Veterans Benefits Administration Department of Veterans Affairs Washington, DC 20420 Circular 26-13-1 Change 1 January 11, 2013

VETERANS INFORMATION PORTAL (VIP) WORK PROCEDURES DURING USER REACTIVATION PROCESS

- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. This change is to clarify procedures for non-Lender Appraisal Processing Program (LAPP) lenders ordering case numbers for Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loans (IRRRLs) and/or appraisals for origination and regular refinance assignments. Paragraph 2b of the original circular states that non-LAPP lenders must contact the appropriate VA Regional Loan Center (RLC) to order a case number/appraisal. This is NOT necessary if the non-LAPP lender has a sponsor with LAPP authority. In those cases, the processor or Staff Appraisal Reviewer (SAR) of the sponsoring lender must access the Portal and order an appraisal under LAPP.
 - 2. Therefore, Circular 26-13-1 is changed as follows:

<u>Page 1</u>, paragraph 2b, line 9: after "sent.", insert "The above procedure does not apply to non-LAPP lenders with sponsors who have LAPP authority. In those cases, the processor or SAR with the LAPP lender must order the case number/appraisal as before."

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