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SUBJECT: New Veteran Benefits Code for VRAP - Effective Summer Quarter 2012

A new Veteran's Affairs program has been signed into legislation called Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP) and a new code ("V") for tracking students receiving assistance from this program has been established.

Procedure for Adding the New VET_BENE code:

- 1) Add the new VET_BENE code of "V" as well as the description "VRAP" to TBL4 using screen SM5008. This process will need to be done by each college individually.

If the "V" code already exists in your table because you have used this code in the past, you will need to do the following:

- 1) Document the existing definition prior to updating to retain the historical meaning of the code.
- 2) Modify the description of the "V" code to "VRAP" in screen SM5008.
- 3) Add the new VET_BENE code of "V" as well as the description "VRAP" to TBL4 using screen SM5008.
- 4) Do not delete any codes from the table. Removing codes from the table that have been used previously will create an error if an edit is needed on the student's record at a later date. You may want to change the description of codes that have been replaced by the new coding schema to reflect the change. For example, if your college used "1" for Chapter 31 in the past, you could change the description for this code to "replaced by B".

Background

The Vow to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 established a new Veteran's Affairs program called the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP). This program began in June 2012 and is scheduled to end on April 1, 2014. For more information about this program see this web site:

http://gibill.va.gov/benefits/other_programs/vrap.html

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