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To: County/Tribal Veterans Service Offices

Subject: Health Care Aid and Subsistence Aid Grants

Effective November 1, 2020, provisions pertaining to the Health Care Aid and Subsistence Aid Grants, formerly the Assistance To Needy Veterans Grant, will change as modified by Emergency Rule 2030, in order to increase accessibility and provide more aid to veterans. The following is an explanation of the changes:

Health Care Aid:

- Household income limit is increased from 180 percent to 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline.
- The time to submit additional documentation upon the department’s request is increased from 30 days to 60 days.
- Aid for dental procedures is increased from \$500 to \$800 in any consecutive 12-month period.
- Aid for extended dental care, which includes dentures, is increased from \$1,875 for one or \$3,750 for both in any consecutive 48-month period to \$4,000 in any consecutive 24-month period*.
- The time period that a veteran must wait to again be eligible for assistance for a hearing aid is shortened from 48 to 24 months*.
- The time limit for a provider to submit a request for an extension to a description of benefits is increased from 7 days to 14 days prior to the expiration date on the description of benefits.

Subsistence Aid:

- The time to apply following the verified loss of income is increased from 91 days to 12 months.
- An application shall list the applicant’s household living expenses for the six months immediately preceding the date of the application.
- The time to submit additional documentation upon the department’s request is increased from 30 days to 60 days.
- The household income limit is increased from 180 percent to 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline.

Based on the increase in the percentage of the federal poverty guideline to qualify for the Subsistence Aid and Health Care Grant to 200 percent, the new income limits for 2020 are listed in the table below.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	200% of FPG	
	ANNUAL	MONTHLY
1	\$25,520	\$2,127
2	\$34,480	\$2,873
3	\$43,440	\$3,620
4	\$52,440	\$4,367
5	\$61,360	\$5,113
6	\$70,320	\$5,860
7	\$79,280	\$6,607
8	\$88,240	\$7,353
Each Additional	\$8,064	\$672

Text of Emergency Rule 2030 may be found here:

https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/register/2020/776b/register/emr/emr2030_rule_text/emr2030_rule_text.



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For questions regarding the Veterans Assistance Grant program, please submit an email to vetsbenefitsgrants@dva.wisconsin.gov or call 1-800-947-8387.

*If services were provided prior to November 1, 2020, a veteran will not be eligible for those same services unless or until two years have passed from the date services were provided. For example:

- On June 3, 2020, services were provided for upper/lower dentures – veteran **is not eligible** to apply for and receive the same care beginning November 1, 2020. Veteran would be eligible June 3, 2022.
- On July 2, 2018, services were provided for upper/lower dentures – veteran **is eligible** to apply for and receive the same care on or after November 1, 2020.