

**9055.0350 STATE SOLDIERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SUBSISTENCE PROGRAM
ACTIVITY - GENERAL.**

Subpart 1. Program purpose.

A. Upon application approval, the commissioner must provide short-term financial subsistence assistance as provided in this part to part 9055.0440 to a veteran and the veteran's dependents under the following circumstances:

(1) a veteran is experiencing a medical condition that prevents the veteran from working at the veteran's current or most recent occupation for at least 30 days;

(2) a surviving spouse is experiencing a medical condition that prevents the surviving spouse from working at the surviving spouse's current or most recent occupation for at least 30 days; or

(3) a surviving spouse applies for subsistence within the 12-month period following a veteran's death.

B. An applicant for subsistence must meet the requirements of this part to part 9055.0430, meet the requirements of part 9055.0435 or 9055.0440, and be a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

C. Parts 9055.0350 to 9055.0440 apply only to the subsistence program activity.

Subp. 2. Other assistance programs. An applicant or a recipient who at the time of application is receiving or begins to receive cash benefits from the general assistance (GA) program, emergency general assistance (EGA) program, diversionary work program (DWP), or Minnesota family investment program (MFIP) is not eligible for subsistence.

Subp. 3. Benefits provided.

A. The commissioner must administer subsistence in three tiers:

(1) the first tier of subsistence provides a monthly cash benefit paid directly to a recipient for the purpose of meeting the recipient's basic and personal needs;

(2) the second tier of subsistence provides a monthly shelter benefit for the purposes of paying a recipient's shelter costs; and

(3) the third tier of subsistence provides assistance for a recipient's monthly utilities and health insurance premiums.

B. "Benefit amount," for the purposes of the subsistence program activity benefit, means the total amount provided by the first- and second-tier benefits.

Subp. 4. Benefit periods. The commissioner must administer subsistence in 30-day benefit periods. The commissioner must make a determination of eligibility before each benefit period. A maximum of six 30-day benefit periods are authorized unless additional periods are approved by the commissioner under part 9055.0435, subpart 4, or 9055.0440, subpart 3.

Subp. 5. Subsistence approval letter.

A. The commissioner must issue a subsistence approval letter to a recipient for each benefit period that is approved.

B. The subsistence approval letter must explain and confirm:

- (1) the first and final days of the benefit period;
- (2) the cash and shelter benefit amounts authorized for the benefit period; and
- (3) the utility charges and health insurance premiums or COBRA benefits authorized for the benefit period.

Subp. 6. Subsistence shelter authorization form.

A. The commissioner must issue a subsistence shelter authorization form to a recipient of the shelter benefit and who is leasing the primary residence.

B. The completed shelter authorization form is the only billing document that is accepted for payment of the recipient's shelter benefit if the recipient is leasing the primary residence.

C. The shelter authorization form must explain and confirm:

- (1) the instructions for completing the form;
- (2) the shelter benefit amount;
- (3) the first and final days of the benefit period; and
- (4) the name and address of the property owner or manager.

Subp. 7. Subsistence denial letter.

A. The commissioner must issue a subsistence denial letter to an applicant or a recipient who is denied subsistence.

B. The subsistence denial letter must explain the reasons for denial and the applicant's or recipient's right to appeal under part 9055.0290, subpart 8.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 14.06; 196.04; 196.05; 197.03; 197.05; 197.06; 197.75*

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