

**Highlights**  
**VA Grant and Per Diem Program**  
**Provider Operational Call**  
**February 11, 2008**

Funding Announcements:

The NOFAs under the GPD Program should be announced within the next couple of weeks. The NOFAs will include funding opportunities for both the Capital and Per Diem Only grants.

Inspections:

Programs will be inspected between the months of January and March. Please accommodate the medical center teams that will be visiting your facilities. This year, inspections will emphasize the goals and objectives of the program. In other words, those programmatic descriptions in the Project Plan of the initial proposal will be reviewed. Programs may not be meeting all the objectives, however, each objectives must be tracked and monitored. If objectives are not being met, then corrective actions should be in place or changes in scope should have been submitted to the GPD Office.

Per Diem Rate Increase:

The maximum per diem rate VA can pay is now \$33.01. Forms and procedures to request an alternate rate are on the GPD web site.

Final Rule for Religious Organizations:

Providers should read the Final Rule for Religious Organizations. The rule can be found on the GPD web site at:

[http://www1.va.gov/homeless/docs/Final\\_Rule\\_Religious\\_Organizations.pdf](http://www1.va.gov/homeless/docs/Final_Rule_Religious_Organizations.pdf)

Other Regulations:

Please review the GPD regulations, particularly as it relates to the operational standards of the programs. The regulations are 38 CFR 61.00. The GPD web site is located at:

<http://www1.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=3>

Special Needs Grants:

New forms to request Special Needs Grants payments are on the web site. Please use these forms when you request funding.

Reminders:

- Please make sure you notify the GPD Office of any changes in phone/fax numbers, addresses, contact information, etc.
- When submitting monthly vouchers, please make sure the project number and billing period are on the form. Also, please submit these forms on a timely basis.

Future Call:

The next scheduled conference call is March 10, 2008; 3:00 PM Eastern Time. The call-in number is 1-800-767-1750; access code is 17663.