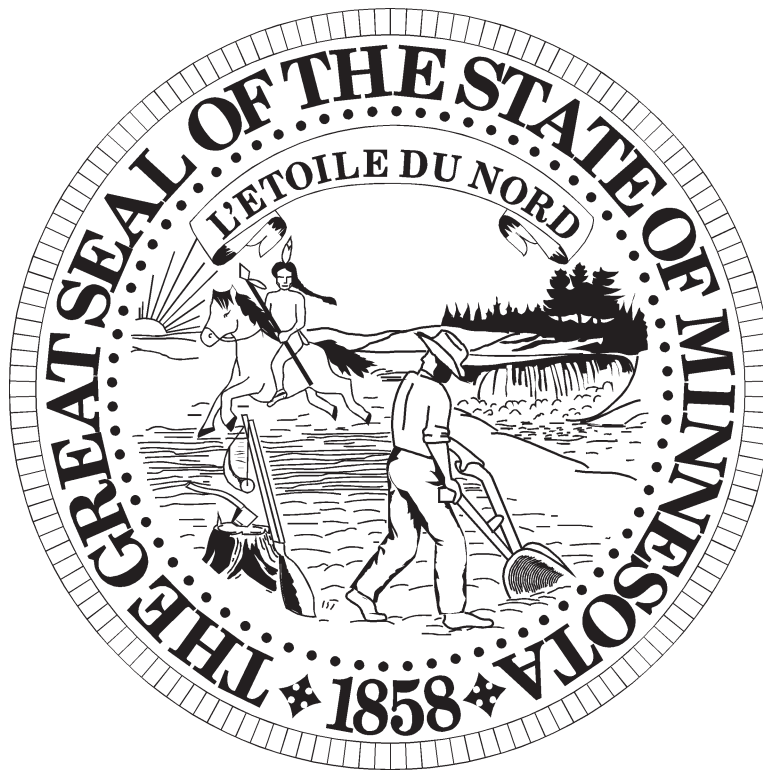


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Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) REQUEST FOR COMMENTS on Possible Amendment to Rules Governing the Minnesota Veterans Homes, *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 9050; Revisor's ID Number R-04384

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs requests comments on its possible amendment to rules governing the Minnesota veterans homes operation. The Department is considering rule amendments that add new or modify existing definitions; obtain compliance with statutory changes; and make technical corrections. These changes will permit the Department to: update and clarify definitions; clarify repayment options; update bed hold requirements; update the discharge process including the addition of an immediate discharge process; clarifying the cost of care calculation; update income and property allowances for board and care residents; update for HIPAA requirements; and other things as time allows.

Persons Affected. The amendment to the rules would likely affect current and future potential residents of the Minnesota Veterans Homes, the resident's spouses and dependent children, veteran service organizations, and individuals and groups advising veterans and their families.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 196.04 and 198.003, subdivision 1, authorizes the Department to adopt rules to govern the procedure of the divisions of the Department and adopt, amend, and repeal rules for the governance of the homes.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing until further notice is published in the State Register that the Department intends to adopt or to withdraw the rules. The Department will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from the date of this request for comments. The Department does not plan to appoint an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules.

Rules Drafts. The Department does not anticipate that a draft of the rules amendments will be available before the publication of the proposed rules.

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to: Kristen Root at Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, 5101 Minnehaha Avenue South, Building 10, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55417. **Phone:** (612) 548-5956; **Fax:** (612) 548-5964 and **E-mail:** Kristen.Root@state.mn.us .

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

NOTE: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

Dated: January 4, 2016

Larry Shellito, Commissioner
Department of Veterans Affairs