

801—14.4(35A) Benefits available. Applications may be approved for any of the following purposes.

14.4(1) *Travel expenses for wounded veterans directly related to follow-up medical care.* Travel expenses under this subrule include the cost of airfare, lodging, and a per diem of \$25 per day. The veteran 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 of aid payable in a consecutive 12-month period under this subrule is \$1,000.

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

a. The commission may pay a veteran not more than \$3,000 for retraining 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 or is engaged in a structured on-the-job training program.

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

(3) The commission determines that the veteran's proposed program will provide retraining that could enable the veteran to find gainful employment. In making its determination, the commission shall consider whether the proposed 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 reimbursement from any other retraining or education programs and the veteran does not have other assets or income available to meet retraining expenses.

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

14.4(3) *Unemployment assistance during a period of unemployment due to prolonged physical or mental illness or disability resulting from military service.* The commission may provide subsistence payments only to a veteran who has suffered a loss of income due to prolonged physical or mental illness or disability resulting from military service. The commission may provide subsistence payments of up to \$500 per month to a veteran on a month-to-month basis. No payment may be made under this subrule if the veteran has other assets or income available to meet basic subsistence needs. The veteran shall provide such evidence as the commission may require, which includes but is not limited to evidence that the mental illness or disability is service-connected and evidence that the veteran is unemployed for the period of payments. The maximum amount of aid payable in a consecutive 12-month period under this subrule is \$3,000.

14.4(4) *Expenses relating to nursing facility or home care.*

a. The commission may provide health care aid to a veteran residing in a long-term care facility or under a formal home health care agreement for dental care, including dentures; vision care, including eyeglass frames and lenses; and hearing care, including hearing aids.

b. The maximum amount that may be paid under this subrule for any consecutive 12-month period may not exceed \$2,500 for dental care, \$500 for vision care, and \$1,500 per ear for hearing care.

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; 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 shall not pay health care aid under this subrule if the available liquid assets of the veteran are in excess of \$3,000.

14.4(5) *Benefits provided to children of disabled or deceased veterans.* The commission may provide a one-time payment of \$250 to minor children of veterans who were disabled as a result of injuries or illness incurred while on active federal service or \$1,000 to minor children of veterans who died as a result of injuries or illness incurred while on active federal service, following September 11, 2001. Minor children claiming eligibility due to the disability or death of a veteran shall submit, through the parent or guardian of the child, evidence from the appropriate military service indicating that the veteran died or was disabled as a result of injuries or illness incurred while on active federal service. For

the purposes of this subrule, “children” means any biological child or any adopted child. The applicant shall provide such evidence as the commission may require to satisfy the requirements of this subrule.

14.4(6) Individual counseling or family counseling programs.

a. The commission may make mental health 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.

d. The maximum amount that may be paid under this subrule for any consecutive 12-month period shall not exceed \$2,500.

e. 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 department determines the veteran is capable of paying. The department shall not pay for counseling under this subrule if the available liquid assets of the veteran are in excess of \$3,000.

14.4(7) Family support group programs 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 that 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.

c. The maximum amount of aid payable in a consecutive 12-month period under this subrule to a family readiness/support group is \$500.

14.4(8) 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, \$25.

(2) If a single veterans organization provides full honors, \$50.

(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 “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 consecutive 12-month period under this subrule to a veterans organization is \$500.