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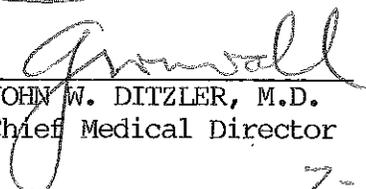
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The following material is rescinded insofar as it pertains to this manual.

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CHAPTER 6. SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING**6.01 GENERAL**

a. The certification of medical feasibility to occupy specially adapted housing is a necessary prerequisite to the implementation of Title 38, United States Code, Chapter 21, "Specially Adapted Housing for Disabled Veterans."

b. The basic eligibility for entitlement to specially adapted housing is determined by the Adjudication Division of the appropriate regional office.

c. A certificate of medical feasibility will be issued to the eligible veteran unless the applicant's health or well-being would be jeopardized by occupancy of a "specially adapted house" or because discharge from a medical center or other institutional environment is medically contraindicated.

d. [Veterans are eligible when they are entitled to compensation for permanent and total disability because of the loss or loss of use of certain extremities and in combination with blindness or other conditions, all of which affects the ability to ambulate or maintain balance—see VA Regulation 1809.]

6.02 EXAMINATION FOR DETERMINATION OF MEDICAL FEASIBILITY

a. [The medical center Director will designate a permanent board of three physicians and one social worker for the purpose of examining the applicant and preparing VA Form 10-4555b. The medical center Director will notify the Director of the regional office of jurisdiction of the permanent Medical Feasibility Board members. Whenever possible, one physician member of the board shall be a specialist experienced in the applicant's disease or disability. The Medical Feasibility Board will meet in actual session with all members (or suitable designees) present when determining medical feasibility of each applicant.]

(1) [The social worker report will be completed prior to the Medical Feasibility Board meeting.]

(2) [When the applicant is hospitalized in a VA medical center, the examination will be conducted at that facility. The physician in charge of the patient should be a member of the board.]

(3) When the applicant is not currently undergoing hospitalization and can travel, the examination will be accomplished at the nearest appropriate VA medical center.

b. [Applicants for specially adapted housing will be scheduled within 5 days after receipt of the request from the regional office of jurisdiction, ordinarily examined within 2 weeks, and VA Form 10-4555b will be completed and returned to the regional office within 3 days after the examination. The medical center Director will monitor the program to insure compliance with the time standards.

c. The findings of the examining board will indicate the medical feasibility or nonfeasibility of the applicant for specially adapted housing.

M26-2, paragraph 3.02c, contains the general construction guidelines for specially adapted housing which will be made available to the board. If there are special fixtures or moveable facilities which are believed essential for successful home living of a particular applicant, over and above the published guidelines, the board will include these as specific recommendations. These recommendations are guides to the Department of Veterans Benefits (Loan Guaranty) which has the responsibility for insuring that the plans include the specific facilities necessary for the individual veteran.]

6.03 CERTIFICATION OF MEDICAL FEASIBILITY

a. The [medical center] Director will assign a member of the medical staff to sign the certificate of medical feasibility as the designee of the Chief Medical Director.

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b. The certificate of medical feasibility with the findings of the board and its recommendations for special facilities, the claims folder and the veteran's application will be forwarded to the regional office of jurisdiction, Attention: Adjudication Division.

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Change 65

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Part I, "General," VA Department of Medicine and Surgery Manual M-2, "Professional Services," is changed as indicated below:

NOTE: *The purpose of this change is to revise chapter 6.*

Page iii, paragraph 1f, line 3: Add change "40,"

Page 6-1: Remove this page and substitute pages 6-1 and 6-2 attached. (Ch. 6 revised.)

RESCISSION: Change 40, part I, M-2.



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NOTE: The purpose of this change is to also include veterans suffering the loss or loss of use of one upper extremity which so affect the functions of balance or propulsion as to preclude locomotion without the aid of braces, crutches, canes or a wheelchair, in acquiring suitable housing, per 38 U.S.C. 801.

✓ Page 6-1, paragraph 6.01d, line 5: After "injury" insert "or the loss or loss of use of one upper extremity,".



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NOTE: The purpose of this change is to delegate authority to field station Medical Boards to act for the Chief Medical Director in all matters relating to medical feasibility of veterans for specially adapted housing.

- ✓ Page iii, paragraph 1f, line 3: Add change "30".
- ✓ Pages 6-1 and 6-2: Remove these pages and insert page 6-1 attached. (Ch. 6 revised.)

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NOTE: The purpose of this change is to update provisions of this chapter in accordance with current legislation and procedures.

✓ Page 6-1: Remove this page and substitute pages 6-1 and 6-2. (Ch. 6 revised.)

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M-2, Part I
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Part I, "General," VA Department of Medicine and Surgery Manual M-2, "Professional Services," is changed as follows:

NOTE: The purpose of this change is to clarify the certification procedure in connection with veterans' applications for specially adapted housing.

✓ Pages 6-1 and 7-1: Remove these pages and substitute pages 6-1 and 7-1 attached.
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