

12. First Time Applicants

Introduction This topic provides information on the outreach program for first time applicants.

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a. Public Law 107-103: “Veterans Education and Benefits Expansion Act of 2001” Effective January 3, 2006:
“Whenever a Veteran or dependent first applies for any benefit under laws administered by the Secretary (including a request for burial or related benefits of an application for life insurance proceeds), the Secretary shall provide to the Veteran or dependent information concerning benefits and health care services under programs administered by the Secretary. Such information shall be provided not later than three months after the date of such application.”

b. VBA Letter 20-03-13 VBA Letter 20-03-13 (<http://vbaw.vba.va.gov/usb/letters/usb2003.htm>) implemented the final phase of Public Laws 107-103, Section 304 (Improvement of Veterans Outreach Programs) and 107-14, Section 6 (Outreach to Eligible Dependents).