

**35D.5 Surviving spouses of veterans.**

If a deceased veteran, who would be entitled to admission to the home if the deceased veteran were living, has left a surviving spouse, the spouse is entitled to admission to the home with the same rights, privileges, and benefits as if the veteran were living and a member of the home, if the spouse was married to the veteran for at least one year immediately prior to the veteran's death, is found by the department to be disabled, meets the qualifications for nursing or residential level of care, and is a resident of the state of Iowa on the date of the application and immediately preceding the date the application is accepted.

[C97, §2606; S13, §2606; C24, 27, 31, 35, §3366; C39, §**3384.05**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §219.5]

[84 Acts, ch 1277, §5](#)

C93, §35D.5

[2013 Acts, ch 36, §4](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §2178](#)

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