

Veterans Benefits Administration  
Pension and Fiduciary Service  
810 Vermont Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20420  
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Gabriel Blau  
Executive Director  
Family Equality Council

Dear Mr. Blau:

Thank you for your recommendation on behalf of the Family Equality Council. VA Form 21P-601, *Application for Accrued Amounts Due a Deceased Beneficiary*, has been updated to replace the terms “mother” and “father” with “parent,” to better match the language in 38 U.S.C. § 103(c). The updated form has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). We are in the process of updating all of our forms to broaden the language regarding marital and parental relationships to be as inclusive to all situations as possible.

We appreciate your comments on the proposed form.

Sincerely,