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VA Seeks Public Comment on Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers

WASHINGTON — Today the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it is seeking public comments on how it can further strengthen and improve caregiver support through the <u>Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers</u> (PCAFC).

Through a <u>Federal Register notice</u>, VA announced a 30-day comment period to hear from stakeholders on whether and how PCAFC should be refined to support Veterans and their family caregivers.

"With this opportunity, VA is following through on our promise to provide better service and improve consistency for the program," said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. "We've heard participants' concerns and encourage them to share their personal experiences and perspectives to help us make changes."

VA will use feedback, requested through responses to questions, to guide any future regulatory modifications to support family caregivers of Veterans most in need, while also improving the program under the current law.

Through PCAFC, VA provides support for certain family caregivers of eligible Veterans seriously injured in the line of duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, including a monthly stipend, access to health-care for eligible caregivers, counseling, training and respite care.

For information about how to submit comments, visit the Federal Register notice.

More information about the VA Caregiver Support Program is available at www.caregiver.va.gov.

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