

### **Change to Winterization Fee Policy**

1. **Purpose.** This Circular provides updated guidance on winterization fees for preservation of properties securing VA-guaranteed loans.
2. **Background.** Property preservation requirements, including those for winterization, are outlined in Appendix H of VA Manual 26-4, VA Servicervicerecord, and on the VALERI website at [https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/servicers\\_valeri.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/servicers_valeri.asp).
3. **Action.** Effective Friday, June 1, 2018, winterization fees (where payable) will be allowed all year around. The current restriction for winterization activities in certain states to occur between October 1 and March 31 will be lifted.
4. **Questions.** Inquiries may be directed to [valerihelpdesk.vbaco@va.gov](mailto:valerihelpdesk.vbaco@va.gov).
5. **Rescission.** This Circular is rescinded April 1, 2020.

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