

9055.0060 TYPES OF ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED.

Subpart 1. **Payments to be made.** Upon approval by the department, the payments in subparts 2 to 6 must be made to temporarily assist applicants.

Subp. 2. **Shelter payments.** Shelter payments must be made in the lesser amount of either the shelter allowance as determined by the schedule of allowances or the actual cost of the applicant's housing as determined by the application.

A shelter payment may not be authorized prior to the receipt by the department of a completed, current landlord statement. In the case of applicants who reside in public housing, a statement from the administering entity that contains a statement of the amount and current status of rent or mortgage payments must be accepted in lieu of a landlord statement if a landlord statement cannot be provided with the application.

Subp. 3. **Room and board, rent payments.** Payments for room and board and rent for the applicant's housing unit must be made in the lesser of the following amounts: the actual charges for room and board or rent, or the allowance for room and board or rent as established by the schedule of allowances. Payment for room and board or rent may be made to the applicant's landlord, following receipt of a properly completed Landlord's Statement, Department of Veterans Affairs form number 0003-02.

Subp. 4. **Utility payments.** Payment of the cost of utilities is limited to current utility bills only. No payment may be authorized or made on any utility bills that are past due or in arrears. Delivery of bulk utilities, such as heating and cooking fuels including liquid propane gas, heating oil, coal, and wood, must be limited to a normal one-month supply, as determined by the applicant's past usage rates, unless the commissioner determines that it is more beneficial to either the applicant or the department to authorize the delivery of a greater amount. Prior authorization for delivery of bulk utilities must be received from the commissioner.

Subp. 5. **Utility payments not to include durable goods.** Payment of the cost of utilities must not include any amounts included on utility bills for purchases of durable goods, such as, but not limited to, water heaters, refrigerators, heating units, and similar products. Payment must be authorized only for the purchase of expendable heating and cooking fuels.

Subp. 6. **Health insurance payments.** Payment for health insurance premiums is limited to current bills for health insurance premiums. No payment may be authorized or made on any health insurance premiums that are past due or in arrears. Payments must not be authorized or made for any other types of insurance.

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