

Information Memorandum Transmittal Aging and People with Disabilities



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Topic: Long Term Care

Due date:

Subject: **WILDFIRE HELP FOR VETERANS **

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Types A and B | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Message:

Resources are available for veterans who have been impacted by the fires.

The DAV National Service Office in Portland has obtained drafts (checks) to be sent out to veterans or their surviving spouses that have been impacted by the wildfires in Oregon. The drafts are up to \$1,000 per household, regardless if it's a multiple veteran household.

To receive a draft PLEASE have the participant follow these steps:

1. Email dav.vbaport@va.gov and state WILDFIRE RELIEF in the subject line.
2. We need the full name of the veteran/surviving spouse.
3. Their address that has been affected.
4. An address they can receive the draft at.
5. Their phone number and/or email address.

- 6. Proof of veteran status. Various things will work for this, the veteran DOES NOT need to be in receipt of any VA benefits. Examples: DDF 214, VA rating sheet, driver's license with "veteran" annotation, etc.
- 7. Are they requesting for food and clothing only OR did they have to evacuate/pay for lodging? Please include as much proof/verification to make this as easy as possible

USDVA shared this morning that emergency assistance is available through Sep 30 for veterans affected by the wildfires in Oregon and California through the PenFed Foundation. Here is the link to the website with information. Please communicate this through all means as quickly as possible since we're close to the deadline:

<https://penfedfoundation.org/apply-for-assistance/va-relief/?content=on>

For those eligible, these services should be accessed prior to APD/AAA payments if possible.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

Contact(s):	
Phone:	Fax:
Email: vaheroes@penfed.org	