

Chapter VA 2

GRANTS

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VA 2.01 Emergency grants. (1) **OBJECTIVE.** The department may grant to any veteran or eligible dependent such temporary emergency aid from the veterans trust fund or the general 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, department or other professional counseling services for returning Vietnam era veterans in areas of employment, educational or related opportunities, including employment by the department in a limited-term status of such returning Vietnam era veterans on an emergency-aid basis to enhance their educational or employment opportunities, 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 provided, however, that this limitation shall not apply to payments made under the provisions of section 20.485 (2) (e), Wis. Stats., for the employment of returning Vietnam era veterans on an emergency aid basis.

(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.** In cases not involving treatment for an emergency condition prior authorization must be obtained for medical and dental assistance from the department, but in emergency cases assistance may be granted for medical and dental care received within the 10 day period prior to receipt by the department of a valid notice

that treatment has been or is being received for an emergency condition.

(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 any educational institution set forth in section 45.396, Wis. Stats., may be authorized and the veteran reimbursed in whole or in part by the department when such courses are related to such veteran's occupational, professional, or educational objectives, and to the extent that payment or reimbursement specifically for fees and textbooks is not available from any other source, or, in cases where reimbursement is not specifically for fees and textbooks, to the extent that such reimbursement is insufficient to cover all costs incurred in connection with such veteran's educational program, provided, however, that such reimbursement shall not exceed the cost of tuition, fees, and textbooks. Part-time classroom study during a regular college semester, trimester or quarter shall be defined as enrollment by a graduate or professional student in courses for which no more than 7, or enrollment by an undergraduate student in courses for which no more than 11 semester or the equivalent trimester or quarter credits will be given upon satisfactory completion. Any veteran or eligible dependent who has obtained a master's degree or its equivalent shall not be eligible for grants under this section. Any veteran or eligible dependent who has obtained at least a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent but not a master's degree or its equivalent shall not be eligible for grants offered under this section if such veteran has remaining federal veterans administration education benefits. For the purpose of this subsection any student who has received a baccalaureate degree shall be deemed to be a graduate student whether such student is taking graduate or undergraduate courses.

(2) **TIME FOR APPLYING REIMBURSEMENT.** To be approved an application must be received by 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 a notice of satisfactory completion from the school. Reimbursement for fees shall be limited to the fees paid to schools set forth in subsection (1) and such

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reimbursement shall not include the cost or value of meals and lodging which may be included in such fees.

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