

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

**Capital Grants:**

Second submission reviews have been completed by the GPD office and the budgeting/facility reviews are currently taking place. In the past, Awards have been announced in early October.

**Provider Web site:**

Please go to the provider web site on a regular basis. The page has information about the program and new procedures/announcements/forms, etc. that are important. The web address is: <http://www1.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=35>

**Notifications:**

Please remember to inform the GPD office if there is a change in your organization leadership, phone/fax numbers, mailing address, etc.

**Monthly Payments:**

VA Austin pays providers directly. If a provider is experiencing late payments, they should first contact their liaison. The Austin group has electronic methods to receive bills that are sent directly. The GPD office has been informed that sending the bill directly to them is the most efficient method to receive payment. However, work with your local medical center if late payments are a recurrent problem.

**Medication Monitoring:**

Programs should develop policies regarding program participant medication. Program policies may differ depending on the program design and type of population. For instance, those programs that admit seriously mentally would have different procedures than those housing employment-ready veterans. Various policies were discussed on the call.

The next scheduled conference is October 8<sup>th</sup> but will be canceled because of the holiday. We will conduct a conference call on November 12, 3:00 Eastern Time.