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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, John B. Ellery, Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs and custodian of the official records of said department do hereby certify that the annexed amendment of a rule relating to the providing of subsistence aid to veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder was duly approved and adopted by the Board of Veterans Affairs of the Department of Veterans Affairs on March 18, 1983.

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 Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 18th day of March, 1983.

BY: 

JOHN B. ELLERY, Secretary

ORDER OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
AMENDING A RULE

Relating to the providing of department subsistence aid to veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

ANALYSIS PREPARED BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

VA 2.01(4)(b) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code has been amended to permit the department to make subsistence aid grants for essential budgetary requirements of veterans and the dependents of veterans while such veterans are being treated in Veterans Administration (VA) hospitals for post-traumatic stress disorder even though such veterans might not be employed or receiving income at the time of admission to such hospitals for treatment and to clarify the provision of this paragraph relating to subsistence aid for alcoholism or drug addiction treatment.

Pursuant to authority vested in the Department of Veterans Affairs by s. 45.35(3), Wis. Stats., the Department of Veterans Affairs hereby amends a rule interpreting s. 45.351(1), Wis. Stats., as follows:

Section VA 2.01(4)(b) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code is amended to read:

VA 2.01(4)(b) SUBSISTENCE AID. Subsistence aid shall be provided only on a month-to-month basis and will be limited to 3 months within a 12 month period for the same condition or conditions. When there is evidence that the

disability which causes want or distress can be expected to continue beyond 90 days, veterans or dependents of veterans will be directed to make application for other governmental assistance. Subsistence aid may be provided only when illness or disability, including alcoholism or drug addiction, causing loss of income, results in want or distress or, ~~during periods of treatment of veterans for alcoholism or drug addiction~~ or, even though there is no loss of income, during periods while veterans are being treated in a VA Hospital for ~~post-traumatic stress disorder~~. Except as otherwise provided herein, subsistence aid ~~shall~~ may not include payment of existing debts, loans or credit purchases. Subsistence aid ~~shall~~ may not be granted for the purchase of or payment of luxury or mere convenience items. Subsistence aid for payment of motor vehicle expense, including fuel and repairs and monthly motor vehicle payment if necessary to prevent repossession, may be provided only when use of such motor vehicle is required for medical care, spouse's employment, transportation of children to school or other necessitous reasons during the period of incapacitation.

The amendment contained in this order shall take effect as provided in s. 227.026(1)(intro), Stats.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 18th day of March, 1983.

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BY:


Fred C. Heinle, Chairman
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