RESCISSION OF VHA MANUAL M-2, PART I, CHAPTER 6, SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING

1. By direction of the Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Manual M-2, Clinical Affairs, Part I, Chapter 6, Specially Adapted Housing, dated December 4, 1981, is rescinded.

2. Chapter 6 addresses procedures for examinations for eligibility for specially adapted housing. The information is outdated and has been incorporated in Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) procedure manual M21-1, Part IX, Subpart i, Chapter 3, along with criteria for additional VA assistance available such as for Special Home Adaptation, and updated processes such as the use of approved forms and use of technology. As stated in the M21-1 section: “A determination of medical feasibility is made by a VHA physician when a Veteran is hospitalized or undergoing long-term care in a nursing home or other type care facility. This determination is made by a Veterans Health Administration (VHA) physician at the request of Loan Guaranty, with no involvement from [Veterans Service Center (VSC)].” VBA’s Loan Guaranty Office now has the responsibility of ensuring the completion and timeliness of VA Form 10-4445b. VBA procedure manual M21-1 can be accessed through http://www.knowva.ebenefits.va.gov/.

3. All inquiries concerning this action should be addressed to the Office of Disability and Medical Assessment (DMA) (10NC8) at 202-461-6699.

4. This VHA Notice will be archived on September 30, 2017, however, the rescission information remains in effect.

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