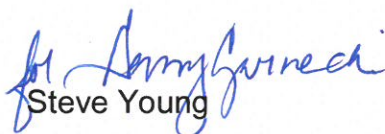


Date: **APR 17 2017**
From: Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Operations and Management (10N)
Subj: Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers – Clinical Eligibility Reassessments (VAIQ 7789534)
To: Network Directors (10N1-23), Facility Directors
Thru: Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Policy and Services (10P)

1. Effective April 17, 2017, revocations initiated by medical centers based on clinical eligibility for the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) will be suspended until further notice.
2. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Medical Center Caregiver Support Programs will continue supporting Veterans and caregivers through the menu of training and other resources available.
3. VA Medical Centers will continue accepting PCAFC applications, approving applicants based upon current initial eligibility criteria, processing appeals, and monitoring participant eligibility no less often than every 90 days.
4. Revocations exempted from this suspension include those made at the request of the Veteran or caregiver; by the local Caregiver Support Program for cause or noncompliance; or due to institutionalization of a Veteran or death of a participant.
5. The National Caregiver Support Program will undergo an internal review to evaluate consistency in revocations from the program and standardize communication with Veterans and caregivers enterprise wide.
6. Should you have any further questions, please contact Dr. Elyse Kaplan, Deputy Director Caregiver Support Program by phone at (202) 461-7228 or by email at Elyse.Kaplan@va.gov .


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