

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.
 VA 2.01 (1)(u) VA 2.01 (1)(v) VA
 2.01 (3)(d) VA 2.01 (3)(e) VA
 2.01 (3)(f) VA 2.01 (3)(g)

ORIGINAL UPDATED

FISCAL ESTIMATE CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL
 DOA-2048 N(R10/94)

Amendment No. if Applicable

Subject
 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 creates VA 2.01 (1) (u), VA 2.01 (1) (v), VA 2.01 (3) (d), VA2.01 (3)(e), VA 2.01 (3)(f) and VA 2.01 (3)(g) relating to the assistance to needy veterans grant program that will establish a definition for the vision care assistance and program limitations for the aid offered through the program.

The proposed administrative rule establishes the following provisions governing the grant program:

1. Limit "dental care" not to exceed \$1,400 every 5 years
2. Limit "hearing care" not to exceed \$1,300 per ear every 4 years
3. Establish "vision care" not to exceed \$400 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 hear for hearing care and \$500 for vision care. The lifetime cap was \$5,000. The authorized funding for the 2007-09 biennium was \$1,492,000. Of that amount, expenditures in FY08 were \$1,277,700, which left a balance of \$214,300 to cover FY09 payments. As a result, the program was closed in October, 2008 (FY08-09 expenditures \$1,662,500); the provisions of Act 20 had increased the expenditures more than projected. The authorized funding for 2009-11 biennium is \$1,991,500. However, based on the proposed rule changes the estimated demand is \$1,493,500 (\$711,200+\$782,300) which would decrease expenditures by \$210,550in FY10 and \$287,500 in FY11. Thus the projected biennial savings as a result of the proposed rule changes would be approximately \$498,000.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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