

## Chapter VA 2

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**VA 2.01 Grants, not medical relief.** The law, not being intended to operate as a phase of medical relief, has the emergency problem as its prime concern, and the integrity of the trust fund is to be preserved for the alleviation of want and distress.

**VA 2.02 Veteran to use available agencies.** A veteran or his dependent requiring medical treatment or hospitalization will be asked to obtain medical treatment from federal or state agencies or other facilities available if possible. If such treatment is not available, the department may authorize such treatment as will prevent want or distress.

**VA 2.03 State facilities to be used first.** Hospital and medical grants shall not be authorized for care or treatment received outside the boundaries of the state of Wisconsin except in case of emergencies or upon recommendation of the medical advisory committee.

**VA 2.04 Limitation, congenital and chronic conditions.** Unless there are extenuating circumstances, and to prevent want and distress, aid for congenital and chronic conditions will be limited generally to a one-month period, thus providing ample time for other arrangements to be made if necessary.

**VA 2.05 Accident cases.** Aid in meeting medical or hospital bills incidental to accident cases, will be considered only on a temporary emergency basis for a period of not exceeding one month, and when deemed necessary by the director, personal investigation of such cases will be made, and misconduct or lack of compliance with law will preclude favorable consideration.

**VA 2.06 Maternity cases.** Since the emergency angle is rarely present, assistance in maternity cases will not be granted unless there is actual necessity for funds based upon a detailed inventory of the assets of the individual applying.

**VA 2.07 Dental cases.** Only emergency dental assistance will be considered and will be limited to extractions and temporary fillings with occasional plate accessories.

**VA 2.08 Transfer to nursing home.** Transfer of patients from the hospital or home to a properly staffed and equipped nursing home will be made only upon the approval of the attending physician.

**VA 2.09 University hospitals to be used first.** Since university hospitals are an active memorial to veterans, use of such facilities will be given primary consideration under this statute.

**VA 2.10 Prior authorization.** Prior authorization must be obtained for assistance from the department and in emergency cases, notice must be filed with the department within 5 days.

**VA 2.11 Payment of medical bills.** Where payment for medical or hospital bills has been approved by the department, final payment will be made only when medical or hospital statements are submitted in duplicate and completely itemized.

**VA 2.12 Grant based on medical evidence.** No grants will be made until the department has sufficient medical evidence in its files upon which to base such a grant.

**VA 2.13 Authorized rate of payment.** Payments will not be authorized for hospitalization in excess of the rate which could have been obtained from the University hospitals had the veteran been transferred to that institution.