

TITLE 12: VETERAN AFFAIRS

Article 5: Veterans Chapter 13: Transportation

§ 12-5-13-1 TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM.

The following procedures apply to the County Veterans Hospital Transportation Program.

(A) All drivers must be signed up with the Hospital Transportation Coordinator, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Louisville, Ky.

(B) All veterans using the transportation program must be signed up with the Hospital Transportation Coordinator, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Louisville, Ky.

(C) All veterans using the transportation program must fall within the income range of the improved pension range to be eligible to use the program, unless their health or disability prevents them from driving.

(D) If a veteran's health or disability prevents the veteran from driving, and the veteran is over the income limits of the approved transportation plan, the veteran may pay the transportation fee of \$20 and use the plan, unless there are other eligible veterans making the trip, then the veteran will be able to make the trip free of charge.

(E) A veteran who falls within the improved pension plan range and has his or her own transportation will only be compensated for the trip as a driver if the veteran is on a scheduled trip with other veterans.

(F) All drivers will receive \$20 per scheduled trip as partial payment of expenses.

(G) It is planned to have four scheduled trips per month, rotated on different days, so that all clinics are covered at least once per month. This will allow for four emergency trips during the year.

(H) A driver will not use alcoholic drinks or drugs 12 hours before a scheduled trip or during the time the driver is making the trip. A driver will abide by all traffic rules and regulations, including speed regulations.

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(I) All vehicles used for veterans transportation will be safety inspected once every six months by a certified mechanic. The drivers shall only use the equipment that has been inspected. Drivers shall provide their own equipment.

(J) Drivers are not employees of the county, the state or of the federal government. They will be covered under the Federal Tort Claims Act during the time that they are transporting veterans to and from the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Louisville, Ky., when they are signed up with the VAMC transportation coordinator and meet all of the requirements of this procedure.

(K) (1) Drivers are only covered by the Federal Tort Claims Act to and from the VAMC and will not go off of the most direct route between the county and the VAMC, Louisville, Ky.

(2) Drivers will not stop at any location that serves alcoholic drinks, even though the driver does not have a drink.

(L) The County Veterans Service Officer will act as coordinator of the Veterans Transportation Program, but cannot be held liable for any accidents or problems that might arise from the Program.

(M) Drivers are volunteers and cannot be held liable for any accident or problem that might arise from the program so long as the drivers go by the procedures outlined in this Program.

(N) The County Commissioners, County Council members or the state cannot be held liable for any accidents or problems that might arise from this Program.

(O) (1) A veteran using this Program must follow the rules of this procedure and those of the driver taking the veteran to and from the VAMC.

(2) If a veteran does not do so, the veteran can lose the right to use the Program.

(Ord. 1996-, passed - -1996)

Statutory reference:

Veterans benefits, see I.C. 10-5-13-1

Article 5: Veterans Affairs
Chapter 13: Burial Allowance

§ 12-5-13-4 BURIAL ALLOWANCE AND GRAVE MARKER.

(A) The representative of any person who is eligible under I.C. 10-17-10-1 *et seq.* that files a claim for a burial allowance, shall be permitted a burial allowance of \$200.

(B) The County Commissioners shall also allow a claim for setting a grave marker at the grave of the eligible person of \$100.

(C) Any claim submitted must show that the person is eligible to receive the benefits pursuant to I.C. 10-17-10-1 *et seq.* and all other applicable laws and regulations.
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