

**801—14.3 (35A) Eligibility.** Veterans, their spouses, and their dependents applying for benefits available under subrules 14.4(1) through 14.4(9) must meet the following threshold requirements.

**14.3(1) *Income.*** 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 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for the number of family 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. The commission may waive the income threshold if all income is from a fixed source and all other sources of assistance have been exhausted.

**14.3(2) *Resources.*** The department may not pay benefits under this chapter if the available liquid assets of the veteran are in excess of \$15,000. 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) *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(4) *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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