

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS 9

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**VA 2.01 Emergency grants.** (1) **OBJECTIVE.** The department may grant to any eligible Wisconsin veteran or dependent such temporary emergency aid from the veterans trust fund as may be necessary to prevent want or distress.

(2) **SCOPE OF EMERGENCY AID.** Emergency aid to prevent want or distress may be authorized to provide essential medical care, dental care, glasses, shelter, food, clothing, health insurance, travel, moving expenses, and such incidentals as may be deemed necessary. Emergency aid for a student will be construed as assistance that will enable him to successfully pursue his education.

(3) **LIMITATION.** Emergency aid will generally be limited to a one month period.

(4) **USE OF AVAILABLE AGENCIES.** The department may require that the veteran or his dependent requesting assistance obtain medical treatment or other emergency aid required from federal, state, county or local agencies if possible.

(5) **STATE FACILITIES TO BE USED FIRST.** Emergency aid for hospital and medical care received outside the boundaries of the state of Wisconsin may be authorized only in case of an emergency or upon recommendation of the medical advisory committee.

(6) **ACCIDENT CASES.** Aid in meeting medical or hospital bills incidental to an accident case will be considered only on a temporary emergency basis for a period generally not exceeding one month, and where such accident results from willful misconduct emergency aid will not be granted.

(7) **MATERNITY CASES.** Emergency aid in maternity cases may be granted only if want or distress caused by an emergency is established.

(8) **DENTAL CASES.** Emergency aid for dental care will be limited to extractions, fillings and plate repairs.

(9) **PRIOR AUTHORIZATION.** Prior authorization must be obtained for medical and dental assistance from the department, but in emergency cases a valid notice must be filed with the department within 10 days of initial treatment. The proper application must be forwarded thereafter without delay.

(10) **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.

(11) **GRANTS BASED ON EVIDENCE.** Emergency aid will be granted only if the department has sufficient evidence in its files upon which to base such aid. When deemed necessary, direct investigation may be made prior to acting upon an application.

(12) DELINQUENT LOANS NOT A BAR. A delinquent loan shall not bar emergency aid from the department, but such emergency aid shall not be used to retire a department loan.

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**VA 2.02 Educational grants.** (1) CORRESPONDENCE COURSES AND PART-TIME CLASSROOM STUDY. Enrolled part-time classroom study or direct correspondence courses from the University of Wisconsin, the University of Wisconsin Extension Division, or any state college or its extension division or any post high school courses from any school of vocational and adult education established under section 41.15, Wis. Stats., may be authorized and the veteran reimbursed in whole or in part by the department when such courses are related to his occupational, professional, or educational objective, and to the extent that payment or reimbursement is not available from any other source.

(2) TIME FOR APPLYING, REIMBURSEMENT. To be approved an application must be made to the department prior to satisfactory completion of the course or courses for which application for reimbursement is made. The veteran will be reimbursed for the cost of textbooks and fees to the extent authorized, upon the receipt of notice of satisfactory completion from the school.

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