



Department of Veterans Affairs

HOUSING RELIEF REQUEST COLMERY ACT SECTIONS 107/501

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME OF CLAIMANT (Type or print)

2. ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT

3. TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CLAIMANT

4. EMAIL ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT

5. ON DECEMBER 1, 2019, VA SYSTEMS WERE UPDATED TO PROCESS THE MONTHLY HOUSING ALLOWANCE (MHA) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HARRY W. COLMERY VETERANS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2017 (FOREVER GI BILL), SECTIONS 107 AND 501. BASED UPON THE CHANGES UNDER THESE SECTIONS, SOME CLAIMANTS INCURRED DEBTS WHICH QUALIFY FOR EQUITABLE RELIEF.

LETTERS WILL BE SENT TO CLAIMANTS NOTIFYING OF ANY DEBT DUE. THE CLAIMANT WILL HAVE A ONE YEAR PERIOD, FROM THE DATE OF THE LETTER, TO APPEAL THE DEBT OR REQUEST EQUITABLE RELIEF.

- REQUESTING EQUITABLE RELIEF FOR THIS MHA DEBT RELINQUISHES ANY RIGHTS THE CLAIMANT HAS TO REQUEST AN APPEAL THROUGH THE BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (BVA).
- IF THE CLAIMANT PROCEEDS WITH THE REQUEST FOR EQUITABLE RELIEF OF THE MHA DEBT, THE OPTION TO A HEARING BEFORE THE BVA REGARDING THE DEBT WILL BE WAIVED.
- THE DECISION RENDERED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION IS THE FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION REGARDING THE MATTER OF THE EQUITABLE RELIEF AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL.

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THESE STATEMENTS.

I UNDERSTAND:

- MY CLAIM IS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF ORIGINAL NOTICE, AND
- I WILL LOSE MY APPEAL RIGHTS TO A HEARING BEFORE THE BVA IF I CHOOSE TO PROCEED WITH MY REQUEST FOR EQUITABLE RELIEF, AND
- THE DECISION RENDERED BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS IS THE FINAL DECISION REGARDING THIS MATTER AND IS NOT APPEALABLE.

YES NO

6. MY SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM CONFIRMS I UNDERSTAND I HAVE FORFEITED ANY RIGHTS TO AN APPEAL REGARDING THIS MATTER AND THAT THE DECISION MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS IS FINAL REGARDING THIS CLAIM.

YES NO *

*CHOOSING NO MEANS YOUR CLAIM MAY BE PURSUED AS A NOTICE OF DISAGREEMENT, AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION MAY BE NEEDED FROM YOU.

SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT

DATE OF SIGNATURE