### **Department of Veterans Affairs**

*VA* means the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101, 501, 1710, 1742, 8105, 8131-8137)

### §59.3 Federal Application Identifier.

Once VA has provided the State representative with a Federal Application Identifier Number for a project, the number must be included on all subsequent written communications to VA from the State, or its agent, regarding a request for a grant for that project under this part.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101, 501, 1710, 1742, 8105, 8131-8137)

## § 59.4 Decisionmakers, notifications, and additional information.

The decisionmaker for decisions required under this part will be the Chief Consultant, Geriatrics and Extended Care, unless specified to be the Secretary or other VA official. The VA decisionmaker will provide written notice to affected States of approvals, denials, or requests for additional information under this part.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101, 501, 1710, 1742, 8105, 8131-8137)

# § 59.5 Submissions of information and documents to VA.

All submissions of information and documents required to be presented to VA must be made, unless otherwise specified under this part, to the Chief Consultant, Geriatrics and Extended Care (114), VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101, 501, 1710, 1742, 8105, 8131-8137)

### § 59.10 General requirements for a grant.

For a State to obtain a grant under this part and grant funds, its initial application for the grant must be approved under §59.20, and the project must be ranked sufficiently high on the priority list for the current fiscal year so that funding is available for the project. It must meet the additional application requirements in §59.60, and it must meet all other requirements

under this part for obtaining a grant and grant funds.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101, 501, 1710, 1742, 8105, 8131-8137)

# § 59.20 Initial application requirements.

- (a) For a project to be considered for inclusion on the priority list in §59.50 of this part for the next fiscal year, a State must submit to VA an original and one copy of a completed VA Form 10–0388 and all information, documentation, and other forms specified by VA form 10–0388 (these forms are set forth at §59.170 of this part).
- (b) The Secretary, based on the information submitted for a project pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, will approve the project for inclusion on the priority list in §59.50 of this part if the submission includes all of the information requested under paragraph (a) of this section and if the submission represents a project that, if further developed, could meet the requirements for a grant under this part.
- (c) The information requested under paragraph (a) of this section should be submitted to VA by April 15, and must be received by VA by August 15, if the State wishes an application to be included on the priority list for the award of grants during the next fiscal year.
- (d) If a State representative believes that VA may not award a grant to the State for a grant application during the current fiscal year and wants to ensure that VA includes the application on the priority list for the next fiscal year, the State representative must, prior to August 15 of the current fiscal year,
- (1) Request VA to include the application in those recommended to the Secretary for inclusion on the priority list, and
  - (2) Send any updates to VA.

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#### §59.30 Documentation.

For a State to obtain a grant and grant funds under this part, the State must submit to VA documentation

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that the site of the project is in reasonable proximity to a sufficient concentration and population of veterans that are 65 years of age and older and that there is a reasonable basis to conclude that the facility when complete will be fully occupied. This documentation must be included in the initial application submitted to VA under §59.20.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101, 501, 1710, 1742, 8105, 8131-8137)

# § 59.40 Maximum number of nursing home care and domiciliary care beds for veterans by State.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, a State may not request a grant for a project to construct or acquire a new State home facility, to increase the number of beds available at a State home facility, or to replace beds at a State home facility if the project would increase the total number of State home nursing home and domiciliary beds beyond the maximum number designated for that State. The maximum number of State home nursing home and domiciliary beds designated for each State is (for maximum numbers see VA website at http://www.va.gov/About\_VA/Orgs/VHA/ VHAProg.htm). the number in the following chart for the State, minus the sum of the number of nursing home and domiciliary beds already in operation at State home facilities, and the number of State home nursing home and domiciliary beds not yet in operation but for which a grant has either been requested or awarded under this part (the availability of VA and community nursing home beds in each State will also be considered at the time of grant application for bed-producing projects):

State	State home nursing home and domi- ciliary beds
Alabama	883
Alaska	79
Arizona	1,068
Arkansas	557
California	5,754
Colorado	717
Connecticut	738
Delaware	165
District of Columbia	104
Florida	4,471
Georgia	1,202
Hawaii	216
Idaho	233

State	State home nursing home and domi- ciliary beds
Illinois	2,271
Indiana	1,209
lowa	632
Kansas	542
Kentucky	759
Louisiana	785
Maine	301
Maryland	1,020
Massachusetts	1,348
Michigan	1,896
Minnesota	932
Mississippi	500
Missouri	1,230
Montana	198
Nebraska	355
Nevada	428
New Hampshire	264
New Jersey	1,683
New Mexico	344
New York	3,220
North Carolina	1,454
North Dakota	121
Ohio	2,530
Oklahoma	747
Oregon	804
Pennsylvania	3.173
Puerto Rico	350
Rhode Island	254
South Carolina	750
South Dakota	155
Tennessee	1,050
Texas	3,226
Utah	304
Vermont	124
Virginia	1.312
Virgin Islands	1,012
Washington	1.215
West Virginia	455
Wisconsin	1.070
Wyoming	93

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (A): The provisions of 38 U.S.C. 8134 require VA to prescribe for each State the number of nursing home and domiciliary beds for which grants may be furnished. This is required to be based on the projected demand for nursing home and domiciliary care on November 30, 2009 (10 years after the date of enactment of the Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act (P.L. 106-117)), by veterans who at such time are 65 years of age or older and who reside in that State. In determining the projected demand, VA must take into account travel distances for veterans and their families.

(b) A State may request a grant for a project that would increase the total number of State nursing home and domiciliary beds beyond the maximum number for that State, if the State submits to VA, documentation to establish a need for the exception based on travel distances of at least two hours (by land transportation or any other usual mode of transportation if land