

Supportive Services for Veteran Families Guide for Pending Verification of Veteran Status (PVVS) March 31, 2014

<u>Issue:</u>

As per 38 CFR 62.2, enrolling participants in SSVF requires that grantees verify Veteran status to determine program eligibility. This entails a documentation collection process that can take weeks. The VA recognizes that the crisis nature of SSVF services often means that Veteran families require immediate intervention.

Resolution:

At the time of screening SSVF grantees may make a determination of *Pending Verification of Veteran Status*. This determination allows for the immediate provision of supportive services, other than temporary financial assistance (TFA).

Process and Restrictions:

- 1. TFA cannot be offered during the period of Pending Verification of Veteran Status. TFA can only be offered once Veteran status is confirmed.
- 2. Pending Verification of Veteran Status must be documented by an affidavit of eligibility signed by the participant.
- 3. Until Veteran Status is confirmed, Pending Verification of Veteran Status must be re-certified at least once every 90 days. If the participant is found to be ineligible for SSVF, the participant must be discharged with appropriate community referrals.
- 4. Upload client data in HMIS, as required for all SSVF clients, and include in monthly reports.
- 5. Service data will count towards program outcomes and final service numbers, regardless of final determination of Veteran status.