

Colmery Updates & Next Steps
February 26 and 27, 2020



What to do now



Submit Extension Campuses

Continue to **submit new extension campuses** to your **SAA** for approval



Track Students

Ensure you have **tracked** all students that attended an **extension campus** between **08/01/18** and **12/01/19**



Certify to the Correct Campus

Continue to **certify students** to the **physical location** that they are **attending** classes



What's Coming Up

APRIL – DEC 2020

107 TRAINING AND COMMUNICATIONS



Best practices, instruction, and ongoing communications shared with internal and external stakeholders to support recertification process.

LATE APRIL

107 RECERT. PROCESS BEGINS



Recertification training will be held, and SCOs will begin recertifying for terms between 8/1/2018 and 12/1/2019.

DECEMBER 2020

107 RECERT. PROCESS COMPLETE



Recertification complete and retroactive payments/waivers issued for all impacted enrollments.



FAQs

Q: Do schools need to track all Veterans impacted by Section 107?

A: Yes. We are asking schools to track all students who physically participated in classes at multiple campuses, including extension campuses. Section 107 requires that students be paid the housing rate of the location where they physically attend the majority of classes. To accurately account for those enrollments and to reimburse claimants who have been underpaid, we need schools to track and resubmit enrollments at locations that the student physically attended. VA will work with individual schools who have multiple campuses in the same zip code or MHA rate.

Q: How are clinicals, student teaching, independent study and study abroad impacted?

A: Off-campus training MHA (including internships, practicums, externships, clinical rotations, and residencies) will be paid based on the location of the campus where the student is enrolled, as long as the “off-campus training site” does not meet VA’s campus definition requirements. VA will release additional guidance soon regarding study abroad. Generally, if the student is attending a foreign institution or a campus in a foreign land for a domestic school, that student will be paid based on the foreign rate.

Q: How is VA taking into consideration schools with large Veteran populations?

A: We are exploring ways to address recertification of enrollments and to determine a path forward with the least impact to schools and Veterans. We encourage schools to help us determine the best approach. Please send your recommended approach to FOREVERGIBILL.VBAVACO@va.gov.

Q: What should students expect in terms of receiving information on overpayments or underpayments due to the December 1, 2019 implementation of Sections 107 and 501?

A: All students who received a monthly housing allowance (MHA) on or after August 1, 2018 will have their accounts reviewed and updated in accordance with Sections 107 and 501. For students who were underpaid, we will notify students via letter if they are going to receive a supplemental payment and when to expect the payment after December 1. For students who were overpaid, VA will automatically review the claim for waiver of the debt and provide additional information on this process.

Q: Will students have to apply or appeal to receive their corrected payments?

A: No. Students will not have to apply or appeal for corrected payments.