

I. Purpose

This policy is adopted in order to comply with Section 3679(c) of title 38, United States Code, including PL 115-251, also known as the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Choice Act) which requires the Department of Veteran Affairs to disapprove programs of education for payment of benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33), Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty (Chapter 30), and Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 31) at public institutions of higher learning if the schools charge qualifying veterans and dependents tuition and fees in excess of the in-state rate.

II. Scope

This policy applies to any qualifying veteran and qualifying dependents of veterans (children/spouses).

III. General

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs established new requirements to ensure that our Nation's recently discharged Veterans, and their eligible family members, would not have to bear the cost of out-of-state charges while using their well-deserved education benefits. The State of Michigan submitted policy language which was approved and adopted by the VA for public institutions of higher education that offer VA approved programs.

To remain compliant and approved to receive VA's GI Bill programs funding, schools must charge in-state tuition and fee amounts to "covered individuals." A "covered individual" is defined in the Choice Act as:

- A Veteran who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of discharge from a period of active duty service length of at least 90 days or more.
- A spouse or child using transferred benefits who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of the transferor's discharge from an period of active duty service length of at least 90 days or more.
- A spouse or child using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of the service member's death in the line of duty following an period of active duty service length of at least 90 days or more.

Any individual using VA Educational Assistance Benefits under either Chapter 30, (Montgomery GI Bill® – Active Duty Program), Chapter 31, (Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment®), Chapter 33, (Post-9/11 GI Bill®), of title 38, United States Code,

and/or the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (38 U.S.C. § 3311(b) (9)) who and lives in the State of Michigan while attending Lansing Community College, regardless of his/her formal state of residence, and enrolls in the school within 3 years following active duty service length of at least 90 days will pay in-state tuition rates for all VA approved programs.

IV. Responsibility

The responsibility for the interpretation and administration of this policy is delegated to the Registrar or his/her designee.

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