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VA Announces Short-Term Extension of Strategic Review Of Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers

WASHINGTON — Today the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced a six-week extension of the strategic review of its Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers.

On April 17, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced a [decision](#) to temporarily halt certain revocations from the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers because of concerns about inconsistent application of eligibility requirements for the program throughout its medical centers.

VA will use the six-week extension of that temporary halt to complete its review of the program. At the end of that review, the VA intends to provide clarity on enrollment criteria for the program and to seek authorization to use the program's existing resources for those who need them most.

“We are extending our strategic review of the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers to make sure everyone — from our Veterans and their caregivers to our employees who work with them — has clear guidance on enrollment criteria for the program,” said VA Secretary [Dr. David J. Shulkin](#). “Our Caregiver Support Program is making a difference in the lives of our Veterans and the caregivers who support them, and we want to make sure the program is operating in the best way for them, and above all that the program's existing resources go to those Veterans who need them most.”

For more information about the VA Caregiver Program, visit www.caregiver.va.gov.

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