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Honorable Edward J. Patten
Secretary of State
State House
Trenton, New Jersey

Dear Secretary Patten:

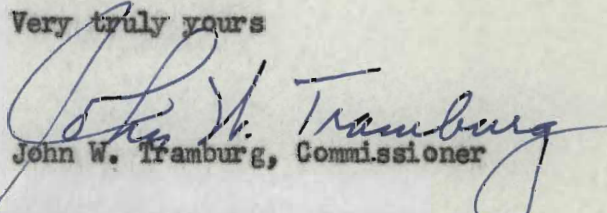
Enclosed herewith for filing is the following regulation of the
Bureau of Assistance of the Division of Welfare of this Department:

MUNICIPAL AID REGULATION 4.900A

OTHER AGENCIES

Eligibility of Persons Released from Veterans Facilities
for General Assistance

Very truly yours


John W. Tramburg, Commissioner


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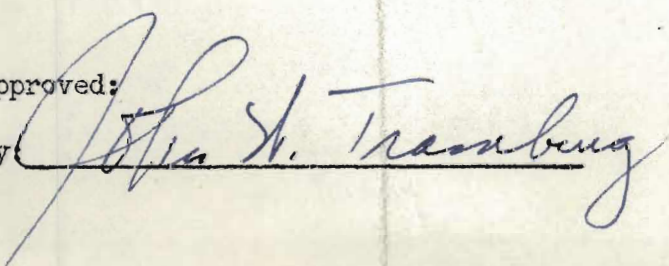
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SUBJECT: Eligibility of Persons Released from Veterans Facilities
for General Assistance

A. INTRODUCTION

The Veterans Administration maintains two institutions in New Jersey.

The Veterans Administration Hospital, East Orange, Essex County, provides care and treatment comparable to that in a general hospital, and serves veterans with service connected disabilities and those with non-service connected disabilities who are eligible for admission under certain conditions.

The Veterans Administration Hospital, Lyons, located in Bernards Township, Somerset County, is a mental hospital to which veterans with mental disabilities may be admitted voluntarily or committed through the New Jersey Courts in the same manner as commitments to State mental hospitals.

B. ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE

1. Veterans Administration Hospital, East Orange

Individuals who are discharged from this facility are eligible to apply for and receive any form of public assistance for which they qualify under the law.

2. Veterans Administration Hospital, Lyons

a. Terms of Release Defined

1) Official Discharge from this facility means exactly the same as official discharge from a State mental institution. [Refer to 4.900, Section C.]

2) Release without discharge refers to two arrangements under which voluntary or committed patients are permitted to live outside the institution as follows:

Trial Visit - for voluntary or committed patients released to live in their own home or with relatives.

Family Care - for voluntary or committed patients for whom arrangements are made for care in a supervised boarding home with unrelated persons. However, unlike the "Family Care" program operated by the State institutions, the Veterans Administration has no funds to pay for the patient's care in such a boarding arrangement.

b. Effect of Release Status on Eligibility

1) Voluntary Admission

A patient who was voluntarily admitted to Lyons is eligible to receive any form of public assistance for which he is otherwise eligible, provided he is living outside the institution and is free of institutional restraint, control or supervision prior to receipt of assistance. This refers to patients returned to their own or relative's homes and to those placed in "Family Care."

2) Court Commitment

A person who was involuntarily committed by a court and who has been officially discharged from Lyons is fully entitled to apply for and receive assistance in the same manner as any other needy person in the community.

A patient who was involuntarily committed and who is released on Trial Visit or placed in Family Care is eligible to receive General Assistance if he is in need.

C. EFFECT OF INSTITUTIONALIZATION ON LEGAL SETTLEMENT

The period of time spent in a Veterans facility (East Orange or Lyons) cannot be counted in determining the period of time required to acquire State or municipal settlement. [See M.A. 0.003, Section C.]. However, a person who is released from such a facility has the same settlement status which he had when he entered the facility.

Municipal financial responsibility for such released persons who apply for and are found to be in need of General Assistance, shall be determined in the same manner as in any other application.

D. REFERRAL PROCEDURES

1. Place of Referral

The Hospitals at East Orange and Lyons will make referrals to municipal welfare directors on the basis of the following:

a. If the patient has a home to return to, or relatives who will accept him in their home, but he will require assistance in that home, then referral will be made to the municipal welfare director of the municipality where such home is located.

b. If a living arrangement other than in a family home must be developed with the cooperation of the municipal welfare department, then referral will be made to the municipality where he was living at time of admission to the hospital; or, if the patient had no identifiable place of abode when admitted, referral will be made to the municipality from which he was admitted.

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2. Method of Referral

The Hospital (East Orange or Lyons) will make referral in writing, with the knowledge and consent of the veteran, to include the following minimum information:

- Identifying social data
- Place of abode at time of admission and date
- Anticipated date of discharge
- Description of any known or tentative living arrangement upon release
- A brief statement of the patient's physical and/or mental disabilities which are pertinent to the patient's adjustment in a community living arrangement

E. MUNICIPAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT PROCEDURES

1. Application Interview

Upon receipt of a referral letter from East Orange or Lyons Hospital, the municipal welfare director, or a member of his staff, will arrange with the hospital social service staff for a joint interview with the referred veteran at a mutually convenient place. If the veteran is to live with relatives the head of the household should, if at all practical, also participate in the interview.

2. Notice of Eligibility

The institution shall be advised in writing whether or not the veteran is eligible to receive General Assistance, and, if eligible, the date on which assistance will be available.

3. Notice of Change of Status

The municipal welfare director shall promptly notify the hospital in the event that a client becomes ineligible for GA and the reason therefor.

4. Responsibility for Transportation

Any necessary transportation of patients from the Veterans Hospital to a community living arrangement shall be provided by the hospital.

F. CONTINUING SERVICE TO RECIPIENT OF GENERAL ASSISTANCE RELEASED FROM LYONS

The social service staff of Lyons Hospital may continue to visit and consult with client as arranged between him and the social worker. If a question of his mental condition or adjustment shall come to the attention of either the institution worker or the General Assistance worker, there shall be consultation and joint planning for appropriate action.

G. STATE PARTICIPATION

Assistance payments to individuals discharged or released from Veterans Administration Hospitals in accordance with the provisions of this regulation, are eligible for reimbursement under State Aid.

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