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TO: County Veterans Service Offices

SUBJECT: Wisconsin Veterans Homes – New Admission Priorities (effective July 1, 2013) and Application Process

With the passage of the new state biennium budget on July 1, 2013 the Wisconsin residency requirement to be admitted into one of our Wisconsin State Veterans Homes has been eliminated. As in previous years, follow the below-listed “general priorities,” but take special note of the new sub-category priorities which include the criteria for admitting “out-of-state” veterans.

General Priorities:

- First Priority: Veterans (must be a state resident at the time of admission).
- Second Priority: Spouses of veterans (no residency requirement).
- Third Priority: Spouses of deceased veterans, if the spouse was a state resident for at least 12 months preceding application.
- Fourth Priority: Parents of veterans that were killed while on active duty if the parent was a state resident for at least 12 months preceding application.

Sub-category Priorities:

Within each of the above general priorities follow these sub-category priorities:

- (a) provide first priority to state residents who have resided in the state for more than six continuous months before the date of application for membership;
- (b) provide second priority to individuals who are residents on the date of application and who have been residing continuously in the state for a period of six months or less immediately preceding the date of application membership; and
- (c) provide third priority to individuals who are **not Wisconsin residents** on the date of application for membership.

Revised Application Process:

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs has developed a more consumer-friendly application for the Veterans Homes. Effective immediately, please replace any old applications you may have, with the following:

- Revised form WDVA 4006, Applicant Admission Checklist
- Revised form WDVA 4000, Application for Admission
- WDVA 4002 (which has not changed), Authorization for Disclosure of Health Information
- WDVA 1805 (which has not changed), Veterans Residency Affidavit

The most current forms can be found on our website at www.WisVets.com/Forms.

In addition, we will still continue to require a DD214, or similar document, and a birth certificate **OR** other acceptable evidence of the applicant's birth (please refer to the checklist, WDVA 4006, for other acceptable documents/ID's). We will also still be requesting that the applicant submit copies of any Advanced Directives they may have as listed on the bottom portion of the revised WDVA 4006.

If you have any questions regarding the new applications, please feel free to call the Admissions Department at any of the Homes:

- WVH-King (715) 258-4252
- WVH-Union Grove (262) 878-6749
- WVH-Chippewa Falls (715) 720-6629

If you have any questions, please contact Randall Nitschke, NHA Division Administrator of Wisconsin Veterans Homes at (262) 878-6752.