Veterans rehabilitation program" means the program authorized under s.45.357, Stats.

<u>VA 13.02 ELIGIBILITY.</u> (1) VETERAN STATUS. The department shall verify an applicant's veteran status during the assessment conducted under s. VA 13.03.

(2) NEED FOR ASSISTANCE. Assistance shall be provided to a veteran under the veterans rehabilitation program when the veteran's need for assistance arises because of any of the following circumstances:

- (a) Homelessness or conditions which indicate that the veteran is at risk of becoming homeless.
- (b) Incarceration.
- (c) Unemployment or underemployment which significantly limits a veterans's ability to be self-supporting.
- (d) Affliction with acute or chronic physical or mental health problems which significantly limits a veteran's ability to be self-supporting.
- (3) PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE. A veteran who establishes a need for assistance under s. VA 13.02 shall enter into a written agreement with the department identifying the assistance that the veteran shall receive and the veteran's responsibilities under the veterans rehabilitation program. The department may terminate assistance whenever the veteran fails to fulfill his or her responsibilities under the agreement.

<u>VA 13.03 ASSESSMENT.</u> Each applicant shall be assessed to determine his or her veteran status and need for assistance in the following areas:

- (1) Medical.
- (2) Legal.
- (3) Alcohol and other drug abuse.
- (4) Mental health.
- (5) Vocational.
- (6) Housing.
- (7) Employment.

<u>VA 13.04 ASSISTANCE</u>. Upon completion of an assessment conducted under s. VA 13.03 and pursuant to a written agreement between the department and the eligible veteran the following assistance shall be provided:

(1) Transitional housing.

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(2) Referrals to service providers.

The creation of the rules contained in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register as provided in s.227.22(2)(intro.) Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, February 28, 1994.

Raymond G. Boland, Secretary

State of Wisconsin

Department of Veterans Affairs