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TO: County/Tribal Veterans Service Offices

SUBJECT: Assistance to Needy Veterans Grants (ANVG) Applicant Submissions

IMPORTANT: The \$1,000 household liquid asset limit **ONLY** applies to the Assistance to Needy Veterans Grant (ANVG) Health Care Aid. The ANVG Subsistence Aid program has a different criteria to determine if a veteran's assets make the veteran ineligible. For the ANVG Subsistence Aid program a veteran is not eligible if the veteran has other assets or income available to meet basic subsistence needs.

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) implemented an enhancement to the myWisVets Veterans Self-Service Portal effective August 7, 2018. This enhancement enables the Veteran to apply online for the Subsistence Aid and Health Care Aid portions of the ANVG.

These applications will still be submitted to the appropriate County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) or Tribal Veterans Service Office (TVSO). Your office will receive two e-mail notifications: 1) when a new ANVG application is started electronically through myWisVets, and 2) each time an ANVG application is completed and submitted electronically through myWisVets. After submitting their ANVG applications through myWisVets, Veterans will be directed to contact their CVSO/TVSO in order to provide the necessary supporting documentation.

There are no other changes to the role the CVSO/TVSO plays in the application process.

The following steps outline the ANVG submission from myWisVets to VBATS:

- 1) The Veteran logs into his or her myWisVets account and submits an ANVG application (either a Health Care Aid or a Subsistence Aid application). The Veteran must select a county to process the application.
- 2) The CVSO office, selected by the Veteran in step #1, receives an email notification of a new ANVG application in VBATS with a status of 'CVSO Review'.
- 3) The CVSO logs into VBATS, takes ownership of the ANVG application, completes the application, and submits the application to WDVA.

For questions regarding the ANVG program, please submit an email to VetsBenefitsGrants@dva.wisconsin.gov.

For any questions regarding the use of myWisVets, please submit an email to WisVets@dva.wisconsin.gov.