ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AMENDING RULES

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs hereby proposes an order to amend VA 2.01 (2) (b) 2., relating to the expenditure limitation for dentures under the health care aid grant program.

ANALYSIS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Statutory authority: sec. 45.35 (3), Stats.

Statute interpreted: sec. 45.351 (1j), Stats.

The amendment of VA 2.01 (2) (b) 2. will enable the Department to expend additional funds for dentures under the health care aid grant program. The demand for dentures under the program is significant. The Department has been forced to close the denture portion of the program within the first month of each fiscal year for the past several years because the funds allocated for dentures for that fiscal year have been committed. Increasing the expenditure limitation to 50% of the appropriated amount will help address this demand while maintaining funding for other covered services.

TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. VA 2.01(2)(b) 2 is amended to read:

VA 2.01 (2) (b) 2. Dental care. Health care aid for dental care shall be limited to extractions, fillings, dentures and denture repairs, unless related to health care provided as a result of accidental injury. The department shall expend not more than $\frac{25\%}{50\%}$ of the total amount appropriated for the health care aid grant program in any fiscal year for the payment of all claims for dentures under s. 45.351 (1j), Stats.

The amendment of the rule contained in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register as provided in s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, June 10, 2003.

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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