

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.  
 VA 2.01 (1)(f) VA 2.01 (1)(n) VA  
 2.01 (1)(u)  
 Amendment No. if Applicable

ORIGINAL       UPDATED  
 CORRECTED       SUPPLEMENTAL

FISCAL ESTIMATE  
 DOA-2048 N(R10/94)

**Subject**  
**Amending and creating administrative rules relating to the assistance to needy veterans grant program.**

**Fiscal Effect**

State:     No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation  
 or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb  
 Within Agency's Budget     Yes     No

Increase Existing Appropriation       Increase Existing Revenues  
 Decrease Existing Appropriation       Decrease Existing Revenues  
 Create New Appropriation

Decrease Costs

Local:  No local government costs

1.  Increase Costs  
      Permissive       Mandatory  
 2.  Decrease Costs  
      Permissive       Mandatory

3.  Increase Revenues  
      Permissive       Mandatory  
 4.  Decrease Revenues  
      Permissive       Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:  
 Towns       Villages       Cities  
 Counties       Others \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**

GPR     FED     PRO     PRS     SEG     SEG-S

**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

**\$20,485,200 (vm)**

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

This proposed administrative rule change amends VA 2.01 (1) (f), VA 2.01 (1) (n) and to create VA 2.01 (1) (u) relating to the assistance to needy veterans (ANV) grant program.

The proposed administrative rule establishes the following provisions governing the Health Care Aid Grants (HCAG) under the ANV program:

1. Limit "dental care" not to exceed \$1,500 every 3 years
2. Limit "hearing care" not to exceed \$1,800 per ear every 4 years
3. Establish "vision care" not to exceed \$200 per year

Provisions of 2007 Wisconsin Act 20 eliminated caps for dental care, hearing care and vision care and increased the lifetime cap to \$7,500. Prior to those changes, the annual cap for dental care was \$2,500, \$1,500 per ear for hearing care and \$500 for vision care. The lifetime cap was \$5,000. The authorized funding for the 2007-09 biennium is \$1,492,000. Of that amount, \$1,277,700 was expended in FY08, which left a balance of \$214,300 to cover FY09 payments. As a result, the program was closed in October, 2008. Based on the FY08 usage rate and assuming the proposed rule changes are not enacted, the total estimated HCAG demand for the 2009-11 biennium would be about \$3.6 million. However, based on the proposed rule changes, the estimated demand would be about \$1.5 million for the biennium. Thus the projected biennial savings as a result of the proposed rule changes would be approximately \$2.1 million.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

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