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## **Background**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is promulgating regulations to implement statutory authority to provide reimbursement for hospital care and medical services provided to certain veterans' family members who resided at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Under this rule, VA will reimburse family members for medical expenses incurred as a result of certain illnesses and conditions that may be attributed to exposure to contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune during this time period. Reimbursement will be made within the limitations set forth in statute. In order to furnish such care, VA must collect certain information from the family members to ensure that they meet the requirements of the law.

As originally enacted by Congress, family members must have resided at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days during the period beginning on January 1, 1957, and ending on December 31, 1987. Congress subsequently amended the statute to require residency between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987.

## Modification

VHA has updated VA Forms 10-10068, Camp Lejeune Family Member Program Application, to delete and 10-10068b, Camp Lejeune Family Member Program Treating Physician Form, to delete all references to "1957" and "January 1, 1957," and replace them with "1953" and "August 1, 1953," respectively.