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Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers

UPDATE

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Update

- ☆ PCAFC is **expanding to all eras on October 1, 2022!**
- ☆ PCAFC has extended the time Legacy participants will be in the program for another **THREE** years, to September 30, 2025. <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5822>
 - ↳ An Interim Rule for Legacy was required due to the current extension expiring on Sept 30, 2022
 - ↳ Legacy participants remain with current status
- ☆ Post Expansion participants are still under moratorium/pause
 - ↳ If you are in the program today, you remain as you are
- ☆ **PCAFC is still under active program review**
 - ↳ **Veteran Warriors v. Sec'y VA ruling requires new regulations to be drafted and implemented**
 - ↳ Final Rule will be required, but we support the actions of an Interim Rule
 - ↳ Veteran Warriors is still in active litigation to remove the 'each and every' verbiage in the regulation
- ☆ Veteran Warriors continues to praise the Executive Director, Dr. Colleen Richardson, for her continued advocacy and support for America's Veterans and caregivers.

"This extension allows us to continue supporting this cohort of Veterans and caregivers, while VA separately conducts program improvement initiatives aimed at ensuring the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers addresses the unique needs of Veterans of all eras and their caregivers," said VA Caregiver Support Program Executive Director Colleen M. Richardson, Psy.D. "Moving forward, we will continue to examine ways to improve this program and make sure it delivers for Veterans and their caregivers."

Participant Definitions

- ☆ **Legacy** is a Post 9/11 participant active in the program on October 1, 2020 **and** is currently in the program
 - **Hold** your appeal - continue to gather information/evidence in the event an appeal is needed
- ☆ **Post Expansion Current** participant is a Post 9/11 **or** Vietnam or earlier era (served on or before May 7, 1975, **and** is currently in the program, even if you received notification of discharge – if you're in the program today, you are considered a current participant regardless of notification
 - **Hold** your appeal - continue to gather information/evidence in the event an appeal is needed
- ☆ **Phase I Post Expansion Denial** is a program **applicant** (Post 9/11 or Vietnam or earlier era) who applied for the program on **or** after October 1, 2020, and the **application was denied**. This means the Veteran **was not** in the program **and is not participating** in the program.
 - You may appeal your denial through the VHA Clinical Review Process, VHA Supplemental Claim, VHA Higher Level Review, or to the Board of Veterans Appeals
- ☆ **Phase I New Applicants** are Post 9/11 or Vietnam and earlier era who applied for the program on or after October 1, 2020 and have **not** received a notification.
 - If denied, you may appeal your discharge or denial through the VHA Clinical Review Process, VHA Supplemental Claim, VHA Higher Level Review, or the Board of Veterans Appeals
- ☆ **Phase II New Applicants** are Veterans of ALL ERAS who apply for the program on or after October 1, 2022

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