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Dear Veteran,

This letter is to notify you of upcoming changes in processing beneficiary travel payments at the VA Central Iowa Healthcare System (VACIHCS). Currently, these payments are received either by cash at the Agent Cashier Office, Treasury Check, or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

Starting August 15, 2016 VACIHCS will no longer issue cash for travel reimbursements and will instead start to process payments directly to your bank account by Direct Deposit (also known as an Electronic Funds Transfer, or EFT). This change is necessary to meet the Department of Treasury EFT rule, (31CFR. Part 208), requiring Federal payments to be made electronically; reducing cash, and eliminating paper checks.

Based on information from the Veterans Benefit Administration (VBA), you already have VBA payments directly deposited in your bank account. On August 15, 2016, VACIHCS will begin directly depositing beneficiary travel payments to this same account. VBA provided us with your bank deposit information as of September 2012. If you have changed your bank since that date please complete the attached Direct Deposit Enrollment form and provide it to us per the instructions included on the form

To make it easier for you to claim Beneficiary Travel, the Veteran Service Point of Service Kiosks now has a module to request Beneficiary Travel for today's appointment. For your convenience, Kiosks are located in each main clinical area, the main lobby or next to the Beneficiary Travel Office. Please see the enclosed flyer with step by step instructions.

We have included a frequently asked questions and answers flyer with this letter, if you have any further questions you can contact one of our staff members at 515 323-1499.

Sincerely

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