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4.01 APPLICATION AND INSPECTION

Homes furnishing care to veterans and desiring to receive VA (Department of Veterans Affairs) aid for levels of care not previously authorized, or for changes in current operating and/or authorized bed capacities will notify the VA health care facility of jurisdiction. The Director of the VA health care facility will arrange for an inspection of the home by appropriate personnel at the earliest mutually agreeable date, to determine whether the levels of care fall within the definition of domiciliary, nursing home, or hospital care and whether the VA standards of care for that level are met.

4.02 NOTICE OF APPROVAL

a. If it is determined that all VA standards and requirements are met and the request for a change in the number of authorized beds will involve an increase and/or decrease in census for specific levels of care, but does not require additional funding, the VA health care facility will forward a letter of approval to the home containing the number of beds authorized for per diem payment for each level of care and the effective date of approval with a copy to the ACMD (Assistant Chief Medical Director) for Geriatrics and Extended Care.

b. If the request for changes in the number of authorized beds involves an increase and/or decrease in census for the levels of care provided, and requires additional funds, and requirements and standards are met, the VA facility will send a written recommendation through the Regional Director for approval by the ACMD for the Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care. When approval is received, the VA facility will then forward a letter of approval to the home as indicated. Requests for changes that require additional funds should be made in the Federal Fiscal Year prior to activating beds which result in an increase in census.

4.03 NOTICE OF DISAPPROVAL

Homes which fail to meet the necessary requirements and standards of care will be advised by letter of reasons for disapproval. Copies of the letter and related correspondence will be forwarded to the ACMD for Geriatrics and Extended Care.