



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Veterans Benefits Administration
Washington DC 20420

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Mr. Douglas J. Rosinski
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Dear Mr. Rosinski:

We received your August 30, 2012, letter, in which you expressed several concerns pertaining to VA Form 21-4703, *Fiduciary Agreement*, and cannot confirm that you received a response.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently made several improvements to VA Form 21-4703 after the April 19, 2012, release of Fast Letter 12-13, *Pre-approval of Single Expenditures by a Fiduciary*. Modifications to the form included removing the requirement that a fiduciary to seek prior VA approval for expenditures over \$1,000, as well as language implying that fiduciaries lack authority to act independently in determining whether an expenditure is in the beneficiary's interest.

Further, we plan on modifying the form based upon regulation amendments under review within VA. These changes will clearly prescribe the fiduciary's responsibility to the beneficiary and define the oversight VA will conduct. We believe these changes will further address your concerns with this form as outlined in your letter.

We are aware VA Form 21-4703 is not located on VA's forms website. We intend for this form to be used only if solicited by VA personnel. VA Form 21-4703 is available to the public on the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, website.

Thank you for your suggestions for improving VA's fiduciary program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R. McLenachen".

David R. McLenachen
Director
Pension and Fiduciary Service