



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Veterans Benefits Administration
Washington, DC 20420

Response to Public Comment for ICR 202503-2900-014

Submitter Information

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Comment Received:

Dear VA - Knowing that my conditions are directly related to military service, I am going on public record with my comment requesting the following changes. This would include working with the agencies outlined and associating my injuries directly with what I want to remedy within my household to further ensure "barrier free living". I would like them to take into consideration that I am certainly not the only one experiencing the above. I would like a more preventative approach to occur and taken into consideration.

However, I also understand that certain stipulations would have to be written and in place. These include the Veteran working directly with their County Veteran Service Officer, who would be acting on behalf of this bill proposal and ensuring services are met. Further regulating and implementing the proposal could include the following:

- 1) Proof that the condition meets the proposed remedy (ex. converting a tub/shower into a walk-in shower)
- 2) A cap on grant money received for each project and how it aids the individual Veteran in the long run for them to be able to successfully continue to reside in their home and
- 3) Mutual agreements between Veteran and agencies with the understanding that conversions may hurt long-term resell value. With appropriate legal signatures and understanding, the Veteran applying is confirming that they are committed and desire to stay in their home long-term until they physically cannot or for other identified reasons are not able to do so (i.e. job loss, financial hardship, accident, death... etc.) I recommend the above in attempts to serve as a preventative measure and ensure that myself and those I have served alongside are taking proactive steps to mitigate a longer-term problem. Wisconsin previously had three long-term care facilities that cater specifically to Veteran's. All are closed or are in danger of closing permanently as a result of budgetary and administrative policies and procedures. Therefore, we cannot continue to

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rely on the reactionary methods of the past as demonstrated within the below, coming from directly from the Department of Veteran Affairs proposal and rather serve as a soundboard and strive for measures wherein we can continue to live and thrive within our lives and communities.

VA RESPONSE:

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Loan Guaranty Service acknowledges receipt of your public comment regarding the Control Number for Establishing Property Suitability for VA Specially Adapted Housing. The feedback regarding improving accessibility, enabling Veteran's to remain in their homes safely, and ensuring preventive measures are considered valuable to the Department as we evaluate proposed information collection requirements and related program delivery. We are committed to supporting Veterans' ongoing ability to live safely and independently in their homes and appreciate your input.

Your input has been noted and will be included in our official record of public comments during the 30-day notice.

V/r,
Loan Guaranty Service