

Highlights
VA Grant and Per Diem Program
Provider Operational Call
December 10, 2007

Funding Announcement:

VA expects to announce a NOFA early next year. The NOFA may include both capital funding and “per diem only” funding.

Program Inspections:

Programs will be inspected between January and March of 2008. Emphasis will be given during these inspections on providers following the “project plan” of the original grant application. Also, providers should try to accommodate the schedules of medical center inspection teams as much as possible. Inspection check lists are available from the liaison.

Per Diem Rate Increases:

The maximum allowable per diem rate is now \$33.01. To apply for a rate increase, see the instructions on the Provider Web Site:

<http://www1.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=35>

Program Operational Requirements:

Programs must operate within the regulations. Operational standards are prescribed in section 61.80 of the GPD regulations. Also, VA has a GPD handbook; speak with your liaison if you would like to see a copy.

The VA can pay per diem up to 72 hours after a veteran leaves the program. This 72 hour period is given expecting the veteran will return or needs time on pass, a hospital stay, etc. It must not be added to every discharge.

Programs can admit veterans for more than three episodes but the fourth (or more) episode needs to be reviewed by the liaison. The liaison is required to issue a waiver if a fourth episode is beneficial for the veteran’s care (see section 61.30 in the regulations).

There is no regulation that states how long a veteran needs to be out of a program before that veteran can reapply.

The next scheduled conference is January 14, 2008, 3:00 Eastern Time. Please call in at 1-800-767-7750 (access code: 17663)