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CHAPTER 1
ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES

[Prior to 6/21/91, see Veterans Affairs Department[841] Chs 1, 3, 5]
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801—1.1(35,35A,35D) Definitions. The following definitions are unique to the department of veterans affairs:

“Annual school of instruction” means annual classroom certification and recertification training sponsored by the department for county veteran service officers to meet accreditation requirements of the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO), in addition to any other training prescribed by the commandant.

“Armed forces graves” means graves of any individuals who die during or after discharge from honorable service in the army, navy, air force, marines, merchant marines, coast guard, or as a federally activated reservist or member of the national guard, and are buried within the state of Iowa.

“Cemetery” means the Iowa Veterans Cemetery.

“Certificate of training” means a certificate provided to a county veteran service officer upon satisfactory completion of an annual school of instruction.

“Commandant” means the director of the Iowa department of veterans affairs.

“Commission” means the Iowa commission of veterans affairs.

“Commissioner” means a member of the Iowa commission of veterans affairs.

“County commission” means a county commission of veteran affairs.

“County commissioner” means a member of a county commission of veteran affairs.

“County veteran service officer” means an executive director or administrator of a county commission.

“Department” means the Iowa department of veterans affairs.

“Executive director” means the executive director of the Iowa department of veterans affairs.

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801—1.2(35,35A,35D) Commission. The commission is established and operates in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 35A.

1.2(1) Office location. The commission maintains its office at the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs at Camp Dodge. The mailing address is: Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs, c/o Camp Dodge, Building 3465, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, Johnston, Iowa 50131-1824. The telephone number is (515)727-4698 or 1-800-838-4692 (1-800-VET-IOWA).

1.2(2) Meetings and conduct of business.

a. Meetings. Regular meetings of the commission shall be held four times a year during the months of January, April, July, and September at 10 a.m. Notice of the time, place, and tentative agenda of all meetings shall be posted on the bulletin board located in the office of the governor 24 hours prior to the meeting. The agenda for each meeting shall include a reasonable time period for public comment. Special meetings shall be held pursuant to call by the chairperson. Notice of time and place shall be posted in the same manner as a regular meeting.

b. A quorum shall consist of two-thirds of the membership appointed and qualified to vote.

c. A quorum is required to carry a position.

d. Copies of minutes shall be kept on file in the office of the department.

e. In cases not covered by these rules, Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern.

f. An equal number of meetings shall be conducted at Camp Dodge and the Iowa Veterans Home.

1.2(3) Duties. The duties of the commission are as follows:

a. Organize and annually select a chairperson, a senior vice-chairperson and a junior vice-chairperson at the first meeting of each state fiscal year.

b. Supervise the commandant’s administration of commission policy for the operation and conduct of the Iowa Veterans Home as set out in rule 801—1.4(35A,35D) and 801—Chapter 10.

c. Review proposed administrative rules submitted by the department concerning the management and operation of the department. Unless the commission votes to disapprove a proposed rule on a two-thirds vote at the earlier of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the commission or a special meeting of the commission called by the commission within 30 days of the date the proposed rule is submitted, the department may proceed to adopt the rule.

d. Advise and make recommendations to the department, the general assembly, and the governor concerning issues involving and impacting veterans in this state.

e. Advise and make recommendations to the general assembly and the governor concerning the management and operation of the department.

f. Conduct an equal number of meetings at Camp Dodge and the Iowa Veterans Home. The agenda for each meeting shall include a reasonable time period for public comment.

g. Administer the Iowa veterans trust fund pursuant to 801—Chapter 14, Iowa Administrative Code.

h. Maintain and authorize expenditures from the veterans license fee fund to fulfill the responsibilities of the commission pursuant to Iowa Code section 35A.11.

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801—1.3(35,35A) Executive director. The executive director is responsible for administering the duties of the department and the commission other than those related to the Iowa Veterans Home.

1.3(1) Office location and hours. The office of the executive director is located at Camp Dodge, Building 3465, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, Johnston, Iowa 50131-1824. The office is open to the public during the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except Saturday, Sunday, and holidays. The telephone number is (515)252-4698 or 1-800-838-4692 (1-800-VET-IOWA).

1.3(2) Administrative staff. The executive director provides direction to administrative staff employed by the department to assist the executive director in carrying out assigned duties.

1.3(3) Investigation of applications. The executive director shall examine all applications and approve or disapprove same and make any investigation necessary to establish facts regarding veterans service status and veterans affairs data in accordance with Iowa Code chapters 35 and 35A.

1.3(4) Duties. The duties of the department are as follows:

a. Maintain and disseminate information to veterans and the public regarding facilities, benefits, and services available to veterans and their families and assist veterans and their families in obtaining such benefits and services.

b. Maintain information and data concerning the military service of Iowa veterans.

c. Assist county veteran affairs commissions established pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 35B. The department shall provide to county commissions suggested uniform benefits and administrative procedures for carrying out the functions and duties of the county commissions. The department shall also ensure compliance of county commissions with required office hours.

d. Permanently maintain the records including certified records of bonus applications for awards paid from the war orphans educational fund under Iowa Code chapter 35.

e. Collect and maintain information concerning veterans affairs.

f. Assist the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the Iowa Veterans Home, funeral directors, and federally chartered veterans service organizations in providing information concerning veterans' service records and veterans affairs data.

g. Maintain alphabetically a permanent registry of the graves of all persons who served in the military, naval, or merchant marine forces of the United States in time of war and whose mortal remains rest in Iowa.

h. Administer or conduct one school for training of county veteran service officers and another for county commissioners of veteran affairs pursuant to Iowa Code section 35A.5(6). At the discretion of the commandant, training for newly appointed county veteran services officers may also be conducted. Training provided for veteran service officers will include courses accredited through the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers as well as other subjects at the discretion of the commandant, who will certify satisfactory completion. The training shall ensure that each county veteran service officer is proficient in the use of electronic mail, general computer use, and use of the Internet to access information regarding facilities, benefits, and services available to veterans and their families.

- i.* Establish and operate a state veterans cemetery pursuant to Iowa Code section 35A.5, subsection 10.
- j.* Authorize the sale, trade, or transfer of veterans commemorative property pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 37A and 801—Chapter 15, Iowa Administrative Code.
- k.* Adopt rules pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 17A and establish policy for the management and operation of the department. Prior to adopting rules, the department shall submit proposed rules to the commission for review pursuant to the requirements of Iowa Code section 35A.3.
- l.* Provide information requested by the commission concerning the management and operation of the department and the programs administered by the department.
- m.* Carry out the policies of the department.

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801—1.4(35A,35D) Commandant. The commandant is responsible for administering and enforcing all rules adopted by the commission pertaining to the operation of the Iowa Veterans Home.

1.4(1) Office location and hours. The office of the commandant is located in the Sheeler Building at the Iowa Veterans Home, 1301 Summit, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158-5485. The office is open to the public during the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except Saturday, Sunday, and holidays. The telephone number is (515)752-1501. In cases of emergencies after hours, the commandant or designee may be reached at that telephone number.

1.4(2) Biennial report. The commandant shall make a full and detailed report biennially regarding matters pertaining to the Iowa Veterans Home in accordance with Iowa Code section 35D.17.

801—1.5(35A) Iowa Veterans Cemetery. The department shall operate and administer the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in accordance with United States Department of Veterans Affairs' standards.

1.5(1) Operation and maintenance. The cemetery shall be operated and maintained in accordance with national standards set forth in Title 38 U.S.C. Chapter 24.

1.5(2) Application for interment. The department shall provide veterans and their eligible dependents with a standardized application for interment at the cemetery. This application is available at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery, 34024 Veterans Memorial Drive, Adel, Iowa 50003-3300; the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, Camp Dodge, Building 3465, Johnston, Iowa 50131-1824; or online at www.va.iowa.gov/vetcemetery/index.html.

1.5(3) Eligibility. The department shall make eligibility for interment determinations consistent with Title 38 U.S.C. Chapter 24. State residency shall not be considered a component of eligibility.

1.5(4) Appeal rights.

a. Final agency action. Eligibility determinations made by the cemetery director shall be the final decision of the department.

b. Judicial review. Judicial review of the department's decision may be sought in accordance with Iowa Code section 17A.19.

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801—1.6 Reserved.

ARMED FORCES GRAVES REGISTRATION

801—1.7(35A,35B) Armed forces graves registration. Armed forces graves registration shall be completed as follows:

1.7(1) Duties of the funeral director. The funeral director who contracts to inter the deceased veteran shall complete Armed Forces Graves Registration Record, Form 582-1002, in duplicate, forwarding the original and copy to the county commission.

1.7(2) Duties of the county commission. The county commission shall record the information alphabetically, and by description of location in the cemetery where the veteran is buried, in a book prescribed by the commission and kept for that purpose in the office of the county commission. The county

commission shall forward the original Armed Forces Graves Registration Record to the executive director at the address provided in subrule 1.3(1).

1.7(3) *Where filed.* The original Armed Forces Graves Registration Record shall be filed at the office of the executive director.

1.7(4) *Forms.* Additional Armed Forces Graves Registration Record forms may be obtained by contacting the executive director's office in accordance with subrule 1.3(1).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 35A.3 and 35B.19.

801—1.8 and 1.9 Reserved.

WAR ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL AID

801—1.10(35,35A) War orphans educational aid. Rescinded IAB 2/28/07, effective 1/29/07.

MERCHANT MARINE WAR BONUS

801—1.11(35) Merchant marine war bonus. The merchant marine war bonus shall be administered in accordance with 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 180, sections 2 and 5.

1.11(1) *Eligibility.* This rule applies to former members of the active, oceangoing merchant marines who served during World War II at any time between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, both dates inclusive, and who had maintained residence in this state for a period of at least six months immediately before entering the merchant marine service, and who were discharged under honorable conditions.

1.11(2) *Application procedures.* The application is available at the department of veterans affairs. The application may be submitted to the department with name, address and telephone number, along with required document DD-214.

1.11(3) *Department processing and investigation.*

a. The time period for filing applications shall begin on July 1, 1999.

b. The executive director of the department of veterans affairs will approve or disapprove the application.

1.11(4) *Appeals procedure.* Decisions of the executive director are subject to review by the commission. Applicants may appeal the decisions of the commission as provided by Iowa Code section 17A.19.

1.11(5) *Office address.* The office of the department of veterans affairs is located at 7105 NW 70th Avenue, Camp Dodge, Building 3465, Johnston, Iowa 50131-1824.

1.11(6) *Qualified recipient and amount of payment.* The former merchant marine or surviving unmarried widow or widower, child or children, mother, father, or person standing in loco parentis, in the order named and none other, of any deceased person, shall be paid and entitled to receive from moneys appropriated for that purpose the sum of \$12.50 for each month that the person was on active duty in the merchant marine service, all before December 31, 1946, not to exceed a total sum of \$500.

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801—1.12 to 1.14 Reserved.

801—1.15(35A,35B) Training for county commissions. Rescinded IAB 6/3/09, effective 7/8/09. [See 801—Chapter 7.]

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CHAPTER 2
PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

[Prior to 8/21/91, see Veterans Affairs Department[841] Ch 2]

[Prior to 1/6/93, see Veterans Affairs Division[613] Ch 2]

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The Iowa commission of veterans affairs hereby adopts, with the following exceptions and amendments, the Uniform Administrative Rules pertaining to petitions for rule making which are printed in the first volume of the Iowa Administrative Code.

801—2.1(17A) Petition for rule making.

In lieu of the words “(designate office)”, insert “the office of the executive director. This office is located at Camp Dodge, Building 3465, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, Johnston, Iowa 50131-1824”.

In lieu of the words “(agency name)”, insert “Iowa commission of veterans affairs”.

2.1(3) The executive director shall notify the chairperson of the commission that the petition has been filed.

[ARC 3341C, IAB 9/27/17, effective 11/1/17]

801—2.3(17A) Inquiries.

In lieu of the words “(designate official by full title and address)”, insert “the executive director at Camp Dodge, Building 3465, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, Johnston, Iowa 50131-1824. The telephone number is (515)252-4698”.

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CHAPTER 3
DECLARATORY RULINGS

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The Iowa commission of veterans affairs hereby adopts, with the following exceptions and amendments, the Uniform Administrative Rules pertaining to declaratory rulings which are printed in the first Volume of the Iowa Administrative Code.

801—3.1(17A) Petition for declaratory ruling.

In lieu of the words “(designate office)”, insert “the office of the executive director. This office is located at Camp Dodge, Building 3465, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, Johnston, Iowa 50131-1824”.

In lieu of the words “(agency name)”, insert “Iowa commission of veterans affairs”.

At the end of this rule, insert “The executive director shall notify the chairperson of the commission that the petition has been filed.”

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801—3.3(17A) Inquiries.

In lieu of the words “(designate official by full title and address)”, insert “the executive director at Camp Dodge, Building 3465, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, Johnston, Iowa 50131-1824. The telephone number is (515)252-4698”.

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CHAPTER 4
AGENCY PROCEDURE FOR RULE MAKING

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The Iowa commission of veterans affairs hereby adopts, with the following exceptions and amendments, the Uniform Administrative Rules pertaining to procedures for agency rule making which are printed in the first Volume of the Iowa Administrative Code.

801—4.3(17A) Public rule-making docket.

4.3(2) In lieu of the words “(commission, board, council, director)”, insert “Iowa commission of veterans affairs”.

801—4.4(17A) Notice of proposed rule making.

4.4(3) In lieu of the words “(specify time period)”, insert “one year”.

801—4.5(17A) Public participation.

4.5(1) In lieu of the words “(identify office and address)”, insert “the office of the executive director. This office is located in Building 3465 at Camp Dodge, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, Johnston, Iowa 50131-1824”.

[ARC 3341C, IAB 9/27/17, effective 11/1/17]

801—4.6(17A) Regulatory flexibility analysis.

4.6(3) In lieu of the words “(designate office)”, insert “the office of the executive director. This office is located in Building 3465 at Camp Dodge, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, Johnston, Iowa 50131-1824”.

[ARC 3341C, IAB 9/27/17, effective 11/1/17]

801—4.11(17A) Concise statement of reasons.

4.11(1) General.

In lieu of the words “(specify office and address)”, insert “the office of the executive director. This office is located in Building 3465 at Camp Dodge, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, Johnston, Iowa 50131-1824”.

[ARC 3341C, IAB 9/27/17, effective 11/1/17]

801—4.13(17A) Agency rule-making record.

4.13(2) Contents.

In lieu of the words “(agency head)”, insert “chairperson of the commission of veterans affairs”.

801—4.14(17A,35D) Uniform waiver rule.

4.14(1) To the extent a waiver or variance is consistent with applicable statute, constitutional provision, or other provision of law, the commission of veterans affairs may issue an order, in response to the timely filing of a completed petition or on its own motion, granting a waiver or variance, in whole or in part, from the requirements of a rule under the jurisdiction of said commission, as applied to the circumstances of a specified person, if the commission finds clear and convincing evidence of all of the following:

- a.* The application of the rule to the person at issue would result in undue hardship to that person; and
- b.* The provisions of a rule subject to a petition for a waiver or variance are not specifically mandated by statute or another provision of law; and
- c.* The waiver of the rule in the specific case would not prejudice the substantial legal rights of any person; and
- d.* Substantially equal protection of public health, safety and welfare will be afforded by a means other than that prescribed in the rule for which the waiver or variance is requested.

The decision on whether the circumstances justify the granting of a waiver or variance shall be made at the discretion of the chairperson of the commission of veterans affairs based on the unique, individual circumstances set out in the petition and upon consideration of all relevant factors.

4.14(2) A waiver or variance, if granted, shall be drafted by the commission so as to provide the narrowest exception possible to the provisions of the rule. The commission may place any condition on a waiver or variance that the commission finds desirable to protect the public health, safety and welfare. A waiver or variance shall not be permanent, unless the petitioner can show that a temporary waiver or variance would be impracticable. If a temporary waiver or variance is granted, there is no automatic right to renewal. At the sole discretion of the agency, a waiver or variance may be renewed if the agency finds that all of the factors set out in subrule 4.14(1) remain valid.

4.14(3) The burden of persuasion rests with the person who petitions the commission for the waiver or variance of a rule.

4.14(4) This uniform waiver rule shall not preclude the commission from granting waivers or variances in other contexts or on the basis of other standards if the statute or other rules authorize it to do so and the commission deems it appropriate to do so.

801—4.15(17A,35D) Procedures for granting waivers.

4.15(1) Any person may file a petition with the commission of veterans affairs requesting a waiver, in whole or in part, of a commission rule on the grounds that the application of the rule to the particular circumstances of that person justifies a waiver under this uniform waiver rule. The commission chairperson shall receive written petitions.

4.15(2) A petition for a waiver shall include the following information where applicable and known to the person requesting the waiver:

a. The name, address, and case number or state identification number of the entity or person for whom a waiver is requested.

b. A description and citation of the specific rule from which a waiver is requested.

c. The specific waiver requested, including the precise scope and operative period that the waiver will extend.

d. The relevant facts that the petitioner believes would justify a waiver. This statement shall include a signed statement from the petitioner attesting to the accuracy of the facts provided in the petition and a statement of reasons that the petitioner believes will justify a waiver.

e. A history of the commission's action relative to the petitioner.

f. Any information regarding the commission's treatment of similar cases, if known.

g. The name, address, and telephone number of any person inside or outside state government who would be adversely affected by the granting of the petition or who otherwise possesses knowledge of the matter with respect to the waiver request.

h. Signed releases of information authorizing persons with knowledge regarding the request to furnish the commission with information pertaining to the waiver.

4.15(3) The procedural guidelines stated under the Iowa Administrative Procedure Act, Iowa Code chapter 17A, shall govern the form, filing, timing and contents of petitions for the waivers of rules and the procedural rights of persons in relation to such petitions.

4.15(4) The commission shall acknowledge a petition upon receipt. The petitioner shall serve notice on all persons to whom notice is required by any provision of law and provide a written statement to the commission attesting that notice has been served.

4.15(5) Prior to issuing an order granting or denying a waiver request, the commission may request additional information from the petitioner relative to the application and surrounding circumstances.

4.15(6) An order granting or denying a request for waiver shall be in writing and contain a reference to the particular person and rule or portion thereof to which the order pertains, a statement of the relevant facts and reasons upon which that action is based, and a description of the precise scope and operative period of the waiver if one is issued. The commission shall grant or deny a petition for the waiver of all or a portion of a rule as soon as practicable but, in any event, shall do so within 120 days of its receipt, unless the petitioner agrees to a later date. However, if a waiver petition has been filed in a contested case proceeding, the agency shall grant or deny the petition no later than the time at which the final decision in that contested case is issued. Failure of the commission to grant or deny such a petition within the required time period shall be deemed a denial of that petition by the commission.

4.15(7) Within seven days of its issuance, any order issued under the uniform waiver rule shall be transmitted to the petitioner or the person to whom the order pertains and to any other person entitled to such notice by any provision of law.

4.15(8) Subject to the provisions of Iowa Code section 17A.3(1)“e,” the commission shall maintain a record of all orders granting and denying requests for waivers under this uniform waiver rule. The records shall be indexed by rule and available for public inspection.

4.15(9) Within 60 days of granting or denying a waiver, the commission shall make a submission on the Internet site established pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.9A for the submission of waiver information. The submission shall identify the rules for which a waiver has been granted or denied, the number of times a waiver was granted or denied for each rule, a citation to the statutory provisions implemented by these rules, a general summary of the reasons justifying the commission’s actions on the waiver requests and, to the extent practicable, detailing the extent to which the granting of a waiver has affected the general applicability of the rule itself and established a precedent for additional waivers.

4.15(10) The provisions of rules 801—4.14(17A,35D) and 801—4.15(17A,35D) shall not apply to rules that define the meaning of a statute or other provisions of law or precedent if the commission does not possess delegated authority to bind the courts to any extent with its definition and do not authorize the commission to waive any requirement created or duty imposed by statute.

4.15(11) After the commission issues an order granting a waiver, the order is a defense within its terms and the specific facts indicated therein for the person to whom the order pertains in any proceeding in which the rule in question is invoked.

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CHAPTER 5
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CHAPTER 6
FAIR INFORMATION PRACTICES

[Prior to 8/21/91, see Veterans Affairs Department[841] Ch 4]

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The Iowa commission of veterans affairs hereby adopts, with the following exceptions and amendments, the Uniform Administrative Rules pertaining to fair information practices which are printed in the first Volume of the Iowa Administrative Code.

801—6.1(17A,22) Definitions. The commission adopts the definitions in the Uniform Rules with the noted amendments and those additional definitions listed below.

“*Agency*”. In lieu of the words “(official or body issuing these rules)”, insert “Iowa commission of veterans affairs”.

“*Client*” means a person who has applied for or receives services or assistance from the agency.

“*Custodian*” means the agency or person lawfully delegated authority by the agency to act for the agency in implementing Iowa Code chapter 22. For Iowa Veterans Home records, the custodian is the commandant. For all other commission records, the custodian is the executive director.

“*Legal representative*” means a person recognized by law as standing in the place of or representing the interests of another for one or more purposes. For example, guardians, conservators, attorneys, next-of-kin, executors, or administrators for a deceased person are legal representatives for certain purposes.

“*Mental health information*” means oral, written, or otherwise recorded information which indicates the identity of a person receiving professional services, as defined in Iowa Code section 228.1(5), and which relates to diagnosis, course, or treatment of the person’s mental or emotional condition. Mental or emotional conditions include mental illness, mental retardation, degenerative neurological conditions, and any other condition identified in professionally recognized diagnostic manuals for mental disorders.

“*Substance abuse information*” means information which indicates the identity, diagnosis, prognosis or treatment of any person in an alcohol or drug abuse program.

801—6.3(17A,22) Request for access to records.

6.3(1) Location of record. A request for access to a record pertaining to the Iowa Veterans Home should be addressed to the Commandant, Iowa Veterans Home, 1301 Summit, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158-5485. For all other commission records, or if the location of the record is unknown by the requester, the request for access to a record shall be directed to the Executive Director, Camp Dodge, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, Johnston, Iowa 50131-1824. If the request for access to a record is misdirected, agency personnel will promptly forward the request to the appropriate person within the agency.

6.3(2) Office hours. In lieu of the words “(insert customary office hours and, if agency does not have customary office hours of at least thirty hours per week, insert hours specified in Iowa Code section 22.4)”, insert “8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays”.

6.3(7) Supervisory fee.

In lieu of the words “(specify time period)”, insert “one-half hour”.

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801—6.6(17A,22) Procedure by which additions, dissents, or objections may be entered into certain records.

In lieu of the words “(designate office)”, insert “office of the Iowa commission of veterans affairs”.

801—6.7(17A,22) Consent to disclosure by the subject of a confidential record. To the extent permitted by any applicable provision of law, a person who is the subject of a confidential record may have a copy of the portion of that record concerning the subject disclosed to a third party. A request for such a disclosure must be in writing and must identify the particular record or records that may be disclosed, and the particular person or class of persons to whom the record may be disclosed and the time period during

which the record may be disclosed. The person who is the subject of the record and, where applicable, the person to whom the record is to be disclosed, may be required to provide proof of identity.

No confidential information about clients of the agency shall be released without the client's consent, except as provided in rule 801—6.10(17A,22). Release of information includes:

1. Granting access to or allowing the copying of a record,
2. Providing information either in writing or orally, or
3. Acknowledging information to be true or false.

6.7(1) Forms.

a. General. Agency forms are to be used for releases by the subject as noted below. However, information may be released with authorization on a form from another source providing that such meets the requirements of law.

b. Obtaining information from a third party. The Iowa Veterans Home is required to obtain information to establish eligibility, provide services and determine charges. Requests to third parties for this information involve release of confidential identifying information about clients. Consent to Release of Information, Form 475-0859, is used for releases by the subject.

c. Disclosure of information to a third party. At the request of the subject, the Iowa Veterans Home releases information to third parties. Form 475-0859, Consent to Release of Information, or Form 475-0700, Release of Condition Information, is used, depending on the nature of the authorization.

d. Mental health and substance abuse information. Mental health or substance abuse information can be released only by completion of the specific authorization section of Form 475-0859 or a similar form from another source that meets the requirements of law.

e. Photographs or videotapes. Form 475-1073, Authorization to Take and Use Photographs/Videotapes, is used for permission to use photographs or videotapes for the purposes specified on the form.

6.7(2) Exceptions to use of forms.

a. Counsel. Appearance of counsel before the agency on behalf of a person who is the subject of a confidential record is deemed to constitute consent for the agency to disclose records about that person to the person's attorney.

b. Public official. A letter from the subject to a public official which seeks the official's intervention on behalf of the subject in a matter that involves the agency shall be treated as an authorization to release information. The agency shall release sufficient information about the subject to the official to resolve the matter.

c. Medical emergency. Agency staff may authorize release of confidential information to medical personnel in a medical emergency if the subject is unable to give or withhold consent. As soon as possible after the release of information, the subject shall be advised of the release.

d. Abuse information. Consent to release information is not required to report suspected dependent adult abuse.

6.7(3) Consent by subject's legal representative.

a. Exercise of right. The subject's rights under this rule may also be exercised by the subject's legal representative, except as provided in paragraph 6.7(3)"b."

b. Exceptions.

(1) Scope of authority. Legal representatives may act only within the scope of their authority. For example, court-appointed conservators and protective payees appointed by an agency shall have access to and authority to release the following information only:

1. Name and address of client.
2. Amounts of assistance or type of financial services received.
3. Information about the economic circumstances of the client.

(2) Substance abuse information. Only the subject can consent to the disclosure of substance abuse information, regardless of the subject's age or condition.

(3) Failure to act in good faith. If the agency has reason to believe that the legal representative is not acting in good faith in the best interests of the subject, the agency may refuse to release information on the authorization of the legal representative.

801—6.8(17A,22) Notice to suppliers of information. When the agency requests a person to supply information about that person, the agency shall notify the person of the use that will be made of the information, which persons outside the agency might routinely be provided this information, which parts of the requested information are required and which are optional, and the consequences of a failure to provide the information requested. This notice may be given in these rules, on the written form used to collect the information, on a separate fact sheet or letter, in brochures, in formal agreements, in contracts, in handbooks, in manuals, verbally, or by other appropriate means.

The notice shall generally be given at the first contact with the agency and need not be repeated at every following contact. Where appropriate, the notice may be given to a person's legal representative. Notice may be withheld in an emergency.

In general, the agency requests information to determine eligibility, to determine changes for services, to provide appropriate services or treatment, and to perform administrative functions. Information is routinely shared outside the agency when required by rules or law. Consequences of failure to provide information include ineligibility for services, denial of services, or provision of inadequate services.

801—6.9(17A,22) Release to subject. The agency shall release confidential records to the subject of the record, except as otherwise noted.

6.9(1) The agency need not release the following records to the subject:

a. Records need not be disclosed to the subject when they are the work product of an attorney or are otherwise privileged.

b. The identity of a person providing information to the agency need not be disclosed directly or indirectly to the subject of the information when the information is authorized to be held confidential pursuant to Iowa Code section 22.7(18) or other provision of law.

c. Peace officers' investigative reports may be withheld from the subject, except as required by the Iowa Code. (See Iowa Code section 22.7(5).)

d. The agency may withhold information as otherwise authorized by law.

6.9(2) Where a record has multiple subjects with interest in the confidentiality of the record, the agency may take reasonable steps to protect confidential information relating to another subject.

801—6.10(17A,22) Disclosure without consent of the subject. Open records are routinely disclosed without consent of the subject. To the extent allowed by law, disclosure of confidential records may occur without consent of the subject or the subject's legal representative. The custodian of the record shall determine what constitutes legitimate need to use confidential records.

6.10(1) Internal use. Confidential information may be disclosed to employees and agents of the agency as needed for the performance of their duties. The custodian of the record shall determine what constitutes legitimate need to use confidential records.

People affected by this rule include:

a. Field work or practicum students, participants of work placement programs and volunteers working under the direction of the agency.

b. Commission members.

c. Consultants to the agency.

d. Policy review and advisory committees.

6.10(2) Medical emergency. Confidential information may be disclosed in a medical emergency if the subject is unable to give or withhold consent in accordance with paragraph 6.7(2) "c."

6.10(3) Audits. Information concerning revenues and expenditures is released to staff of the state executive and legislative branch who are responsible for ensuring that public funds have been managed correctly. Information is also released to auditors from federal agencies that provide program funds.

6.10(4) Accreditation and regulatory surveys. Information is provided to staff of applicable accreditation, licensure and other applicable agencies in the course of surveys or investigations regarding compliance with regulations and standards.

6.10(5) Release to court. Information is released to the court as required by law.

6.10(6) Research. Information that does not identify individual clients may be disclosed for research purposes with consent of the custodian responsible for the record. Requests to do research involving

records of the Iowa Veterans Home shall be approved by the Iowa Veterans Home Research Review Committee.

6.10(7) *Required by law.* Information is shared with other agencies without a contract or written agreement where state or federal law or regulations require it.

6.10(8) *Imminent harm.* Information may be released to an individual or the police, or both, pursuant to a showing of compelling circumstances affecting the health or safety of a client or any other individual. Notice of disclosure is transmitted to the last-known address of the subject.

6.10(9) *Law violation.* Disclosure of information indicating an apparent violation of the law will be released to appropriate enforcement authorities.

6.10(10) *Specific authorization.* Any disclosure specifically authorized by the statute under which the record was collected or maintained will be made in accordance with the statute.

801—6.11(17A,21,22) Availability of records.

6.11(1) *General.* Agency records are open for public inspection and copying unless otherwise provided by rule or law.

6.11(2) *Confidential records.* The following records may be withheld from public inspection. Records are listed by category, according to the legal basis for withholding them from public inspection.

- a. Sealed bids received prior to the time set for public opening of bids. (Iowa Code section 72.3)
- b. Tax records made available to the agency. (Iowa Code section 422.20)
- c. Records which are exempt from disclosure.
- d. Minutes of closed meetings of a government body.
- e. Identifying details in final orders, decisions, and opinions to the extent required to prevent a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or trade secrets.
- f. Those portions of agency staff manuals, instructions, or other statements issued which set forth criteria or guidelines to be used by agency staff in auditing, in making inspections, in settling commercial disputes or negotiating commercial arrangements, or in the selection or handling of cases, such as operational tactics or allowable tolerances or criteria for the defense, prosecution or settlement of cases, when disclosure of these statements would:
 - (1) Enable law violators to avoid detection;
 - (2) Facilitate disregard of requirements imposed by law; or
 - (3) Give a clearly improper advantage to persons who are in an adverse position to the agency.
- g. Records which constitute attorney work product, attorney-client communications, or which are otherwise privileged. (Iowa Code section 622.10)
- h. Hospital records, medical records, and professional counselor records of the condition, diagnosis, care, or treatment of clients or former clients of the commission.
- i. Circulation records of the Iowa Veterans Home library.
- j. Any other records made confidential by law.

6.11(3) *Authority to release confidential records.* The agency may have discretion to disclose some confidential records which are exempt from disclosure under Iowa Code section 22.7 or other law. Any person may request permission to inspect records withheld from inspection under a statute which authorizes limited or discretionary disclosure as provided in rule 801—6.4(17A,22). If the agency initially determines that it will release such records, the agency may, where appropriate, notify interested parties and withhold the record from inspection as provided in subrule 6.4(3).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 17A, 21 and 22.

801—6.12(17A,22) Personally identifiable information. This rule describes the nature and extent of personally identifiable information which is collected, maintained, and retrieved by the agency by personal identifier in record systems as defined in rule 801—6.1(17A,22). For each record system, this rule describes the legal authority for the collection of that information, the means of storage of that information, and indicates whether a data processing system matches, collates, or permits the comparison of personally identifiable information in one record system with personally identifiable information in another record system. The record systems maintained by the agency are:

6.12(1) *Prisoner of war registry.* These records are collected under the authority of Iowa Code section 35A.2(1). They are maintained in hard copy by the agency. Requests for these records should be referred to the executive director.

6.12(2) *Military graves registration.* These records are collected under the authority of Iowa Code section 35A.3(11). They are maintained in hard copy by the agency, on Iowa Form 582-1002, CPE-94252. Requests for these records should be referred to the executive director.

6.12(3) *World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam veterans bonus.* These records are collected under the authority of Iowa Code section 35A.3(5). They are maintained in hard copy by the agency. Requests for these records should be referred to the executive director.

6.12(4) *Iowa women veterans.* These listings of all women veterans residing in Iowa are collected under the authority of Iowa Code section 35A.3(5). The records are maintained in hard copy format. Requests for these records should be referred to the executive director.

6.12(5) *Members, directors—county commission of veterans affairs.* These listings of current mailing addresses of all Iowa county commission members and directors are collected under the authority of Iowa Code section 35A.3(8). The records are maintained in hard copy format. Requests for these records should be referred to the executive director.

6.12(6) *Iowa war orphans Act bonus applications.* These listings are award applications and bonus payments from the War Orphans Educational Fund and are collected in accordance with Iowa Code section 35A.2(3) and maintained in hard copy format. Requests for these records should be referred to the executive director.

6.12(7) *Iowa Korean War Memorial Fund.* This listing consolidates contributions of all funds received for the Iowa Korean War Memorial authorized by the governor's directive of August 1986. These records are maintained in hard copy format. Requests for these records should be referred to the executive director.

6.12(8) Reserved.

6.12(9) *DD Form 214, Notification of Separation from Service.* This listing provides information to the state on individuals separating from active military service in the armed forces. It is used routinely to establish entitlement by the veteran to county, state and federal benefits such as hospitalization and educational assistance. Request for verification of service should be addressed to the executive director.

6.12(10) *Iowa Veterans Home client case records.* Iowa Veterans Home client records contain identifying information, demographic information, financial information, clinical assessment and care information and related documentation. Some of this information is maintained on microfilm. Automated data processing associated with Iowa Veterans Home client records include admission and discharge systems, billing systems, client banking system, and selected client data systems. Requests for these records should be referred to the commandant. Legal authority for collection of this information and applicable determinations regarding confidentiality are found in Iowa Code section 22.7 and chapters 35D, 222, 228, and 229. Requests for information from these records should be referred to the commandant.

6.12(11) *Personnel files.* The agency maintains files containing information about employees, families and dependents, and applicants for positions with the agency. The files include payroll records, biographical information, medical information relating to disability, performance reviews and evaluations, disciplinary information, information required for tax withholding, information concerning employee benefits, affirmative action reports, and other information concerning the employer-employee relationship. Some of this information is confidential under Iowa Code sections 22.7(11) and 22.7(18).

801—6.13(17A,22) Other groups of records. This rule describes groups of records maintained by the agency other than record systems defined in rule 801—6.1(17A,22). These records are routinely available to the public. However, the agency's files of these records may contain confidential information, as discussed in rule 801—6.7(17A,22). In addition, the records may contain information about individuals.

6.13(1) *Rule making.* Rule-making records may contain information about individuals making written or oral comments or proposed rules. This information is collected pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.4. This information is not stored in an automated data processing system.

6.13(2) *Iowa commission of veterans affairs meeting records.* Agendas, minutes, and materials deliberated by the commission are available from the executive director. Commission records contain

information about people who participate in meetings. This information is collected pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.3. This information is not retrieved by personal identifier nor stored on an automated data processing system.

6.13(3) Publications. News releases, literature, and reports regarding the Iowa commission of veterans affairs, newsletters from various veterans associations or from the federal government are available from the executive director. News releases, literature, reports regarding the Iowa Veterans Home are available from the commandant. Agency news releases, project reports, and newsletters may contain information about individuals, including agency staff or members of agency committees. This information is not retrieved by individual identifier and is not currently stored on an automated data processing system.

6.13(4) All other records that are not exempted from disclosure by law.

801—6.14(17A,22) Data processing system. Data processing systems used by this agency do not permit the comparison of personally identifiable information in one record system with personally identifiable information in another system.

801—6.15(17A,22) Applicability. This chapter does not:

1. Require the agency to index or retrieve records which contain information about the individuals by that person's name or other personal identifier.
2. Make available to the general public records which would otherwise not be available under the public records law, Iowa Code chapter 22.
3. Govern the maintenance or disclosure of, notification of or access to, records in possession of the agency which are governed by regulations of another agency.
4. Apply to grantees, including local governments or subdivisions thereof, administering state-funded programs, unless otherwise provided by law or agreement.
5. Make available records compiled by the agency in reasonable anticipation of court litigation or formal administrative proceedings. The availability of such records to the general public or to any subject individual or party to such litigation or proceedings shall be governed by applicable legal and constitutional principles, statutes, rules of discovery, evidentiary privileges and applicable regulations of the agency.

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CHAPTER 7
COUNTY COMMISSIONS OF VETERAN AFFAIRS FUND AND TRAINING PROGRAM

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801—7.1(35A,35B) County commissions of veteran affairs fund.

7.1(1) Purpose. The purpose of the county commissions of veterans affairs fund is to assist county commissions of veteran affairs in complying with legislative requirements for employing a county veteran service officer who maintains national accreditation through the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO), maintains an active Personal Identification Verification (PIV) card necessary to access the Veterans Administration's Veterans Benefit Management System, is occupied in veterans affairs service for a minimum number of hours, and maintains an office in a location owned or leased by the county.

7.1(2) Allocation amounts. Counties requesting reimbursement from the department in accordance with Iowa Code section 35A.16(4) will make their requests in accordance with state travel policies. Required supporting documentation for eligible expenses shall be submitted during the fiscal year up to the \$3,000 annual allocation within 30 days of training completion, but no later than June 30 of each fiscal year.

7.1(3) Allocation report. Counties shall submit a written report to the department 30 days following the end of the fiscal year in which the allocation was received. The report shall include:

a. An assessment of county veteran affairs services, including county population, verification of an office, hours of employment, and number of hours of veterans' services provided by the county veteran service officer.

b. Documentation that the county veteran service officer is performing required duties and maintaining qualifications and credentials pursuant to Iowa Code section 35B.6.

A final report on county veteran affairs expenditures for the fiscal year in which the allocation was received and the expenditure report from the previous fiscal year. Information provided in this report shall be used by the department to comply with rule 801—7.3(35A,35B).

7.1(4) Recovery of funds. The department shall be the entity charged with the recovery of county commissions of veteran affairs fund allocations from counties under the following circumstances:

a. Unauthorized use. Counties expending a portion of the allocation on items that do not provide services to veterans pursuant to Iowa Code section 35B.6 will be required to return the unauthorized funds to the state of Iowa.

b. Maintenance of effort. Counties not maintaining their previous fiscal year's spending levels will be considered to have supplanted county funding with state allocation funds. Counties not complying with their maintenance of effort will be required to return the supplanted portion to the state of Iowa pursuant to Iowa Code section 35A.16(3).

c. Noncompliance. Counties that are not in compliance with the requirements of Iowa Code section 35B.6 on June 30 of each fiscal year will be required to return all moneys received during that fiscal year to the county commissions of veteran affairs fund pursuant to Iowa Code section 35A.16(3). Counties that are deemed noncompliant due to the termination or resignation of an employee shall not be required to return the state allocation if an employee is hired within two months of the previous employee's separation.

7.1(5) Appeals. Applicants that are dissatisfied with a decision may file an appeal with the commandant. The written appeal must be received within 15 working days of the date of the notice of decision and must be based on a contention that the process was conducted outside of statutory authority; violated state or federal law, policy or rules; or involved conflicts of interest by staff. The commandant shall review the appeal and issue a final decision.

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801—7.2(35A,35B) County commission of veteran affairs training program. The department shall provide training for county veteran service officers in accordance with Iowa Code section 35A.5(6).

7.2(1) County veteran service officers shall do the following within one year of appointment or will be subject to removal from office as provided for in Iowa Code section 35B.6(1)“c”:

a. Obtain and maintain all certifications that are federally required and provide documentation to the department.

b. Obtain and maintain national accreditation through instruction provided by the department or a national school of accreditation provided or recognized by NACVSO and any other training required by the commandant. Upon completion, a certificate of satisfactory completion shall be provided to the department for certification and issuance of an Iowa certificate of training.

c. Obtain and maintain a PIV card from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as well as access to the Veterans Benefits Management System and provide the department with documentation. Upon request from a county commission of veteran affairs and based on extenuating circumstances, the commandant may extend the time frame for a veteran service officer to obtain a PIV card prior to being subject to removal from office. The decision of the commandant is final.

d. Counties shall submit to the department annually by July 30 all documentation required by this rule.

7.2(2) County veteran service officers shall maintain the following on an annual basis or will be subject to removal from office as provided for in Iowa Code section 35B.6(1)“c”:

a. Maintain all certifications that are federally required and annually provide documentation to the department.

b. Maintain national accreditation through continuing education instruction provided by the department or a national school of accreditation provided or recognized by NACVSO and any other training required by the commandant. Attendance at training courses conducted by veterans organizations other than the department or NACVSO may be substituted for the annual school of instruction if the training meets NACVSO accreditation continuing education requirements. Upon completion, a certificate of satisfactory completion shall be provided to the department for certification and issuance of an Iowa certificate of training.

c. Maintain a PIV card from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as well as access to the Veterans Benefits Management System and provide the department with documentation.

d. Counties shall submit to the department annually by July 30 all documentation required by this section.

7.2(3) County veteran service officers who fail to comply with subrules 7.2(1) and 7.2(2) shall be removed from their positions. Knowing violation of this provision constitutes noncompliance as provided in paragraph 7.1(4)“c.”

7.2(4) The annual school of instruction and all associated training materials will be provided at the expense of the department and attendees will not be charged for participation in the training.

7.2(5) Travel, meals, lodging, and miscellaneous expenses incurred while attending the annual school of instruction required by subrules 7.2(2) and 7.2(3) shall be the responsibility of the respective county.

7.2(6) Any cost of initial training, accreditation, and continuing training that uses state funds shall follow the department’s travel policy. The department’s travel policy overrides county-specific travel policies.

7.2(7) The department shall maintain documentation regarding any school of instruction required by subrules 7.2(2) and 7.2(3), including but not limited to agendas, presentation dates, attendees, certificate of satisfactory completion of accreditation or continuing education training, and the issuance of certificates of training.

7.2(8) Inquiries regarding an annual school of instruction shall be directed to the commandant or designee.

7.2(9) Disputes regarding the annual school of instruction, certificates of training, and related matters shall be reviewed by the commandant, who will render a decision within ten days of receipt of all relevant facts and supporting materials. The decision of the commandant shall be final.

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801—7.3(35A,35B) Report to the general assembly. County veteran affairs office assistance. To assist the department to prepare its annual report required by Iowa Code section 35A.5(14), each county commission of veteran affairs shall provide information required in Iowa Code section 35A.5(14)“a” through “c.”

The department will provide each county executive director or administrator with a form to return to the department by July 30 of each year.

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CHAPTER 8
CONTESTED CASES

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801—8.1(17A,35) Scope and applicability. This chapter applies to contested case proceedings related to decisions for which the Iowa commission of veterans affairs has statutory authority.

801—8.2(17A,35) Definitions.

“Aggrieved party” means any agency, organization or individual who alleges their rights have been denied by action of the commission.

“Chairperson” means chairperson of the commission.

“Commission” means Iowa commission of veterans affairs.

“Proposed decision” means the recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, decision and order in a contested case in which the commission did not preside.

801—8.3(17A,35) Complaint procedure.

8.3(1) Complaints relating to the Iowa Veterans Home. Applicants or members of the Iowa Veterans Home must first exhaust the appeal process set out in rules 10.45(35A,35D) and 10.46(35A,35D), respectively.

8.3(2) Content of complaints. Complaints to the commission should state the name and address of the aggrieved party, identify the specific agency action which is disputed, the issues in dispute, and request a hearing, if applicable.

8.3(3) The chairperson shall review the appeal to determine if the issue is within the commission’s scope.

8.3(4) Within 15 calendar days of receipt of a request for hearing, the chairperson shall transfer the request to the department of inspections and appeals pursuant to rules 481—10.3(10A) and 10.4(10A) and shall notify the aggrieved party of this transmittal. The department of inspections and appeals shall provide the hearing in accordance with rules promulgated by that department at 481—Chapter 10.

8.3(5) Appeals.

a. Parties have 30 calendar days from the mailing date of the decision by the department of inspections and appeals to appeal the decision to the commission. If no appeal is filed, the hearing decision becomes final 30 days from the date of decision.

b. Appeals to the commission shall be filed with the chairperson at the location identified in 801—subrule 1.2(1).

c. On appeal, the commission shall permit each party to file exceptions, present briefs and, with the consent of the commission, present oral arguments to the commission. The commission shall establish a deadline for submission of the written exceptions, briefs, and requests for continuances and shall notify the parties of the deadline.

d. The commission has the authority to fully and fairly develop the record and may inquire into the matters at issue and shall receive in evidence the testimony of witnesses and any documents which are relevant and material.

e. The commission shall base its decision on the evidence contained in the record made before the department of inspections and appeals and may permit the parties to submit new evidence at its discretion upon a showing of why the new evidence was not reasonably available at the original hearing.

f. Request for continuance shall be made in writing and the reasons for the request shall be stated. The request shall be filed with the commission at the address given in 801—subrule 1.2(1).

g. The commission’s decision on appeal is effective immediately unless otherwise specified in the decision.

8.3(6) Judicial review. A party who seeks judicial review shall first exhaust all administrative remedies as follows:

a. A party shall appeal the decision of the administrative law judge as provided in subrule 8.3(5) and receive a decision from the commission as provided in this subrule.

b. Petition for judicial review of the commission's decision shall be filed within 30 calendar days after the decision is issued.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 35A.3.

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CHAPTER 9
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CHAPTER 10
IOWA VETERANS HOME
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PREAMBLE

The Iowa Veterans Home is a long-term health care facility located in Marshalltown, Iowa, with oversight provided by the commission of veterans affairs.

801—10.1(35D) Definitions relevant to Iowa Veterans Home. The following definitions are unique to rules pertaining to the Iowa Veterans Home.

“Acute alcoholic” means any disturbance of emotional equilibrium caused by the consumption of alcohol resulting in behavior not currently controllable.

“Acutely mentally ill” means any disturbance of emotional equilibrium manifested in maladaptive behavior and impaired functioning caused by genetic, physical, chemical, biological, psychological, social or cultural factors which requires hospitalization.

“Addicted to drugs” means a state of dependency as medically determined resulting from excessive or prolonged use of drugs as defined in Iowa Code chapter 124.

“Admissions committee” means the committee appointed by the commandant to review applications to determine eligibility for admission and appropriate level and category of care.

“Admissions coordinator” means the individual responsible for the coordination of the admissions process.

“Applicant” means a person who is applying for admission into the Iowa Veterans Home.

“Assets” means items of value held by, or on behalf of, an applicant or member. Assets include, but are not limited to, cash, savings and checking accounts; stocks; bonds; contracts for sale of property; homestead or nonhomestead property. Nonrecurring windfall payments such as, but not limited to, inheritances; death benefits; insurance or tort claim settlements; and cash payments received from the conversion of a nonliquid asset to cash shall be considered assets upon receipt.

“At once” or *“timely”* means within ten calendar days.

“Collaborative care plan” means the plan of care developed for a member by the resident care committee.

“Commandant” means the chief executive officer of the Iowa Veterans Home.

“Commission” means the Iowa commission of veterans affairs.

“Continuously disruptive” means any behavior, on a recurring basis, which has been documented by Iowa Veterans Home staff, that causes harm to a member or staff or conflicts with the member responsibilities set forth in subrule 10.12(1).

“Countable asset” means an asset to be considered in calculation of member support obligation.

“Dangerous to self or others” means any activity by a member which would result in injury to the member or others.

“Dependent” means a person for whose financial support an applicant or member is legally responsible or obligated.

“Diversion” means income that is transferred to a spouse before the member support is determined.

“DVA” means the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

“Free time” means 12 days of leave time each calendar year for which the member is not charged for care during absence.

“Full support rate” means the maximum daily rate of support times the billable days of care received in any month less any offsets.

“Gold Star parent” means a parent of a deceased member of the United States armed forces who died while serving on active duty during a time of military conflict or who died as a result of such service.

"Honorable discharge" means separation or retirement from active military service. The veteran must be eligible for medical care in the DVA system (excluding financial eligibility). Honorable discharge includes general discharges under honorable conditions.

"Income" means money gained by labor or service, or money paid periodically to an applicant or member. Income includes, but is not limited to, disability, retirement pensions or benefits; interest, dividends, payments from long-term care insurance, or other income received from investments; income from property rentals; certain moneys related to real estate contracts; earnings from regular employment or self-employment enterprises.

"IVH" means the Iowa Veterans Home.

"Legal representative" for purposes of applicant or member personal and care decisions means durable power of attorney for health care, guardian, or next-of-kin (spouse, adult children, parents, adult siblings). For applicant or member financial decisions, "legal representative" means conservator, power of attorney, fiduciary or representative payee or next-of-kin (spouse, adult children, parents, adult siblings).

"Licensed nursing home administrator" means a duly licensed nursing home administrator pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 147.

"Medical provider" means a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine who is licensed to practice in the state of Iowa. Except as defined by Iowa law, a medical provider also means an advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant who is licensed to practice in the state of Iowa.

"Member" means a resident of IVH.

"Member support" means the dollar amount which is billed monthly to the member or legal representative for the member's care.

"PASRR" means preadmission screening and resident review.

"Resident care committee" or *"RCC"* means the member, a social worker, a registered nurse, a dietitian, a medical provider, a recreation specialist and a mental health provider, as required, who are involved in reviewing the member's assessment data and developing a collaborative care plan for the individual member.

"Resource" means assets and income.

"Spouse" means a person who is the legal or common-law wife or husband of a veteran.

"Surviving spouse" means a person who is the legal or common-law widow or widower of a veteran.

"Therapeutic activity" means an activity that is considered as treatment. A therapist shall determine that a particular activity is beneficial to the well-being of a member and shall include this determination in the member's plan of care.

"Veteran" means a person who served in the active military and who was discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions. Honorable and general discharges qualify a person as a veteran. The veteran must be eligible for medical care in the DVA system (excluding financial eligibility).

In addition, veteran includes a person who served in the merchant marine or as a civil service crew member between December 7, 1941, and August 15, 1945.

"Visitation" is considered part of the individual's therapeutic program. Visits are expected to benefit the individual's treatment goals while meeting the security needs of the facility and ensuring the safety of the individual and visitor.

"Voluntary discharge" means a member wishes to terminate the member's association with IVH on a permanent basis. This includes discharge for medical reasons which have been approved by a qualified medical provider. All other discharges are involuntary.

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801—10.2(35D) Eligibility requirements. Veterans, spouses of veterans, and Gold Star parents shall be eligible for admission to IVH in accordance with the following:

10.2(1) Veterans shall be eligible for admittance to IVH in accordance with the following conditions:

a. The individual is disabled by reason of disease, injury or old age and meets the qualifications for nursing or residential level of care available at IVH.

b. The individual cannot be competitively employed on the day of admission or throughout the individual's residency.

c. The individual shall have met the residency requirements of the state of Iowa on the date of admission to IVH.

d. An individual who has been diagnosed by a qualified health care professional as acutely mentally ill, as an acute alcoholic, as addicted to drugs, as continuously disruptive, or as dangerous to self or others shall not be admitted to or retained at IVH.

e. The individual must be eligible for care and treatment at a DVA medical center (excluding financial eligibility).

f. Individuals admitted to the domiciliary level of care must meet DVA criteria stated in Department of Veterans Affairs, State Home Per Diem Program, Veterans Health Administration Directive 1610SH.01(1).

g. Homelessness does not disqualify persons otherwise eligible for admission to IVH.

10.2(2) Spouses and surviving spouses shall be admitted in accordance with the following:

a. The spouse or surviving spouse shall have been married to a veteran for at least one year preceding date of application or date of death of veteran.

b. The spouse of a veteran is eligible for admittance to IVH only if the veteran is admitted.

c. The surviving spouse of a deceased veteran is eligible for admittance to IVH if the deceased veteran would also be eligible for admittance to IVH if still living.

d. Spouses, surviving spouses and Gold Star parents admitted to IVH shall not exceed more than 25 percent of the total number of members at IVH as provided in U.S.C. Title 38.

10.2(3) A Gold Star parent shall be eligible for admittance in accordance with the following conditions:

a. The parent's child died while serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States during a time of military conflict or died as a result of such service.

b. The individual is disabled by reason of disease, injury or old age and meets the qualifications for nursing or residential level of care available at IVH.

c. The individual cannot be competitively employed on the day of admission or throughout the individual's residency.

d. The individual shall have met the residency requirements of the state of Iowa on the date of admission to IVH.

e. An individual who has been diagnosed by a qualified health care professional as acutely mentally ill, as an acute alcoholic, as addicted to drugs, as continuously disruptive, or as dangerous to self or others shall not be admitted to or retained at IVH.

f. Gold Star parents, spouses and surviving spouses admitted to IVH shall not exceed more than 25 percent of the total number of members at IVH as provided in U.S.C. Title 38.

10.2(4) An individual who was not a member of the United States armed forces may be eligible for admittance in accordance with the limitations described in subrule 10.2(1), if the following conditions are met:

a. The individual was a member of the armed services of a nation with which the United States was allied during a time of conflict.

b. The individual is eligible for admission to a DVA medical center in accordance with U.S.C. Title 38, Chapter 17, Medical Care, Subchapter 2, Section 1710.

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801—10.3(35D) Application. All applicants shall apply for admission to IVH in accordance with the following subrules:

10.3(1) All applicants shall make application to IVH through the county commission of veterans affairs in the applicant's county of residence.

10.3(2) Application shall be made on the "Veteran Application for Admission to the Iowa Veterans Home," Form 475-0409, the "Spouse's Application for Admission to the Iowa Veterans Home," Form 475-0410, or the "Gold Star Parent Application for Admission to the Iowa Veterans Home," Form 475-2044. Separate applications shall be required for an eligible veteran and the spouse of the veteran when both veteran and spouse are applying for admission. The applications may be obtained at:

- a. The county commission of veterans affairs' office.
- b. DVA medical centers located in or serving veterans in the state of Iowa.
- c. IVH.
- d. Website: ivh.iowa.gov.

10.3(3) The applicant shall provide a copy of a physical which has been completed within three months of application. If needed, a physical examination shall be scheduled by the applicant's primary care provider. Information must be authenticated by the medical provider's original signature or electronic signature.

10.3(4) The following items shall be attached to the application before it is forwarded to IVH:

- a. A copy of the veteran's honorable discharge (DD214) from the armed forces of the United States.
- b. If the applicant is a married or surviving spouse, a copy of the marriage certificate or evidence of a common-law marriage on which a prudent person would rely.
- c. If the applicant is a Gold Star parent, a copy of the child's birth certificate and certification of the child's death while serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States during a time of military conflict.
- d. A copy of the applicant's birth certificate.
- e. A copy of the marriage license(s), divorce decree(s) or death certificate of the spouse, as applicable.
- f. A completed "Personal Functional Assessment," Form 475-0837.
- g. A completed "Supplement to Application for Admission to the Iowa Veterans Home," Form 475-0843.
- h. A completed "Financial Affidavit," Form 475-0839.

10.3(5) Once the requirements of subrules 10.3(2), 10.3(3) and 10.3(4) have been met, the county commission of veterans affairs shall forward the completed application to the admissions office at IVH. No county shall require additional requirements for the application for admission beyond the requirements stated in these rules. Neither shall a county require additional forms to be filled out or provided by the applicant other than the forms required by these rules.

10.3(6) Eligibility determinations are subject to approval by the commandant or designee.

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801—10.4(35D) Application processing.

10.4(1) Applications received by the admissions office shall be reviewed for completeness. The county commission of veterans affairs shall be required to submit additional information if needed.

10.4(2) The admissions committee shall assign the level of care required by the applicant. If a special care unit or treatment is required, this shall be designated. If there is a question regarding the level of care for which the applicant qualifies, the applicant shall be scheduled for either a preadmission visit with appropriate staff or a site visit in order to make a determination of appropriate level of care.

10.4(3) Regardless of whether or not the applicant can be immediately admitted, the applicant shall be notified by the admissions coordinator of the applicant's designated level of care. An applicant who does not wish to be admitted to the designated level of care may submit evidence to show that another level of care may be more appropriate. However, once the admissions committee makes a final determination, the applicant who does not wish to be admitted under the designated level of care may withdraw the application or have the application denied.

10.4(4) When space is not immediately available in the level of care assigned or on the appropriate special care unit, the applicant's name shall be placed on the appropriate waiting list for that level of care or special care unit in the order of the date the application was received.

10.4(5) When space is available at time of application, or when space becomes available in accordance with the designated waiting list, the applicant shall be scheduled for admittance to IVH as follows:

- a. An applicant whose physical examination or personal functional assessment, or both if applicable, was completed more than three months prior to the scheduled date of admittance may be required to obtain another physical examination by a medical provider or complete a current personal functional assessment,

or both if applicable. This information shall be reviewed to determine that the applicant is capable of functioning at the previously determined level of care.

b. An applicant who requires a different level of care than previously determined shall be admitted to the level of care required if a bed is available or shall have the applicant's name placed on the waiting list for the appropriate level of care in accordance with the date the original application was received.

c. Prior to an applicant's admission to a nursing care unit, the PASRR shall be received.

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801—10.5(35D) Applicant's responsibilities. Prior to admission to IVH, the applicant or a person acting on the applicant's behalf shall:

10.5(1) Report any change in the applicant's condition that could affect the previously determined level of care.

10.5(2) Report changes in mailing address, county or state of residency.

10.5(3) Provide additional information, verification or authorization for verification concerning the applicant's circumstances, condition of health, and resources if required.

10.5(4) Participate in a preadmission evaluation for level of care if required.

801—10.6(35D) Admission to IVH.

10.6(1) The applicant shall be notified by the admissions coordinator to appear for admission to IVH.

10.6(2) Upon arrival at IVH, the applicant or legal representative shall meet with the admissions staff for an admission interview.

10.6(3) During the interview, the following items will be reviewed and signed by the applicant or legal representative:

a. Permission for Treatment, Form 475-0814.

b. The "Contractual Agreement," Form 475-1833.

c. The applicant's resources.

d. The member support, billing process and banking services.

10.6(4) An applicant becomes a member at that point in time when the applicant or legal representative signs and dates the "Contractual Agreement," Form 475-1833, or otherwise authorizes, in writing, acceptance of the terms of admittance specified in the Contractual Agreement.

10.6(5) Each member shall be placed on a unit providing the appropriate level of care based on individual needs.

a. A member requiring a subsequent change in placement based on individual care needs shall be transferred to a unit which provides the appropriate level of care within the scope of its licensure.

b. Members shall have priority over new admissions for placement on a unit when a vacant bed becomes available.

10.6(6) Care at IVH shall be provided in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 135C; 481—Chapter 57, Residential Care Facilities; 481—Chapter 58, Nursing Facilities; and DVA State Veterans Homes, Veterans Health Administration, M-5, Part 8, Chapter 2, Procedure for Obtaining Recognition of a State Veterans Home and Applicable Standards, 2.07, Standards for Nursing Care, and 2.08, Standards for Domiciliary Care, November 4, 1992.

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801—10.7 to 10.10 Reserved.

801—10.11(35D) Member rights.

10.11(1) Member rights shall be in accordance with those listed in 481—Chapter 57 for members residing in the residential care facility level of care, those listed in 481—Chapter 58 for members residing in the nursing facility level of care, and those noted in Department of Veterans Affairs, State Veterans Homes, Veterans Health Administration, pertaining to residents of state veterans homes.

10.11(2) A member has the right to share a room with the member's spouse when both members consent to the arrangement.

10.11(3) If a member is incompetent and not restored to legal capacity, or if the medical provider determines that a member is incapable of understanding and exercising these rights, the rights devolve to the member's legal representative.

10.11(4) In some cases, a member may be determined to be in need of an agent by the DVA, the Social Security Administration or a similar funding source. In these cases, the commandant or designee may serve as agent subject to Iowa Code section 135C.24. All rights and responsibilities regarding the financial awards shall devolve to the commandant or designee.

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801—10.12(35D) Member responsibilities.

10.12(1) The member or legal representative has the responsibility:

a. To timely report the existence of or changes in the member's income, spouse's income, assets or marital status, including the conversion of nonliquid assets to liquid assets.

b. To apply for all benefits due (such as, but not limited to, Title XIX, DVA pension, DVA compensation, Social Security, private pension programs, or any combination), and accept the available billing programs offered at IVH.

c. To provide information concerning the physical condition and, to the best of the member's knowledge, accurate and complete information concerning present physical complaints, past illnesses, hospitalizations, medications and other matters related to the member's health.

d. To report unexpected changes in the member's condition to the attending medical provider or other clinician.

e. To participate in treatment planning, cooperate with the treatment team in carrying out the treatment plan, and to participate in the evaluation of the member's care.

f. To be considerate of the rights of other members and staff and control behavior in respect to smoking, noise, and number of visitors.

g. To treat other members and staff with dignity and respect.

h. To respect the property of other members, staff, and IVH. A member or legal representative may be held financially responsible for any property damaged or destroyed by the member.

i. To ask questions about anything that the member may not understand about the member's care or IVH.

j. To accept the consequences of the member's actions if the member refuses treatment or fails to follow prescribed care.

k. To follow the rules and regulations of IVH regarding member care and conduct as set out in subrule 10.40(1).

l. To keep scheduled appointments with staff. If unable to do so, the member is responsible for notifying appropriate staff.

m. To maintain personal hygiene, including clothing, and maintain personal living area based on the member's physical and mental capabilities.

n. To follow all fire, safety and sanitation regulations as established by IVH and applicable regulatory agencies.

o. To provide information and verification of resources. A member or legal representative must fulfill the member support obligation for member health care.

p. To carry Medicare Part B and Medicare Part D insurance if eligible. IVH shall buy the medical insurance portion of Medicare Part B and Medicare Part D if the member is not eligible to receive Medicare under social security.

q. To delegate to IVH the authorization to enroll the member in Medicare Part B and Medicare Part D. The premium shall be deducted from the member's social security or paid monthly with the member's funds.

r. To assign the benefits of Medicare Part B, Medicare Part D and other medical insurances to IVH. The cost of Medicare Part B, Medicare Part D and other medical insurances shall be used as an offset to the aggregate semiannual per diem rate calculation according to the particular level of care as calculated in January and July of each year for the preceding six months and effective March 1 and September 1.

10.12(2) The member or legal representative is responsible for the full payment of the member's support charges within the calendar month that the monthly support bill is received. Failure to pay a monthly support bill within 30 days of issuance may result in discharge from IVH unless prior arrangements have been made.

10.12(3) In those instances when a legal representative is responsible for the handling of the member's resources, the legal representative shall keep any records necessary and provide all information or verification required for the computation of member support as set out in rule 801—10.14(35D). Failure of the legal representative to do so may result in the discharge of the member. In some cases, IVH may act to have the commandant or designee established as the member's fiduciary or agent as set out in subrule 10.11(4). In those cases when a guardian or conservator of a member fails to keep necessary records or provide needed information or verification or to meet the member support obligation, IVH may notify the court of problems and request to establish another individual as guardian or conservator. The conservator of a member shall submit a copy of the annual conservatorship report to IVH.

10.12(4) When a member temporarily needs a level of care that is not offered by IVH, the member shall be referred by IVH medical staff to a DVA medical center or other medical facility.

a. If a member who is treated at a DVA medical center has coinsurance to supplement Medicare, this coinsurance shall be used for the DVA medical center charges. IVH shall be responsible for all DVA medical center charges if the member does not carry coinsurance supplement.

b. If a member chooses a medical facility other than a DVA medical center or other medical facility as referred by IVH medical staff, the member is responsible for costs resulting from care at the medical facility chosen.

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801—10.13 Reserved.

801—10.14(35D) Computation of member support. As a condition of admittance to and residency in IVH, each member is required to contribute toward the cost of that member's care based on that member's resources and ability to pay.

10.14(1) A monthly member support bill shall be sent to the member or legal representative charging the member for care in the previous month with any necessary adjustment for prior months. A member shall be required to pay member support charges from the member's liquid assets and long-term care insurance benefits and from the member's income. The monthly member support charge shall be the billable days, as set out in subrule 10.14(3), multiplied by the appropriate per diem from rule 801—10.15(35D). This amount shall be reduced by any offsets as set out in subrules 10.15(2) and 10.15(3). The member or legal representative shall pay an amount not to exceed the amount calculated based on the resources available for the cost of care as set out in this chapter.

10.14(2) Title XIX residents. If a member is certified as eligible and participating in the Title XIX program, the amount of payment shall be determined by the department of human services income maintenance worker.

10.14(3) Billable days (non-Title XIX). Billable days for members not participating in the Title XIX program shall be counted as follows:

- a.* All days in the month for which the member received care (in-house).
- b.* All leave days in excess of the 12 free days up through the fifty-ninth leave day. Any leave days in excess of 59 days shall be considered billable, and the member must pay the full support rate, not the amount determined by resources.
- c.* The first ten days of each hospitalization. After ten days, IVH assumes the authority to discharge the resident but reserves the right to negotiate an extension to the bed hold, if warranted, in the best interest of the resident and family, at the discretion of the commandant or designee. A hospital stay may occur more than once in a calendar year.

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801—10.15(35D) Per diems.

10.15(1) For members not participating in the Title XIX program, the per diem by which the billable days shall be multiplied shall be established as follows:

a. Nursing level of care.

(1) The charge for care is the per diem rate calculated in January and July of each year for the preceding six-month period and is submitted by IVH to the Iowa Medicaid enterprise of the department of human services.

(2) The updated per diem rate shall be effective semiannually on March 1 and September 1 of each year.

(3) Members or financial legal representatives shall be sent a notice one month in advance of the rate change.

b. Domiciliary level of care.

(1) The total cost of care per member shall be determined in January and July of each year for the preceding six-month period and calculated in a manner similar to the nursing level of care. This cost shall be the updated per diem rate.

(2) The per diem rate shall be adjusted semiannually on March 1 and September 1 of each year.

(3) Members or financial legal representatives shall be sent a notice one month in advance of the rate change.

10.15(2) Veteran members for whom IVH receives a per diem from the DVA (under Title 38). IVH shall consider this per diem as a third-party reimbursement to the charge for care and shall be an offset to the member support bill. The offset of the per diem received (billed to DVA) shall be shown as an offset for the month billed. The provisions of 38 U.S.C. 1745(a), which were established by Section 211 of the Veterans Benefits, Health Care, and Information Technology Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-461), set forth a mechanism for paying a higher per diem rate for certain veterans who have service-connected disabilities and are receiving nursing home care in state homes. If IVH receives this higher per diem rate from the DVA, the member will not have a support charge from IVH.

10.15(3) The daily per diem charge shall be reduced by an amount equal to the appropriate Medicare Part B and Medicare Part D premiums paid by the enrolled member.

10.15(4) For members carrying other medical insurance upon admission and continuing to carry other medical insurance after admission. The member support charge shall be reduced by an amount equal to the other medical insurance premium.

10.15(5) For members not eligible for Title XIX medical assistance. The member support charge shall be reduced in accordance with subrules 10.15(2), 10.15(3) and 10.15(4), if applicable. The member shall then contribute all remaining available resources up to the charge for care.

Members receiving DVA pension and aid and attendance shall be considered as having used the amount equal to aid and attendance first in payment for their care at IVH.

10.15(6) Payment of support is due within ten business days after the monthly support bill is received or ten business days after the member's last income deposit for that month.

a. If payment is not received by IVH within 30 days following the due date, a notice of discharge may be issued.

b. If there are extenuating circumstances, the member or legal representative should meet with the commandant or designee to work out a schedule of payments.

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801—10.16(35D) Assets. The following rules specify the treatment of assets, as defined in rule 801—10.1(35D), in the payment of member support as described in rule 801—10.14(35D). Only liquid assets shall be considered in the payment of member support.

10.16(1) For members who have applied for and are eligible to receive Title XIX medical assistance, rule 441—75.5(249A) shall apply. Financial eligibility for Title XIX shall be determined by the department of human services income maintenance worker.

10.16(2) For members not eligible for Title XIX medical assistance, the following rules apply:

a. Assets considered. The assets considered shall include all assets owned by the member, or if married, both the member and the spouse living in the community, except for the following:

(1) The homestead is exempt as follows: The exempt homestead is defined as the house, used as a home, and may contain one or more contiguous lots or tracts of land, including buildings and appurtenances. Contiguous means that portions of the homestead cannot be separated from the home by intervening property owned by others. However, the homestead is considered contiguous if portions of it are separated from the home only because of roads or other public rights-of-way. Property that is not exempt as part of the homestead shall be treated in accordance with the rules of this chapter.

The homestead, as defined, can retain its exempt status for a period of time not to exceed 36 months, while the member, spouse and dependents are temporarily absent, provided the following conditions are met:

1. There is a specific purpose for the absence.
2. The member, spouse or dependents intend to return to the homestead when the reason for the absence has been accomplished.
3. The member, spouse or dependents can reasonably be expected to return to the home during the 36-month time limitation.
4. If a person is an applicant at the time the homestead becomes vacant due to the absence of the applicant, spouse or dependents, the first month of the 36-month period is the month of admission to IVH.
5. If a person is a member when the homestead becomes vacant due to the absence of the member, spouse or dependents, the first month of the 36-month period is the month following the month in which the homestead is vacated.
6. Any homestead that does not qualify for this exemption or any homestead that is vacant for a period of time exceeding the 36-month limit shall be treated in accordance with subrule 10.16(3).
- (2) Household goods, personal effects and one motor vehicle.
- (3) The value of any burial spaces held for the purpose of providing a place for the burial of the member, spouse or any other member of the immediate family.
- (4) Exempt income-producing property includes, but is not limited to, tools, equipment, livestock, inventory and supplies, and grain held in storage.
- (5) Other property essential to the means of self-support of either the member or spouse as to warrant its exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program.
- (6) Assets of a blind or disabled person who has a plan for achieving self-support as determined by the division of vocational rehabilitation or the department of human services.
- (7) Assets of Native Americans belonging to certain tribes arising from judgment fund and payments from certain land and subsurface mineral rights. This does not include per capita payments from casino proceeds.
- (8) Any amounts arising from Public Law 101-239 which provides assistance to veterans under the Agent Orange product liability litigation.
- (9) Assistance under the Disaster Relief Act and Emergency Assistance Act or other assistance provided pursuant to federal statute as a result of a presidential disaster declaration and interest earned on these funds for the nine-month period beginning on the date these funds are received or for a longer period where good cause is shown.
- (10) An amount that is irrevocable and separately identifiable, having a principal amount not in excess of a predetermined amount set by the department of human services, without an itemized billing, for the member or spouse to meet the burial and related expenses of that person.
- (11) Federal assistance paid for housing occupied by the spouse living in the community.
- (12) Assistance from a fund established by a state to aid victims of crime for nine months from receipt when the client demonstrates that the amount was paid as compensation for expenses incurred or losses suffered as a result of a crime.
- (13) Relocation assistance provided by a state or local government to a member or spouse comparable to assistance provided under Title II of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 which is subject to the treatment required by Section 216 of the Act.
- (14) Any other asset excluded by statute.

b. Assets of a single member. When liquid assets not exempted in paragraph "a" above are equal to or exceed \$2,000, those liquid assets shall be considered an available resource for the payment of member

support. These assets shall be considered available for payment of member support until such time that the remaining liquid assets total less than \$500, but leaving at least \$140.

c. Assets of a married member with spouse in a care facility. If a member's spouse is residing in a nursing facility, the member shall be treated as a single member for asset determination purposes. If the member and the spouse become members of IVH on the same day, all resources of both members shall be added together and split one-half to each member for asset determination purposes. If the spouse is residing in a residential care facility or an assisted living facility, the rules pertaining to a spouse living in the community apply.

d. Assets of a married member with spouse living in the community. When liquid assets not exempted in paragraph "a" above are equal to or exceed \$2,000, those liquid assets shall be considered an available resource for the payment of member support.

The assets attributed to the member shall be determined from the documented assets of both the member and spouse living in the community as of the first day of admission to IVH. All resources of both the member and the spouse shall be added together. If the total resources are less than the predetermined amount set by the department of human services, then that amount is awarded to the community spouse. The amount in excess of this predetermined figure, up to an equal amount, if applicable, shall be awarded to the member. Any resources over this combined amount shall be split one-half to the member and one-half to the spouse up to a predetermined maximum amount set by the department of human services. All resources over the predetermined maximum amount shall be awarded to the member. These assets shall be considered available for payment of member support until such time that the remaining liquid assets total less than \$500, but leaving at least \$140.

(1) If the member has transferred assets to the spouse living in the community under a court order for the support of the spouse, the amount transferred shall be the amount attributed to the spouse to the extent it exceeds the specified limits above.

(2) After the month in which the member is admitted, no attributed resources of the spouse living in the community shall be deemed available to the member during the continuous period in which the member is at IVH. Resources which are owned wholly or in part by the member and which are not transferred to the spouse living in the community shall be counted in determining member support. The assets of the member shall not count for member support to the extent that the member intends to transfer and does transfer the assets to the spouse living in the community within 90 days.

(3) Report of results. The department of human services shall provide the member and spouse and legal representative, if applicable, a report of the results of the attribution. The report shall state that either has a right to appeal the attribution in accordance with rule 801—10.45(35D).

e. Exception based on estrangement. When it is established by a disinterested third-party source and confirmed by the commandant or designee that the member is estranged from the spouse living in the community, member support shall be determined on the basis of resources of a single member.

10.16(3) When a member owns an available, nonliquid, nonexempt asset, the value of which would affect the computation of member support as described in rule 801—10.14(35D), the asset shall be liquidated. The value of that asset shall be considered in the computation of member support. The following paragraphs are to be considered when liquidating assets:

a. Net market value, or equity value, is the gross price for which property or an item can be sold on the open market less any legal debts, claims or liens against the property or item. IVH shall consider the condition and location of an item or property and local market conditions in determining the gross sales price of the item or property. In order for a loan or claim to be considered a lien or encumbrance against an asset, the loan or claim must be made under circumstances that result in the creditors having a recorded legal right to satisfy the debt.

b. An asset must be available in order for it to be treated in accordance with the rules of this chapter. An asset is considered available when:

(1) The member owns the property in part or in full and has control over it; that is, it can be occupied, rented, leased, sold or otherwise used and disposed of at the member's discretion; and

(2) The member has a legal interest in a liquidated sum and has the legal ability to make the sum available for member support.

c. A member must take all appropriate action to gain title and control of any asset of which the value would affect the computation of member support.

d. The value of the asset may be adjusted if the member or legal representative:

(1) Advertises the asset for sale, through appropriate methods, on a continual basis.

(2) Lists the asset with a real estate broker or other agent appropriate to the asset.

(3) Asks a reasonable price which is consistent with the asking price of similar items of property in the community.

(4) Does not refuse a reasonable offer.

(5) Does not sell the asset for an unreasonably low price.

e. Cash proceeds from the sale of an asset, conversion of an asset to cash, or receipt of any cash asset as defined in rule 801—10.1(35D) shall be used in the computation of member support beginning with the calendar month of receipt.

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801—10.17(35D) Divestment of assets.

10.17(1) “Intentional divestment of assets” means:

a. To knowingly sell, give or transfer by member or legal representative for less than fair market value, any asset, the value of which would affect member support; or

b. To knowingly and voluntarily place an asset, the value of which would affect member support, under a trust or other legal instrument that ends or limits the availability of that asset.

10.17(2) Transfers of resources shall be presumed to be divestiture unless the individual furnishes convincing evidence to establish that the transaction was exclusively for some other purpose. In addition to giving away or selling assets for less than fair market value, examples of transferring resources include, but are not limited to, establishing a trust, contributing to a charity or other organization, removing a name from a joint bank account, or decreasing the extent of ownership interest in a resource or any other transfer as defined in the Supplemental Security Income program.

a. Convincing evidence to establish that the transaction was not a divestiture may include documents, letters, and contemporaneous writings, as well as other circumstantial evidence.

b. In rebutting the presumption that the transfer was a divestiture, the burden of proof is on the individual to establish:

(1) The fair market value of the compensation;

(2) That the compensation was provided pursuant to an agreement, contract, or expectation in exchange for the resource; and

(3) That the agreement, contract, or expectation was established at the time of transfer.

10.17(3) An applicant or legal representative shall not knowingly and intentionally divest an asset, as set out in subrule 10.17(1), within the period established by Title XIX statute prior to admission, with the intention of reducing the applicant’s member support or of obtaining admission to IVH.

When it is determined by the commandant or designee that an applicant did intentionally divest an asset, upon admission that applicant may be charged member support as if the divestment did not occur.

10.17(4) A member or legal representative shall not knowingly and intentionally divest an asset, as described in subrule 10.17(1), while a member with the intention of reducing the member support.

When it is discovered that a member or legal representative improperly divested an asset(s), that member may be charged member support as if the divestment did not occur.

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801—10.18(35D) Commencement of civil action. The commandant or designee may file a civil action for money judgment against a member or discharged member or the member’s legal representative for support charges when the member or discharged member fails to pay member support in accordance with 801—Chapter 10.

801—10.19(35D) Income. This rule describes the treatment of income, as defined at rule 801—10.1(35D), in the computation of member support as described at rule 801—10.14(35D).

10.19(1) For members who are eligible for Title XIX medical assistance, rule 441—75.5(249A) shall apply. For those members participating in the Title XIX medical assistance program, the difference between the \$140 personal needs allowance and the Title XIX personal needs allowance shall be returned to the member out of individual member participation.

10.19(2) For members who are not eligible for Title XIX, the following shall apply:

a. The following types of income are exempt in the computation of member support:

- (1) The earned income of the spouse or dependents.
- (2) Unearned income restricted to the needs of the spouse or dependents (social security, DVA, etc.).
- (3) Any other income that can be specifically identified as accruing to the spouse or dependents.
- (4) Nonrecurring gifts, contributions or winnings, not to exceed \$60 in a calendar quarter.
- (5) Interest income of less than \$20 per month from any one source.
- (6) State bonus for military services.
- (7) Any earnings received by a member for that member's participation in money-raising activities administered by veterans' organizations or auxiliaries (i.e., poppies).
- (8) Any money received by a member from the sale of items resulting from a therapeutic activity (i.e., items sold in the IVH gift shop).

(9) The first \$150 received by a member in a month for participation in the incentive therapy or other programs as described in rule 801—10.30(35D), for members in the domiciliary level of care. For members in the nursing level of care, the first \$75 shall be exempted.

(10) Personal loans.

(11) In-kind contributions to the member.

(12) Title XIX payments.

(13) Yearly DVA compensation clothing allowance for those who qualify.

(14) Other income as specifically exempted by statute.

(15) Any income similar in its origin to the assets excluded in subparagraphs 10.16(2) "a"(6) and (7).

(16) Income from employment as outlined in the IVH discharge planning policy (IVH policy #265).

b. Personal needs allowance. All members shall have an amount exempted from their monthly income intended to cover the purchase of clothing and incidentals.

(1) All income up to the first \$140 shall be kept as a personal needs allowance.

(2) The personal needs allowance shall be subtracted from the member's income prior to determination of moneys to which the spouse may be entitled.

c. Any type of income not specifically exempted shall be considered for the payment of member support as provided in rule 801—10.14(35D).

d. Determining income from property.

(1) Nontrust property. Where there is nontrust property, income paid in the name of one person shall be available only to that person unless the document providing income specifies differently. If payment of income is in the name of two persons, one-half is attributed to each. If payment is in the name of several persons, the income shall be considered in proportion to their ownership interest. If the member or spouse can establish different ownership by a preponderance of evidence, the income shall be divided in proportion to the ownership.

(2) Trust property. Where there is trust property, the payment of income shall be considered available as provided in the trust. In the absence of specific provisions in the trust, the income shall be considered as stated above for nontrust property.

e. The amount of income to consider in the computation of member support shall be as follows:

(1) Regular monthly pensions and entitlements. The amount of income to be considered is the gross amount of the monthly entitlement or pension received less any medical insurance premium deductions.

(2) Investments or nonrecurring lump sum payments. Net unearned income from investments or nonrecurring lump sum payments shall be determined by deducting income-producing costs from the gross unearned income. Income-producing costs include, but are not limited to, brokerage fees, property manager's salary, maintenance costs and attorney fees.

(3) Property sold on contract. The amount of income to consider shall be the amount received minus any payments for mortgage, taxes, insurance or assessments still owed on the property and payable by the contract holder.

(4) Earned income from a rental, sole or partnership enterprise. The amount of income to consider shall be the net profit figure as determined for the Internal Revenue Service on the member's income tax return.

Exception:

The deductions of the previous year's state and federal taxes and depreciation on the income tax return are not allowable deductions for the purpose of the computation of member support. If a tax return is not available, the member or legal representative shall provide all information and verification needed in order to correctly compute member support.

(5) Partnership income. The member's share of the net profit shall be determined in the same manner as the partnership percentage as determined for the Internal Revenue Service's purposes.

10.19(3) Member income diversion to dependent spouse not living at IVH. A portion of the member's income shall be diverted to the spouse according to the following:

a. Spouse living in the community. One-half the income in exclusion of an amount equal to aid and attendance and after reduction of personal needs allowance.

b. Spouse permanently in another nursing home. Member shall be treated as single. If the member is in receipt of a DVA pension, the amount of income provided the spouse would be the DVA pension dependency amount.

c. Spouses living in a residential care facility. Spouses shall be treated under the same rules as a spouse living in the community in accordance with paragraph 10.19(3) "a."

d. All current court order proceedings and guardian/conservatorship appointments regarding financial obligations shall be honored.

10.19(4) Income disbursements.

a. All diversions to spouse or valid court orders shall be mailed or sent electronically as designated or on a monthly basis.

b. All checks or electronic payments shall be sent to the proper recipient no later than the eighth day of any given month or, at IVH's option, five business days after the member's last income deposit for that month.

c. Monthly income disbursements to a community spouse may be delayed or canceled if there is an overdue amount owed for support payments.

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801—10.20(35D) Other income.

10.20(1) When a member receives regular monthly payments of unearned income, it shall be included in the resources available for the payment of member support.

10.20(2) When a member receives periodic recurring income which is received less frequently than monthly, this countable income, after the deduction of any allowable income-producing expenses, shall be considered in the month received.

10.20(3) When a member receives a nonrecurring retroactive payment from a specific entitlement source for a prior period of time, it shall be considered as income in the month received. The aid and attendance amount of the DVA pension shall be computed as a manual adjustment (available to member due to IVH nursing care).

10.20(4) Income from a particular source is considered terminated as of the date the member receives the last income payment from that source or the date that a sole or partnership enterprise ends, whichever is later.

10.20(5) When income from a particular source decreases in a calendar month, the decrease in income shall be considered in the computation of that month's member support. Income from a particular source is considered to be decreased as of the date the member receives the first income payment in the decreased amount.

10.20(6) When income from a particular source increases in a month, the increase in income shall be considered in the computation of that month's member support. Income from a particular source is considered to be increased as of the date the member receives the first income payment in the increased amount.

10.20(7) Recurring lump sum payments shall be treated as income in the month received.

10.20(8) Nonrecurring lump sum payments earned prior to admission, regardless of when received, shall not be counted as income but may be considered as an available liquid asset.

10.20(9) Any income as defined in rule 801—10.20(35D) that exceeds the member support billing for that month shall thereafter be considered a liquid asset available under rule 801—10.16(35D).

10.20(10) Employment is only allowed as identified in the IVH discharge planning policy (IVH policy #265).

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801—10.21(35D) Fraud. Applicants, members or legal representatives who knowingly conceal the existence of resources may be subject to the billing of full member support, discharge for failure to pay for member's care or denial of admission. Further, members who knowingly conceal liquid assets or income which would have affected member support shall be charged for the amount not previously billed due to the fraudulent act. If upon admission it is determined that medical or other pertinent information provided during the application process was fraudulent, notice of discharge may be issued. In addition, any applicant, member or legal representative suspected of fraud may be referred to the department of inspections and appeals, division of investigations, for possible criminal or civil action. The attorney general's office shall conduct the investigation.

801—10.22(35D) Overcharges. When it is discovered that a member was charged for support in excess of the amount actually due, the member shall receive a refund or credit to the member's account. If the member is discharged or deceased, a refund shall be conveyed to the member or legal representative.

801—10.23(35D) Penalty.

10.23(1) All members who have resources in excess of the full support rate shall be charged the full support rate. If any member does not apply for all benefits due (such as, but not limited to, Title XIX, DVA pension, DVA compensation, social security, or any combination), fails to report resources accurately in order to not pay full support, or refuses to accept the available billing programs offered at IVH, that member shall be charged up to full support rate as if these responsibilities had been followed. Failure to comply with these rules may result in discharge from IVH.

10.23(2) If a member is required to pay full member support under these rules, the monthly charge shall be calculated as the per diem in paragraph 10.15(1) "a" or 10.15(1) "b" times the billable days less any offsets. The only exception to this monthly charge will be the additional amount of aid and attendance in the DVA retroactive payment for the time period of nursing care at IVH. This amount, in total, shall be due regardless of resources available. If a member is required to pay member support based on additional resources, these figures shall be obtained from the appropriate agencies.

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801—10.24 to 10.29 Reserved.

801—10.30(35D) Incentive therapy and nonprofit rehabilitative programs. Members may be offered the opportunity to perform services for IVH through the incentive therapy program as part of their plan of care. Participating members shall be compensated at the state's minimum wage for their involvement in the incentive therapy program. If members enrolled in nonprofit rehabilitative programs receive an income from such programs, that income shall be treated in the same manner as the incentive therapy program or IVH policy.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 35D.7(3).

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801—10.31 to 10.34 Reserved.

801—10.35(35D) Handling of pension money and other funds. Each member who has not been assigned a guardian, conservator, fiduciary or representative payee or has not designated a power of attorney while having adequate decision-making capacity or as otherwise specified may manage that member's own personal financial affairs. Upon the receipt of written authorization from the member or legal representative by the commandant or designee, the commandant or designee may assist the member in the management of the member's financial affairs.

10.35(1) Pension money or other funds deposited with IVH are not assignable except as specified at subrule 10.19(3) or 10.40(2)“b”(1).

10.35(2) If authorized by a member, the commandant or designee may act on behalf of that member in receiving, disbursing, and accounting for personal funds of the member received from any source subject to the requirements of Iowa Code section 135C.24. The authorization may be given or withdrawn in writing by the member or legal representative at any time. The authorization shall not be a condition of admission to or retention at IVH.

10.35(3) IVH shall maintain a commercial account with a federally insured bank for the personal deposits of its members. The account shall be known as the IVH membership account/rep payee for social security/VA beneficiaries. The commandant or designee shall record each member's personal deposits individually and shall deposit the funds in the membership account where the members' deposits shall be held in the aggregate. Interest shall accrue on those accounts that are on deposit the last working Friday of each month. IVH may withdraw moneys from the account maintained pursuant to this subrule to establish certificates of deposit for the benefit of all members.

10.35(4) If authorized in writing by the member or legal representative, the commandant or designee may make withdrawals against that member's personal account to pay regular bills and other expenses incurred by the member. The authorization may be given or withdrawn in writing by the member or legal representative at any time. The authorization shall not be a condition of admission to or retention at IVH.

10.35(5) The commandant or designee shall maintain a written record of each member's funds which are received by or deposited with IVH. The member or legal representative shall receive a monthly statement showing deposits, withdrawals, disbursements, interest and current balances. If the commandant or designee is made representative payee or fiduciary for the member's financial transactions, this statement shall be maintained in the member's administrative file.

10.35(6) Except as otherwise specified and unless the commandant or designee has been appointed representative payee or fiduciary, funds deposited with IVH shall be released to the member or legal representative upon request. A statement will be provided showing deposits, disbursements, interest, and the final balance at the time the funds are withdrawn. When the member continues to maintain residency at IVH, the funds shall be released and a statement provided within three working days following the request. When a member is being discharged from IVH, the funds shall be released and a statement provided no later than the tenth day of the month following the month of discharge.

10.35(7) Upon the death of a member with personal funds deposited with IVH, and upon receipt of documentation of an outstanding balance, IVH will promptly convey the member's funds to the funeral home or to the individual paying the last funeral expenses. If no bill is presented for funeral expenses, IVH will collect any balance owing for the resident's final support bill, which may include debts owed to the IVH arts and crafts and ceramics program. IVH will notify promptly the estate recovery program of the death of any IVH resident. Upon IVH's receipt of notification from the estate recovery program, any funds remaining in the deceased resident's membership account will be disbursed according to the deceased resident's directions. If probate papers are produced, a final accounting of those funds must also be provided to the individual administering the member's estate along with a disbursement of any remaining funds. If the value of the member's estate is so small as to make the granting of administration inadvisable, IVH must hold, then deliver all money plus interest within one year to the proper heirs equally or adhere to the member's request in the member's last will and testament.

10.35(8) A member discharged while on leave from IVH shall have the member's account closed by the tenth day of the month following discharge.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 35D.11(2) and 35D.12(2).

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801—10.36(35D) Leave, bed holds and 96-hour passes.**10.36(1) *Non-Title XIX members.***

a. Members are free to leave IVH grounds unless contraindicated by medical determination. In cases where it is determined to be medically contraindicated and a member chooses to leave, the member or legal representative must sign "Discharge Against Medical Advice," Form 475-0940.

b. Leaves are required if the member expects to be absent past midnight.

c. All leaves other than free time shall require payment of member support charges as though the member were in residency. Failure to pay regular member support charges may result in discharge of the member. Leave length may be changed by notification from the member or legal representative to the nursing unit social worker or domiciliary office.

d. Hospital leaves. Leaves spent in approved medical facilities away from IVH shall not be counted against the 59-day leave time limit as set out in paragraph 10.14(3)"b."

Hospital leaves shall be granted and the charges for such leaves shall be as follows: During the first ten consecutive days of any hospital stay, the member shall pay the regular and usual assessed charge for the member's level of care. After the tenth day, if a mutual agreement is made between the resident or legal representative and the commandant or designee for the member's bed to be held for additional days, the member shall not be charged. Each monthly member support bill shall reflect any adjustments related to hospitalization.

Leaves to other medical facilities for the purpose of treatment shall be treated as hospital leaves.

e. General leaves.

(1) Twelve days of leave time each calendar year shall be free time.

(2) The member shall be charged the usual support charge for leave time over 12 days up to and including 59 days.

(3) The member shall be charged the full support rate for the level of care in which the member resides for leave time over 59 days.

(4) Leave time is not cumulative from one calendar year to another calendar year.

(5) Leave time the member has not utilized or cannot utilize shall not be credited toward the member's support.

(6) Support charges for the member on leave who wishes to retain the member's room or bed shall be due and payable as though the member were in residency as set forth in paragraph 10.36(1)"c."

f. When the nursing care member is on leave, the member shall remain on in-house status for the first 12 leave days per calendar year for DVA per diem purposes and IVH shall be financially responsible for medical expenses, which include deductibles, co-pays and the member's share after all insurance has been filed and paid to the medical facility, unless the medical expenses are assumed by the member or legal representative in relation to choice of medical facility.

g. When a member has used 12 non-hospital leave days, IVH is not financially responsible for any medical charges for the member while on leave.

10.36(2) *Members who are receiving Title XIX benefits.*

a. Members are free to leave IVH grounds unless contraindicated by medical determination. In cases where it is determined to be medically contraindicated and a member chooses to leave, the member or legal representative must sign "Discharge Against Medical Advice," Form 475-0940.

b. A leave as set out in paragraph 10.36(1)"b" is required if a member expects to be absent past midnight.

c. The member's bed shall be held while the member is visiting away from IVH for a period not to exceed 18 days in any calendar year. There is no restriction as to the amount of days taken in any one month or during any one visit, as long as the days taken in the calendar year do not exceed 18. Additional days shall be allowed if the member's medical provider recommends in the plan of care that additional days would be rehabilitative.

d. A member or a legal representative who wishes to exceed the 18 visitation days and retain the member's bed, but does not have medical provider recommendation for an extension, must make arrangements with the operations division administrator or designee for payment of the rate determined by the department of human services income maintenance worker for all days in excess of the 18 visitation

days. If prior arrangements and payment are not made, a member may be discharged in accordance with subrule 10.12(2).

e. A bed shall be held for a hospitalized member for up to ten consecutive days. After ten days, IVH assumes the authority to discharge the resident, but reserves the right to negotiate an extension to the bed hold, if warranted, in the best interest of the resident and the facility, at the discretion of the commandant or designee. The member's client participation shall be paid according to the department of human services' income maintenance worker for all hospitalized days until member returns or is discharged.

f. IVH is not financially responsible for any medical charges for the member when visiting away from IVH.

10.36(3) *Ninety-six-hour passes for domiciliary members.*

a. A pass shall not exceed 96 hours. If a member expects to be gone for more than 96 hours, a leave is required.

b. Upon return from a pass, the member must remain in residence 24 hours before another pass can be issued.

c. When a member is on pass, the member shall remain on in-house status for DVA per diem purposes; IVH shall be financially responsible for medical expenses, which include deductibles, co-pays and the member's share after all insurance has been filed and paid to the medical facility, unless the medical expenses are assumed by the member or legal representative in relation to choice of medical facility.

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801—10.37(35D) Mail.

10.37(1) Each member or legal representative shall be afforded a choice in the methods of handling the member's business mail and in meeting the member's responsibilities for reporting resources for the purpose of computation of member support. A member found to have inadequate financial decision making shall have that member's business mail handled in a manner as to respect that member's dignity and still meet the needs of IVH for complete information regarding resources.

10.37(2) Each member or legal representative shall be allowed to handle that member's business mail to the degree of responsibility chosen by the member or legal representative. A member may:

a. Elect to receive all business mail personally and provide the resident finance office with financial documentation, or

b. Designate that the member shall receive personal mail items, but business mail received at IVH from entitlement sources or concerning assets shall be routed to the resident finance office, cashier's office or purchasing office, whichever is appropriate.

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801—10.38 and 10.39 Reserved.

801—10.40(35D) Requirements for member conduct. The commandant or designee shall administer and enforce all requirements for member conduct. Subject to these rules and Iowa Code section 135C.23, the commandant or designee may transfer or discharge any member from IVH when the commandant or designee determines that the health, safety or welfare of the members or staff is in immediate danger, and other reasonable alternatives have been exhausted.

10.40(1) In addition to the member responsibilities as set out in rule 801—10.12(35D), each member shall also comply with the following requirements:

a. The use of intoxicants or alcoholic beverages on IVH premises is prohibited unless prescribed by a medical provider.

b. The bringing of alcoholic beverages or illicit substances on IVH premises is prohibited. Any illicit substances or drug paraphernalia or both found in the member's possession shall be grounds for immediate discharge.

c. The use of illegal substances while a member of IVH is prohibited. A urinalysis shall confirm the presence of illegal substances. A member's refusal to submit to a urinalysis in response to a request based on probable cause shall be considered a positive result and is grounds for discharge.

d. Firearms or weapons of any nature shall be turned in to the commandant or designee for safekeeping. The commandant or designee shall decide if an instrument is a weapon. Firearms or weapons in the possession of a member which constitute a hazard to self or others shall be removed and stored in a place provided and controlled by the facility or sent with family members for safekeeping.

e. Smoking in members' rooms is prohibited. Members who smoke shall do so within designated smoking areas so as not to endanger self or others.

f. Continuously disruptive behavior on the part of a member is grounds for transfer or discharge.

g. Members shall comply with legal requests and orders of the commandant or designee.

h. Members shall not violate state and federal statutes.

i. Members shall report to the resident finance supervisor or designee any changes in assets/income, and pay support within ten business days after the monthly support bill is received or ten business days after the member's last income deposit for the month.

10.40(2) When a member is found in violation of the requirements of conduct established in subrule 10.40(1), the following steps may be taken:

a. For a first offense, a member is counseled by an appropriate staff person and options for correcting the behavior are considered. Options may include but are not limited to:

- (1) Funds restriction.
- (2) Substance abuse treatment.
- (3) Mental health services.

b. IVH control of the member's personal funds as follows:

(1) The pension money and other incomes and available liquid assets shall be deposited by the commandant or designee in a separate account for and on behalf of the member. The commandant or designee shall, under the procedures established in subrules 10.35(3) and 10.35(4), make withdrawals and disbursements to meet the regular bills and other expenses of the member.

(2) If, after a period of up to six months, the member's behavior is deemed appropriate by the facility, the handling of funds will be reviewed, and funds may be returned to the control of the member.

(3) If the member is discharged from IVH, the balance of the funds in the IVH membership account shall be paid to the member or financial legal representative no later than the tenth day of the month following the month of discharge.

c. For a second offense, a member is offered the services above and is placed on probation that warns a third offense may lead to discharge.

d. For a third offense, discharge from IVH in accordance with subrule 10.40(3).

10.40(3) The steps described in subrule 10.40(2) shall generally be followed in that order. However, if the member's violation is of an extreme nature and the member is not amenable to counseling, the commandant or designee shall choose to discharge the member after the expiration of a 30-day written notification period which begins when the notice is personally delivered. If the RCC, in conjunction with the medical provider and mental health personnel, deems that the member's behavior poses a threat of imminent danger, the commandant or designee may issue notice of an immediate involuntary discharge. In such an emergency situation, a written notice shall be given prior to or within 48 hours following the discharge.

The member's county commission of veterans affairs and the legal representative shall be informed in writing of the decision to discharge. Written notification shall also be issued to appropriate governmental agencies including the commission, the department of inspections and appeals, and the department on aging's long-term care ombudsman to ensure that the member's health, safety or welfare shall not be in danger upon the member's release.

10.40(4) A member who has been previously discharged under the provisions of subrule 10.40(2) or 10.40(3) shall be readmitted to IVH only upon the approval of the commandant or designee. If not approved, the applicant shall receive written notice of the denial. A copy of the denial notice shall be

forwarded to the commission and the appropriate county commission of veterans affairs. Any decision to deny readmittance is subject to the review of the commission.

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801—10.41(35D) County of residence upon discharge. A member does not acquire residency in Marshall County, the county in which IVH is located, unless the member is voluntarily or involuntarily discharged from IVH and the member meets county of residence requirements. For purposes of this rule, “county of residence” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 331.394.

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801—10.42(35D) Disposition of personal property and funds.

10.42(1) A discharged member shall remove all personal property at the time of discharge or within 30 days. Personal property not removed within 30 days after discharge shall become the property of IVH to dispose of as the commandant or designee directs. Personal property may be forwarded at the member’s expense to the member’s last-known address. When the member is discharged from IVH, the member’s funds shall be released to the member or legal representative with a statement provided no later than the tenth day of the month following the month of discharge.

10.42(2) Following written notification to the legal representative or first next of kin, a deceased member’s personal property remaining at IVH 30 days after written notification shall become the property of IVH to dispose of as the commandant or designee directs. If there is a known legal representative or first next of kin, the property may be shipped to the legal representative or first next of kin at the expense of the estate, legal representative, or first next of kin.

10.42(3) Upon the death of a member with personal funds deposited at IVH, after the final bill and any outstanding funeral expenses have been paid, and after receipt of notification from the estate recovery program (for those on Title XIX) that release of funds is approved, IVH shall convey the member’s funds along with a final statement to the legal representative administering the member’s estate. When an estate is not opened or in cases where no executor is appointed, IVH shall attempt to locate the deceased member’s heirs and deliver the funds to the heirs equally or according to the terms of the last will and testament within one year after the date of death.

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801—10.43(35D) Rule enforcement—power to suspend and discharge members. The commandant or designee shall administer and enforce all rules adopted by the commission, including rules of discipline and, subject to these rules, may immediately suspend the membership of and discharge any member from IVH for infraction of the rules when the commandant or designee determines that the health, safety or welfare of the members of IVH is in immediate danger and other reasonable alternatives have been exhausted. The suspension and discharge are temporary pending action by the commission. Judicial review of the action of the commission may be sought in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 17A.

10.43(1) The commandant or designee shall, with the input and recommendation of the RCC, involuntarily discharge a member for any of the following reasons:

a. The member has been diagnosed with a substance use disorder but continues to abuse alcohol or an illegal drug in violation of the member’s conditional or provisional agreement entered into at the time of admission or at any time thereafter, and all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The member has been provided sufficient notice of any changes in the member’s collaborative care plan.

(2) The member has been notified of the member’s commission of three offenses and has been given the opportunity to correct the behavior through either of the following options:

1. Being given the opportunity to receive the appropriate level of treatment in accordance with best practices for standards of care.

2. By having been placed on probation by IVH for a second offense.

Notwithstanding the member meeting the criteria for discharge under paragraph 10.43(1)“*a*,” if the member has demonstrated progress toward the goals established in the member’s collaborative care plan, the RCC and the commandant or designee may exercise discretion regarding the discharge.

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the member may be immediately discharged under paragraph 10.43(1) "a" if the member's actions or behavior jeopardizes the life or safety of other members or staff.

b. The member refuses to utilize the resources available to address issues identified in the member's collaborative care plan, and all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The member has been provided sufficient notice of any changes in the member's collaborative care plan.

(2) The member has been notified of the member's commission of three offenses and the member has been placed on probation by IVH for a second offense.

Notwithstanding the member meeting the criteria for discharge under paragraph 10.43(1) "b," if the member has demonstrated progress toward the goals established in the member's collaborative care plan, the RCC and the commandant or designee may exercise discretion regarding the discharge. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the member may be immediately discharged if the member's actions or behavior jeopardizes the life or safety of other members or staff.

c. The member no longer meets the requirements for residential or nursing level of care, as determined by the RCC or medical provider.

d. The member requires a level of licensed care not provided at IVH.

10.43(2) Provisions for member following discharge from IVH.

a. If a member is discharged under this rule, the discharge plan shall include placement in a suitable living situation which may include but is not limited to a transitional living program approved by the commission or a living program provided by DVA.

b. If a member is involuntarily discharged under this rule, the commission shall, to the greatest extent possible, ensure against the member being homeless and ensure that the domicile to which the member is discharged is fit and habitable and offers a safe and clean environment which is free from health hazards and provides appropriate heating, ventilation and protection from the elements.

10.43(3) Discharge notice, including right to appeal. An involuntary discharge of a member under this rule shall be preceded by a written notice to the member. The notice shall state that, unless the discharge is an immediate discharge due to the member's actions or behavior which jeopardizes the life or safety of other members or staff, the effective date of the discharge is 30 calendar days from the date of receipt of the discharge notice, and that the member has the right to appeal the discharge. In addition, the discharge notice shall contain:

a. The stated reason for the proposed discharge or transfer.

b. The actual effective date of the proposed discharge or transfer.

c. A statement in not less than 12-point type which reads: "You have a right to appeal the facility's decision to transfer or discharge you. If you think you should not have to leave this facility, you may request a hearing in writing or verbally with the Commission of Veterans Affairs (hereinafter referred to as "Commission") within five (5) calendar days after receiving this notice. You have a right to be represented at the hearing by an attorney or any other individual of your choice at your own expense. If you request a hearing, it will be held, and a decision rendered within ten (10) calendar days of the filing of the appeal. Provision may be made for extension of the ten (10) day requirement upon request to the Commission designee. If you lose the hearing, you will not be discharged or transferred before the expiration of 30 days following receipt of the original notice of the discharge or transfer, or no sooner than five (5) days following final decision of such hearing. To request a hearing or receive further information, call the Commission or write to the Commission to the attention of: Chairperson, Commission of Veterans Affairs."

10.43(4) Emergency discharge. In the case of an emergency transfer or discharge relating to a threat of imminent harm, the resident must still be given a written notice prior to or within 48 hours following transfer or discharge. A copy of this notice must be placed in the resident's file, and it must contain all the information required by 10.43(3). In addition, the notice must contain a statement in not less than 12-point type (elite), which reads: "You have a right to appeal the facility's decision to transfer or discharge you on an emergency basis. If you think you should not have to leave this facility, you may request a hearing in writing or verbally with the Commission of Veterans Affairs (hereinafter referred to as 'Commission')

within 5 calendar days after receiving this notice. If you request a hearing, it will be held and a decision rendered within 10 calendar days of the filing of the appeal no later than 14 days after receipt of your request by the Commission. You may be transferred or discharged before the hearing is held or before a final decision is rendered. If you win the hearing, you have the right to be transferred back into the facility. To request a hearing or receive further information, you may call the Commission or write to the Commission to the attention of: Chairperson, Commission of Veterans Affairs.”

10.43(5) Appeal by member.

a. If a member appeals the discharge under this rule, the member shall be provided with the information relating to the appeals process as specified in rule 801—10.47(35D).

b. If a member appeals the discharge under this rule, the involuntary discharge appeal process in rule 801—10.47(35D) shall apply.

10.43(6) By the fourth Monday of each session of the Iowa general assembly, the commandant shall submit a report annually to the senate veterans affairs committee and the house veterans affairs committee specifying the number, circumstances and placement of each member involuntarily discharged from IVH under this rule during the previous calendar year.

10.43(7) Any involuntary discharge by the commandant or designee under this rule shall comply with the rules adopted by the commission and by the department of inspections and appeals in accordance with Iowa Code section 35D.15.

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801—10.44 Reserved.

APPEAL PROCESS

801—10.45(35A,35D) Applicant appeal process. An applicant who believes that any of the provisions of this chapter have not been upheld, or have been upheld unfairly, may file an appeal directly with the commandant or designee containing a statement of the grievance and requested action. The commandant or designee shall investigate and may hold an informal hearing with the applicant and other involved individuals. Subrules 10.46(4) to 10.46(8) apply subsequently. The commandant or designee shall notify the applicant of the decision in writing within ten working days of receipt of the grievance.

[ARC 1157C, IAB 10/30/13, effective 12/4/13; see Delay note at end of chapter]

801—10.46(35A,35D) Member appeal process. A member who believes that any of the provisions of 801—Chapter 10 have not been upheld or have been upheld unfairly may file an appeal.

10.46(1) A member shall discuss the problem and action desired with the assigned social worker within five working days of the incident which caused the problem. The social worker shall investigate the situation and attempt to resolve the problem within five working days of the discussion with the member. If the assigned social worker has allegedly caused the grievance, the member may file the grievance directly with the social work supervisor.

10.46(2) If unable to resolve the problem, or if the member is dissatisfied with the solution, the social worker shall assist the member with filing a formal grievance and shall submit a report of the facts and recommendations to the administrator of nursing within five working days of the discussion with the member. The administrator of nursing shall inform the member of the decision in writing within five working days of receipt of the social worker’s report.

10.46(3) If the member is not satisfied with the decision of the administrator of nursing, or if no decision is given within the time specified in subrule 10.46(2), the member may appeal to the commandant or designee within ten working days of the decision of the administrator of nursing or, if no decision is given, within ten working days of the time limit specified in subrule 10.46(2). The grievance shall be submitted in writing and contain a statement of the cause of the grievance and requested action. A copy of the decision of the administrator of nursing shall be attached to the grievance statement, if applicable. The commandant or designee shall investigate the grievance and may hold an informal hearing with the member, administrator of nursing, and other involved individuals. The commandant or designee shall

notify the member and the administrator of nursing of the decision in writing within ten working days of receipt of the grievance.

10.46(4) If the member is not satisfied with the decision of the commandant, or if no decision is given within the time limits specified in subrule 10.46(3), the member may appeal to the commission within ten working days of the commandant's decision. The member and commandant shall be notified in writing within five working days of the commission's receipt of the appeal. The commission shall schedule a hearing with the member, commandant, and other involved individuals to determine the facts and make a final decision.

10.46(5) The member may appoint any individual to represent the member in the appeal process, at the member's expense.

10.46(6) No reprisals of any kind shall be taken against a member for filing an appeal.

10.46(7) The member may obtain judicial review of the commission's final decision in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 17A.

10.46(8) The time limits specified in the above subrules may be extended when mutually agreed upon by the persons involved in the appeal process.

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Rules 801—10.45(35A,35D) and 801—10.46(35A,35D) are intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 35A.3(4) and Iowa Code chapter 35D.

801—10.47(35D) Involuntary discharge appeal. When a member appeals an involuntary discharge, the following provisions shall apply:

10.47(1) The member shall file the appeal with the commission within 5 calendar days of receipt of the discharge notice.

10.47(2) The commission shall conduct a contested case proceeding in accordance with the uniform rules on contested case proceedings found in 801—Chapter 8. The rules in 801—Chapter 8 are adopted by reference with the following amendment: The presiding officer must be a member of the commission and cannot be an administrative law judge with the department of inspections and appeals.

10.47(3) The commission shall render a decision on the appeal and notify the member of the decision in writing within 10 calendar days of the filing of the appeal.

10.47(4) If the member is not satisfied with the decision of the commission, the member may appeal the commission's decision by filing an appeal with the department of inspections and appeals within 5 calendar days of being notified in writing of the commission's decision.

10.47(5) The department of inspections and appeals shall render a decision on the appeal of the commission's decision and notify the member of the decision in writing within 15 calendar days of the filing of the appeal with the department.

10.47(6) The maximum time period that shall elapse between receipt by the member of the discharge notice and actual discharge shall not exceed 55 days which includes the 30-day discharge notice period and any time during which any appeals to the commission or the department of inspections and appeals are pending.

10.47(7) If a member is not satisfied with the decision of the department of inspections and appeals, the member may seek judicial review in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 17A. A member's discharge under rule 801—10.43(35D) shall not be stayed while judicial review is pending.

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801—10.48 Reserved.

801—10.49(35D) Licensed nursing home administrator. The commandant shall employ a licensed nursing home administrator and convey the authority for compliance with all applicable laws and rules.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 135C.

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GROUNDS AND FACILITY ADMINISTRATION

801—10.50(35D) Visitors. Visitors are welcome to IVH subject to the following conditions:

10.50(1) Member visitation hours are from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Visiting hours may be extended on an individual basis with the approval of the commandant or designee.

10.50(2) Visitors are subject to the policies and procedures as established by IVH, including the tobacco-free policy.

10.50(3) Tours of IVH may be arranged by contacting the commandant or designee.

10.50(4) Weapons, illegal substances or alcoholic beverages are not permitted on IVH grounds.

10.50(5) Any disruptive behavior on the part of a visitor shall result in modification, denial or termination of visiting privileges.

10.50(6) Trespass. Visitors shall not enter IVH grounds with the intent to commit a public offense, remain upon the grounds or in IVH buildings without justification after being notified or requested to abstain from entering, or to remove or vacate therefrom by any peace officer, magistrate, or public employee whose duty it is to supervise the use or maintenance of IVH and its grounds.

10.50(7) Any visitor violating any of the rules within this chapter may be restricted from IVH for a period of time to be determined by the commandant or designee.

10.50(8) Visitors who bring pets must comply with IVH rules regarding pet health and safety. Pets shall be kept on a leash while on IVH grounds.

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801—10.51(35D) Mail. Rescinded ARC 2675C, IAB 8/17/16, effective 9/21/16.

801—10.52(35D) Interviews and statements.

10.52(1) Releases to the news media shall be the responsibility of the commandant or designee. Authority for dissemination and release of information shall be designated to other persons at the discretion of the commandant or designee.

10.52(2) Interviews of members within IVH by the news media or other outside groups are permitted only with prior consent of the member to be interviewed or the member's legal representative. At the request of the person or group who wishes to conduct an interview, the commandant or designee shall seek to obtain the required consent from the member or the member's legal representative.

[ARC 1157C, IAB 10/30/13, effective 12/4/13; see Delay note at end of chapter]

801—10.53(35D) Donations. Donations of money, new clothing, books, games, recreational equipment or other gifts shall be made directly to the commandant or designee. The commandant or designee shall evaluate the donation in terms of the nature of the contribution to the facility program. The commandant or designee shall be responsible for accepting the donation and reporting the gift to the commission. All monetary gifts shall be acknowledged in writing to the donor and reported to the Iowa ethics and campaign disclosure board.

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801—10.54(35D) Photographing and recording of members and use of cameras.

10.54(1) Photographs and recordings of members within IVH by news media or other outside groups are permitted only with prior consent of the member to be photographed or recorded, or the member's legal representative. At the request of the person or group who wishes to make photographs or recordings, the commandant or designee shall seek to obtain the required consent from the member or the member's legal representative.

10.54(2) Every effort shall be made to preserve the inherent dignity of the member and to preclude exploitation or embarrassment of the member or the family of the member.

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801—10.55(35D) Use of grounds and facilities.

10.55(1) Persons wishing to use the facilities and grounds for civic purposes, programs for members, meetings, and similar purposes, must contact the commandant or designee at least two weeks in advance of the requested date. The commandant or designee may disapprove a request when the requested facilities are scheduled for use by or for the members, or when the activity would disrupt the normal operation of IVH. Previous arrangements to use the facilities or grounds may be canceled by the commandant or designee in the event of an emergency or when changes in the schedule require the use of the facilities or grounds for the members. Persons who use the facilities or grounds shall be held responsible for leaving the facilities or grounds in satisfactory condition and for any damages caused by or resulting from use.

10.55(2) Outside organizations permitted to use facilities or grounds shall observe the same rules as visitors to the facility.

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801—10.56(35D) Nonmember use of cottages. Cottages may be made available to IVH staff or to other members of the public with the commandant's or designee's approval and at the established rate.

10.56(1) Expenses incurred as a result of damage or need for exceptional cleaning/sanitizing procedures, or both, may result in additional charges as determined by IVH.

10.56(2) Posted occupancy capacities shall not be exceeded and may be grounds for denial of use.

10.56(3) Pets are only allowed inside the cottages as outlined in the IVH cottage occupancy policy.

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801—10.57(35D) Operating motor vehicles on grounds.

10.57(1) The operator of a motor vehicle shall have a valid license for the type of vehicle being driven upon IVH grounds.

10.57(2) All persons operating a motor vehicle on IVH grounds shall comply with the applicable state and local laws and IVH policies.

10.57(3) No driver of a motor vehicle or motorcycle shall disobey the instructions of any traffic-control device, warning, or sign placed.

10.57(4) No person shall drive any vehicle in such a manner as to indicate either a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of person or property. The person operating the motor vehicle or motorcycle shall have same under control and shall reduce the speed to 20 miles per hour on IVH grounds and reduce the speed to a lower, reasonable rate when approaching and passing a person walking in the traveled portion of a street.

10.57(5) No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any type vehicle in established fire lanes, emergency vehicle areas, and other essential lanes. No person shall park any type vehicle on roadways.

10.57(6) No person shall leave any type vehicle unattended by not locking doors or removing keys.

10.57(7) Failure to comply with rules may cause limitation or curtailment of driving privileges on IVH grounds for an indefinite period.

10.57(8) Motor vehicles belonging to members may be parked in member-designated parking on IVH grounds.

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CHAPTER 11
INJURED VETERANS GRANT PROGRAM

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2006-2007 PROGRAM GUIDELINES

801—11.1(35A) Purpose. The legislative intent of this program is to provide immediate financial assistance to a veteran so that family members of the veteran may be with the veteran during the veteran’s recovery from an injury received in the line of duty in a combat zone or in a zone where the veteran was receiving hazardous duty pay after September 11, 2001.

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801—11.2(35A) Grant amounts.

11.2(1) Grants will be paid by the Iowa department of veterans affairs in increments of \$2,500 up to a maximum of \$10,000 in the following manner:

- \$2,500. When veteran is medically evacuated from the combat zone following a combat-related injury.
- \$2,500. 30 days after evacuation date if still hospitalized, receiving medical treatment or rehabilitation services by the military or Veterans Administration; does not include follow-up appointments.
- \$2,500. 60 days after evacuation date if still hospitalized, receiving medical treatment or rehabilitation services by the military or Veterans Administration; does not include follow-up appointments.
- \$2,500. 90 days after evacuation date if still hospitalized, receiving medical treatment or rehabilitation services by the military or Veterans Administration; does not include follow-up appointments.

11.2(2) Treatment or services must be provided in a location that is not the veteran’s home of record.

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801—11.3(35A) Eligible veterans.

11.3(1) For purposes of this program, the term “veteran” means:

- a. A resident of this state who is or was a member of the national guard, reserve, or regular component of the armed forces of the United States who has served on active duty at any time after September 11, 2001, and, if discharged or released from service, was discharged or released under honorable conditions; or
- b. A nonresident of this state who is or was a member of a national guard unit located in this state prior to alert for mobilization who has served on active duty at any time after September 11, 2001, was injured while serving in the national guard unit located in this state, is not eligible to receive a similar grant from another state for that injury, and, if discharged or released from service, was discharged or released under honorable conditions.

11.3(2) In addition to the requirements set out in subrule 11.3(1), an eligible veteran must meet all of the following conditions:

- a. The veteran must have sustained a service-related injury in the line of duty, based upon the circumstances known at the time of evacuation or injury; in support of a named overseas operation; or in a hostile fire zone; and
- b. The service-related injury was serious enough to require medical evacuation from the theater of operation to a military hospital or the injury required at least 30 consecutive days of hospitalization at a military hospital.

11.3(3) The veteran shall remain eligible for the grant after discharge from the military so long as the veteran continues to receive medical treatment or rehabilitation services for the specific injury or illness.

11.3(4) The commission may consider a request for a waiver of any of these requirements only pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code section 17A.9A.

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801—11.4(35A) Notification and application procedures.

11.4(1) *Retroactive application to September 11, 2001.*

a. The department will accept a consolidated roster of eligible injured veterans from a “flag officer level command” or a central casualty notification agency of the responsible service component as long as the roster includes the following information for each veteran:

- (1) Veteran’s name, rank, and social security number.
- (2) Mailing address for check disbursement.
- (3) Telephone numbers, including day, evening, and cell phone.
- (4) Combat theater served.
- (5) Date on which veteran was medically evacuated from combat theater and verification of combat-related injury.

(6) Date on which medical or rehabilitative treatment was terminated. If the veteran is still receiving treatment, “inpatient” or “outpatient” shall be noted on the form.

(7) Contact information for the agency submitting the consolidated roster, including point of contact (POC), telephone numbers, and E-mail address.

b. A veteran filing for the grant under retroactive eligibility must submit an injured veteran grant application form along with supporting documents. Supporting documents needed to verify eligibility shall include copies of the following:

- (1) Military ID card;
- (2) DD214 (if the veteran has been discharged) or military orders to document service in a combat zone;
- (3) Medical records or military orders to document date of medical evacuation and periods of continued medical treatment or rehabilitation; and
- (4) Any document to establish Iowa residency at the time of injury, such as Iowa income tax forms, or to establish that the veteran is or was a member of a national guard unit located in this state prior to mobilization and was injured while serving in that national guard unit and is not eligible to receive a similar grant from another state for that injury.

A veteran may receive assistance in the application process by contacting the department office at (515)252-4698 or (800)838-4692 or by fax (515)727-3713.

11.4(2) *Process for present and future injured veterans.*

a. When the department receives official notification from a designated service office that a veteran has been medically evacuated from a combat zone, the department will confirm Iowa residency of the veteran or, in the case of a nonresident, confirm that the veteran is or was a member of a national guard unit located in this state prior to mobilization and gather the required data to disburse the first grant payment. The check will be made payable to the veteran and mailed or presented to the veteran or next of kin.

b. Grant payments will be stopped if the veteran is returned to duty or when medical or rehabilitative treatment is discontinued.

c. If an eligible combat-injured veteran is not medically evacuated, the 30 days of continuous treatment must occur within 12 months of the injury.

11.4(3) *Commission review.*

a. A three-person subcommittee of commissioners will review applications for those veterans not evacuated but requiring 30 days of consecutive treatment.

b. An applicant may appeal a grant award decision to the commission.

11.4(4) *Subsequent award.*

a. A seriously injured veteran meeting all other requirements of this rule may receive additional grants for subsequent, unrelated injuries that meet the requirements of this rule. Any subsequent, unrelated injury shall be treated as if it were an initial injury for the purposes of determining eligibility or allotment.

b. Grants for veterans suffering subsequent, unrelated injuries after September 11, 2001, but prior to March 30, 2011, shall be payable, upon a showing that the veteran would have been eligible for payment had the subsequent, unrelated injury occurred on or after March 30, 2011.

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801—11.5(35A) Taxability. An injured veterans grant is exempt from Iowa income tax since the intent of the grant is to reimburse a veteran for family travel and lodging costs during the veteran's medical treatment and rehabilitation.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 35A.14 as amended by 2011 Iowa Acts, Senate File 402.

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CHAPTER 12
COUNTY GRANT PROGRAM FOR VETERANS
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CHAPTER 13
VIETNAM CONFLICT VETERANS BONUS
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CHAPTER 14
VETERANS TRUST FUND

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801—14.1(35A) Purpose. These rules establish the requirements for veterans or their spouses or dependents to receive benefits from the veterans trust fund.

801—14.2(35A) Definition. For purposes of this chapter, “veteran” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 35.1 and federal VA regulations; a resident of Iowa who served in the armed forces of the United States, completed a minimum aggregate of 90 days of active federal service, other than training, and was discharged under honorable conditions; or a former member of the national guard, reserve, or regular component of the armed forces of the United States who was honorably discharged due to injuries incurred while on active federal service that precluded completion of a minimum aggregate of 90 days of active federal service, other than training.

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801—14.3(35A) Eligibility. Veterans, their spouses, their dependents, and unremarried spouses of deceased veterans applying for benefits available under subrules 14.4(1) through 14.4(9) must meet the following threshold requirements. Regarding funding from other sources, applications shall not be approved if the applicant is eligible to receive aid from other sources to meet the purposes authorized in this chapter.

14.3(1) Income. The department may not pay benefits under this chapter if the available liquid assets of a veteran are in excess of \$20,000. For the purposes of this chapter, an applicant’s household income, including VA pension benefits, service-connected disability income, and social security income, shall not exceed 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for the number of members living in the primary residence in effect on the date the application is received by the county director of veterans affairs. Federal poverty guidelines shall be those guidelines established by the Iowa department of human services for the veteran’s family size. The commission shall adjust the guidelines on July 1 of each year to reflect the most recent federal poverty guidelines.

14.3(2) Resources. For the purposes of this chapter, “available liquid assets” means cash on hand, cash in a checking or savings account, stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, treasury bills, money market funds and other liquid investments owned individually or jointly by the applicant and the applicant’s spouse, unless the applicant and spouse are separated or are in the process of obtaining a divorce, but does not include funds deposited in IRAs, Keogh plans or deferred compensation plans, unless the veteran is eligible to withdraw such funds without incurring a penalty. Cash surrender value of life insurance policies, real property, established burial account, or a personal vehicle shall not be included as available liquid assets.

14.3(3) Additional requirements and limitations. Applicants must meet any additional requirements and are subject to any limitations which may be set out in this chapter or which may be established for a particular benefit.

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801—14.4(35A) Benefits available. Applications may be approved for any of the following purposes. By a majority vote, the commission may suspend some or all of these benefits for payment.

14.4(1) Travel expenses for wounded veterans, their spouses or a caregiver, directly related to medical care. Travel expenses under this subrule include the unreimbursed cost of airfare, lodging, and a per diem of \$50 per day for required medical appointments from the veteran’s home. Spouses or caregivers may be reimbursed for in-state lodging and a per diem of \$50 per day when visiting a veteran who is in a hospital for medical care related to an injury or disability. The veteran or the veteran’s spouse or caregiver shall provide such evidence as the commission may require, which includes but is not limited to evidence the injury or disability is service-connected, the necessity of treatment in a particular facility, and documentation of expenses. The maximum amount for travel expense reimbursement shall be \$150 for

in-state lodging. The maximum amount of aid payable in a consecutive 12-month period under this subrule is \$1,800.

14.4(2) *Job training or college tuition assistance for job retraining.*

a. The commission may pay a veteran not more than \$5,000 for retraining or postsecondary education and Internet connection to enable the veteran to obtain gainful employment. The commission may provide aid under this subrule if all of the following apply:

(1) The veteran is enrolled in a training course in a technical college or school, is enrolled in an accredited postsecondary institution, or is engaged in a structured on-the-job training program.

(2) The veteran is unemployed, underemployed, or has received a notice of termination of employment.

(3) The commission determines that the veteran's proposed program, or current program, will provide retraining or initial training that could enable the veteran to find gainful employment. In making its determination, the commission shall consider whether the proposed program, or current program, provides adequate employment skills and is in an occupation for which favorable employment opportunities are anticipated.

(4) The veteran requesting aid has not received full reimbursement or payment from any other retraining or education scholarship programs and the veteran does not have other assets or income available to meet retraining or initial training expenses. Applicants requesting aid under this subrule will only be granted the unpaid portion of their tuition statement and a monthly Internet invoice. Payments will be made directly to the institution and Internet provider.

b. The veteran shall provide such evidence as the commission may require to satisfy the requirements of this subrule.

14.4(3) *Unemployment or underemployment assistance during a period of unemployment or underemployment due to service connection or disability resulting from military service (must provide a doctor's note stating the person is physically and mentally able to return to work).* The commission may provide subsistence payments only to a veteran who has suffered a loss of income due to prolonged physical or mental illness resulting from military service or disability resulting from military service. The commission may provide subsistence payments of up to \$500 per month of unemployment or underemployment to a veteran. A veteran must provide documentation of assistance from Iowa workforce development and vocational rehabilitation, if eligible. No payment may be made under this subrule if the veteran has other assets or income available to meet basic subsistence needs. A period of unemployment implies that it is possible for the veteran to be employed in the future. A rating from the VA of 100 percent due to individual unemployability (IU) rated permanent and total indicates that a veteran is unemployable and will not qualify for assistance under this subrule. The veteran shall provide such evidence as the commission may require, which includes but is not limited to evidence that the veteran is unemployed or underemployed for the period of payments. To qualify as underemployed, the applicant must be currently working at an income that is below 150 percent of federal poverty guidelines. The maximum amount of aid payable in a consecutive 12-month period under this subrule is \$3,000 and a lifetime maximum of \$6,000.

14.4(4) *Expenses related to hearing care, dental care, vision care, or prescription drugs.*

a. The commission may provide health care aid to a veteran, to the veteran's spouse or dependents, or to the unremarried spouse of a deceased veteran for dental care, including dentures; vision care, including eyeglass frames and lenses; hearing care, including hearing aids; and prescription drugs that are not covered by the veterans affairs medical center.

b. The maximum amount that may be paid under this subrule for any consecutive 12-month period may not exceed \$10,000 for dental care, \$500 for vision care, \$1,500 per ear for hearing care, and \$1,500 for prescription drugs and prescribed over-the-counter drugs. Lifetime maximum benefit: \$10,000 per eligible family member.

c. The commission shall not provide health care aid under this subrule unless the aid recipient's health care provider agrees to accept, as full payment for the health care provided, the amount of the payment and the amount of the recipient's health insurance or other third-party payments, if any. Payment under this subrule will be provided directly to the health care provider.

d. Applicants for assistance under this subrule will be required to provide the commission with an unpaid bill for service or an estimated cost of service from the health care provider and documentation of the need for the service. For prescription drugs, the applicant must produce documentation of the need for the prescribed drug and documentation stating whether a generic drug is available or appropriate. The commission payment will not exceed an estimated cost of service by a health care provider.

14.4(5) *Expenses relating to the purchase of durable equipment or services to allow a veteran, the veteran's spouse or dependents, or the unremarried spouse of a deceased veteran to remain in their home.*

a. The commission may make reimbursement payments to a veteran or to the unremarried spouse of a deceased veteran for the purchase of durable equipment that allows the veteran, the veteran's spouse or dependents, or the unremarried spouse of a deceased veteran to remain in their home or allows them the ability to utilize more of their home.

b. Individuals requesting reimbursement under this subrule will be required to provide verification of the purchase and installation of the equipment and information relating to the need for the equipment. Individuals may also provide a product and installation cost estimate to the commission for approval, with the understanding that the commission will pay no more than the cost estimate to the supplier or installer. Applicants in need of durable equipment as a medical necessity should provide information from a physician. Applicants must provide a denial from other available programs, such as the Home Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA) benefits program.

c. Assistance under this subrule cannot duplicate assistance from other entities, and the maximum amount that may be paid may not exceed \$5,000.

14.4(6) *Individual counseling or family counseling programs.*

a. The commission may make mental health, substance abuse, and family counseling available to veterans and their families. Individual family members are eligible for counseling.

b. The assistance may include appropriate counseling and treatment programs for veterans and their families in need of services.

c. Any assistance provided under this subrule shall not duplicate other services readily available to veterans and their families. Veterans who are eligible for VA mental health services must initially visit their nearest VA medical facility for initial consultation and continued psychiatric treatment. Payment under this subrule will be made for additional services for the veteran in a location closer to the veteran's home and at a greater frequency than the VA medical center can accommodate.

d. The commission may provide up to \$150 per hour and \$75 per half-hour for outpatient counseling visits to providers who will accept as full payment for the counseling services the amount provided. Counseling and substance abuse services provided in a group setting may be paid up to \$40 per hour. Counseling and substance abuse services may also be provided in an inpatient setting, subject to the maximum amount eligible under paragraph 14.4(6) "f."

e. The maximum amount that may be paid under this subrule for any consecutive 12-month period shall not exceed \$5,000. Individuals seeking counseling services are eligible for up to \$2,500, individuals seeking substance abuse treatment and counseling combined are eligible for up to \$3,500, and families seeking counseling services that may also include individual counseling and substance abuse services are eligible for up to \$5,000.

f. The commission may not provide counseling under this subrule unless the aid recipient's counseling service provider agrees to accept, as full payment for the counseling services provided, the amount of the payment; the amount of the recipient's health insurance or other third-party payments, if any; and the amount that the commission determines the veteran is capable of paying. The commission will make payment directly to the entity providing counseling and substance abuse services.

14.4(7) *Expenses relating to ambulance and emergency room services for veterans and emergency lodging for immediate family members.*

a. The commission may provide assistance to veterans for expenses related to ambulance trips, including air ambulance transportation, and emergency room visits for emergency care patients or VA health care patients who cannot indicate to emergency personnel that they are to be presented to a VA medical center.

b. Funding through this subrule shall be paid directly to the entity providing the emergency service or transportation after the commission is provided with an unpaid bill. All efforts should be made to utilize all other methods of payment prior to accessing assistance under this subrule.

c. The maximum amount that may be paid under this subrule may not exceed \$10,000.

d. Incurred medical debt that is over six months old will not be accepted from the date of service, or the date of the denial, or the latter of the two.

14.4(8) *Emergency expenses related to vehicle repair or a one-time replacement vehicle, housing repair, or temporary housing assistance.*

a. The commission may provide assistance to a veteran or to the unremarried spouse of a deceased veteran for emergency vehicle repair, emergency housing repair, and temporary housing.

b. Assistance for vehicle repair is limited to expenses that are required for continued use of the vehicle. This assistance will only be granted in cases where the vehicle is needed for travel to and from work-related activities or substantial hardship will occur if the vehicle is not repaired. Assistance may be provided in situations where the applicant does not have sufficient means to pay an insurance deductible. Assistance will be paid directly to the entity performing the maintenance or the insurance company owed the deductible. Assistance will not be provided for damage caused during the commission of a crime, for cosmetic needs, for damage resulting in an auto accident when automobile insurance has not been purchased, or for routine maintenance. Vehicle replacement (proof of “bill of sale,” proof of salvage, or proof of the vehicle’s replacement), vehicle repairs and housing repairs cannot exceed \$10,000 or the value of the vehicle at the time of the request.

c. Assistance for home repair is limited to repairs that are required to improve the conditions and integrity of the home and are necessary for the safety and security of the residents. Applicants with homeowners insurance may request assistance for payment of a deductible. Assistance may be provided for applicants in disaster situations, home accidents, vandalism, or other situations as determined by the commission. Proof of homeowners insurance is required as well as an insurance claim, if applicable.

d. Assistance for transitional housing may be provided to applicants who are displaced from their home during a period of repairs related to a disaster, vandalism, home accident, or other reason that makes staying in the home hazardous to the health of the residents. Any refunded security deposits paid for under this subrule shall be returned to the Iowa veterans trust fund.

e. The maximum amount that may be paid under this subrule for any consecutive 12-month period may not exceed \$1,000 for transitional housing. Lifetime maximum benefit for housing repair and vehicle repair or vehicle replacement: \$10,000 each.

14.4(9) *Expenses related to establishing whether a minor child is a dependent of a deceased veteran.*

a. The commission may provide assistance to the family of veterans who are killed while serving on active federal service, for expenses related to paternity or maternity tests or the cost of procuring additional DNA samples from the deceased veteran. This assistance is available to determine whether a child is eligible for United States Department of Veterans Affairs war orphan benefits.

b. Applicants are required to provide the results of the paternity or maternity examinations to the commission upon completion of the tests. Where the deceased veteran is not the parent of the child, the applicant will be required to repay the assistance received as provided in 801—14.6(35A).

c. The maximum amount that may be paid under this subrule is \$2,500.

14.4(10) *Family support group programs, survivor outreach services, or programs for children of members of the military.*

a. The commission may award grants to unit family readiness/support groups, family support offices, and other such organizations providing support and programs to families and children of family members.

b. The grant shall be only for projects or programs which are not funded from any other source. The commission shall determine if the applicant’s proposed project or program will provide the intended support. In making its determination, the commission shall consider whether the proposed program will provide anticipated favorable results.

14.4(11) *Honor guard services.*

a. The commission may reimburse veterans organizations for providing military funeral honors as follows:

(1) If a single veterans organization provides basic honors, \$50.
 (2) If a single veterans organization provides full honors, \$100.
 (3) If two or more veterans organizations participate in providing full honors and one of the organizations provides a firing detail, \$50. The organizations may request that the commission split the reimbursement.

(4) If two or more veterans organizations participate in providing basic honors, \$25. Payment shall be to one veterans organization, as determined by the commission.

b. Notwithstanding paragraph 14.4(11)“*a*,” the commission shall not reimburse a veterans organization if federal funding is available to reimburse the veterans organization for providing military funeral honors. The veterans organization shall request reimbursement from federal sources. If a veterans organization receives federal funding for providing military funeral honors at the reimbursement rate of one funeral per day, the department shall reimburse the organization for the provision of military funeral honors at any additional funerals on that day.

c. The maximum amount of aid payable in a calendar year under this subrule to a veterans organization is \$2,000.

d. Veterans service organizations that are not currently providing honor guard services may apply for a \$500 up-front grant for the use of creating a new honor guard within their organization. Applicants must present the commission with an estimated cost for purchasing uniforms and firearms for providing military honors and an estimated number of members who will be available to perform honor guard services. Organizations should also provide information regarding how they plan to pay for additional expenses that may occur outside of trust fund assistance. Applicants will be eligible for reimbursements under paragraphs 14.4(11)“*a*” to “*c*” 12 months after the receipt of their original \$500 grant.

14.4(12) *Matching funds to veterans service organizations to provide for accredited veteran service officers.* Rescinded IAB 11/6/19, effective 12/11/19.

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801—14.5(35A) Application procedure. Applications for benefits from the veterans trust fund may be obtained at any county veterans affairs office. The county director of veterans affairs shall date-stamp the application and submit it to the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, Camp Dodge, Bldg. 3465, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, Johnston, Iowa 50131-1824.

14.5(1) *Application process.* A person who wishes to apply shall complete an Application for Veterans Trust Fund form and provide such documentation or other evidence as the commission may require in order to determine the awarding or denial of the benefits available under this chapter.

14.5(2) *Date of application.* The date of the application shall be the date the signed application and written verification are received by the Iowa department of veterans affairs.

14.5(3) *Eligibility determination.*

a. The county director of veterans affairs shall make a recommendation to the Iowa commission of veterans affairs as to whether to approve or deny the application. The Iowa commission of veterans affairs or three or more commissioners may approve or deny all applications, to include emergency applications. Applications submitted to the Iowa commission of veterans affairs will be processed at its monthly meetings as set forth in 801—paragraph 1.2(2)“*a*” or during a conference call for the purpose of voting on a trust fund expenditure. The trust fund administrator of the Iowa department of veterans affairs shall notify an applicant within 15 days of the commission’s decision. An explanation of the reasons for rejection of an application will accompany denials.

b. Applications for honor guard reimbursements under subrule 14.4(11) shall be processed solely by the Iowa department of veterans affairs and do not need commission approval for expenditure of trust fund interest balance funds for this purpose.

14.5(4) *Waiting list.* After all veterans trust fund moneys have been obligated, the commission shall approve or deny pending applications based on eligibility. Applicants who meet the eligibility requirements and are approved for payment by the commission shall be placed on a waiting list based on the date of approval and then according to the order in which the completed applications and verification were

received by the Iowa commission of veterans affairs. In the event that more than one application is received at one time, the applicant shall be entered on the waiting list on the basis of the applicant's birthday, the oldest applicant being first on the waiting list.

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801—14.6(35A) Recovery of erroneous payments.

14.6(1) *Erroneous payments.* The commission may recover payments made as a grant under this chapter if any of the following apply:

- a. The information provided by the applicant is inaccurate.
- b. The commission incorrectly calculated the grant amount.
- c. The applicant is not entitled to a grant or is entitled to a lower grant amount as a result of a change in circumstances that affects the applicant's eligibility to receive the grant.

14.6(2) *Amount of recovery.* The commission may recover only the portion of the grant to which the applicant would not have been entitled if the correct information had been provided or if the grant had been properly calculated or as a change in circumstances warrants.

14.6(3) *Remedies.* The commission may request repayment of the amount due under subrule 14.6(2). In lieu of a lump sum payment, the commission may enter into an agreement under which the applicant may repay the amount due within a 12-month period. If the applicant fails to repay the amount due within 30 days of a request for repayment or fails to comply with the terms of a repayment agreement, the commission may offset future grants that the applicant may be entitled to under this chapter until the amount due has been recovered. The commission may also suspend other benefits available to the applicant until the amount due has been recovered.

14.6(4) *Waiver.* The commission may temporarily or permanently waive its authority to recover payments under subrule 14.6(1) or suspend benefits under subrule 14.6(3) if the applicant's household income is totally exempt from Iowa garnishment law.

14.6(5) *Appeal.* Any commission decision under this chapter is subject to appeal under rule 801—14.7(35A).

801—14.7(35A) Appeal rights.

14.7(1) *Appeal action.* An applicant may appeal the initial decision to the full Iowa commission of veterans affairs. The applicant shall appeal the decision of the subcommittee to the commission in writing within 30 days of receiving the written denial and shall provide relevant new information to substantiate the appeal.

14.7(2) *Final agency action.* The approval or denial of an application by the commission or by the department shall be the final decision of the agency.

14.7(3) *Judicial review.* Judicial review of the commission's or department's final decisions may be sought in accordance with Iowa Code section 17A.19.

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CHAPTER 15
VETERANS COMMEMORATIVE PROPERTY

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801—15.1(37A) Purpose. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 37A.1, these rules establish the process for the sale, trade or transfer of veterans commemorative property.

801—15.2(37A) Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms are defined as follows:

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of veterans affairs.

“*Veteran*” means a deceased person who served in the armed forces of the United States during a war in which the United States was engaged or served full-time in active duty in a force of an organized state militia, excluding service in the National Guard when in an inactive status.

“*Veterans commemorative property*” means any memorial as defined in Iowa Code section 523I.102, including a headstone, plaque, statue, urn, decoration, flag holder, badge, shield, item of memorabilia, or other embellishment, that identifies or commemorates any veteran or group of veterans, including any veterans organization or any military unit, company, battalion, or division.

“*Veterans organization*” means the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Forty and Eight, Vietnam Veterans of America, United Spanish War Veterans, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Inc., the Catholic War Veterans, Inc., American Legion, American Veterans of World War II, Italian American War Veterans of the United States, Inc., or other corporation or association of veterans.

801—15.3(37A) Notification procedure.

15.3(1) Notification. Prior to the sale, trade or transfer of veterans commemorative property, a person who owns or controls a property where veterans commemorative property has been placed shall provide notice to the department and obtain written authorization. Notification to the department shall be submitted for review on forms provided by the department 60 days prior to the proposed transaction date of the veterans commemorative property.

15.3(2) Notification forms. Notification forms may be obtained from the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, Camp Dodge, Bldg. 3465, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, Johnston, Iowa 50131-1824, or from the department’s Web site at <https://va.iowa.gov>.

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801—15.4(37A) Transaction approval. Upon receipt of transaction notification and supporting documentation, the department shall take action on the request within a reasonable time frame not to exceed 60 days. The following criteria will be considered in evaluating a request:

15.4(1) Risk of deterioration. The department may authorize the sale, trade, or transfer of veterans commemorative property, if the veterans commemorative property is determined to be at risk of deterioration to a point where the veteran, group of veterans, or veterans organization that the property commemorates will be unrecognizable.

15.4(2) Relocation of veterans commemorative property to a suitable location. The department may authorize the sale, trade, or transfer of veterans commemorative property if the transaction will be made with an individual or organization that will preserve the current condition of the property and will display the property in a manner that will commemorate the veteran, group of veterans, or veterans organization for which the property was intended.

15.4(3) To provide for the maintenance of cemetery property. The department may authorize the sale, trade, or transfer of veterans commemorative property if the transaction is necessary to ensure that sufficient funds are available to maintain the cemetery where the veterans commemorative property is placed and the specific lot, plot, grave, burial place, niche, crypt, or other place of interment of a veteran or group of veterans.

15.4(4) *Veterans commemorative property will be suitably replaced.* The department may authorize the sale, trade, or transfer of veterans commemorative property if the property will be replaced at the same site, with a memorial that will continue to commemorate the veteran, group of veterans, or veterans organization that the original memorial was intended to honor.

15.4(5) *Donating veterans organization approval.* The department may authorize the sale, trade, or transfer of veterans commemorative property if the veterans organization that is believed to have donated the property consents to the transaction.

15.4(6) *Lending owner approval.* The department may authorize the sale, trade, or transfer of veterans commemorative property if the owner of the property authorizes the transaction and is aware that the entity in possession of the property will retain the proceeds of the transaction.

801—15.5(37A) Appeals.

15.5(1) *Final department action.* Action taken on the application shall be the final decision of the department.

15.5(2) *Review.* Review of the department's final decision may be sought in accordance with Iowa Code section 17A.19. Written notice of appeal should be directed to the Executive Director, Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, Camp Dodge, Bldg. 3465, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, Johnston, Iowa 50131-1824, within 30 days of receipt of final department action.

801—15.6(37A) Penalty. Engaging in the sale, trade, or transfer of veterans commemorative property without department authorization is punishable as a simple misdemeanor pursuant to Iowa Code section 37A.1(3).

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 37A.1 as amended by 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2333.

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CHAPTER 16
LIMITED RESIDENCY VIETNAM CONFLICT VETERANS BONUS
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CHAPTER 17
VETERANS LICENSE FEE FUND

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801—17.1(35A) Purpose. These rules establish authorized expenditures from the veterans license fee fund. Authorized expenditures will meet the department’s mission to educate, inspire, support, and remember, as follows.

17.1(1) Educate. Provide marketing materials, resources, books, and updated manuals to keep the veterans community updated on benefits.

17.1(2) Inspire. Ensure community and nonprofit organizations receive funds to promote public initiatives that honor military service and inspire esprit de corps amongst service branches.

17.1(3) Support. Provide funding support to nationally accredited veteran service organizations within the state of Iowa that aid and assist service members within communities.

17.1(4) Remember. Fund community and nonprofit programs that remember and honor Iowa’s fallen heroes to keep the memory of their sacrifices and service alive for generations.

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801—17.2(35A) Moneys. Moneys in this fund may be used for the administrative expenses related to the business of the Iowa commission of veterans affairs, to include mileage, per diem, conference call capabilities, printing costs for quarterly meetings, expenses incurred for hearings at the Iowa Veterans Home, and nationally accredited veterans service organizations.

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801—17.3(35A) Expenditures. Moneys in this fund may be used for expenditures that have the intent to benefit all Iowa veterans. (Examples include benefit books, educational materials, and outreach programs.)

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801—17.4(35A) Administration. This fund will be administered by the department.

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