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**TO: County Veterans Service Offices**

**SUBJECT: Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove – Fairchild Hall  
Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove – Gates Hall  
Wisconsin Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls – Waiting List**

**Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove – Fairchild Hall reopened for admissions**

After the successful consolidation of the assisted living services into Fairchild Hall, effective immediately admissions will be reopened into that facility. Fairchild Hall is now serving both dementia and non-dementia members and will now require that all new admissions have combined assets and income to cover the initial 4 years of care at that facility.

**Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove – Gates Hall Conversion to Skilled Nursing Home**

Governor Walker has signed SB 442 (2011 Wisconsin Act 119) into law enumerating \$4.9 million to convert Gates Hall from a 42 bed assisted living facility (RCAC) into a 38 bed skilled nursing facility (SNF). This expansion will increase the total number of skilled nursing home beds from 120 to 158 on the campus, thus meeting the current market demand (on average, we consistently have a waiting list of 20 veterans) for more skilled nursing home beds at Union Grove.

**Wisconsin Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls – Waiting List**

The new 72 bed (SNF) Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls is projected to be substantially completed by July 18, 2012, and licensure for occupancy is estimated to be secured around October 1, 2012. WDVA has also tentatively scheduled a dedication ceremony for the new Veterans Home for November 16, 2012. Veterans wishing to be placed on the waiting list are urged to contact Rosemary Angsten, Director of Admissions at the WVH–King. She can be reached at (715) 258-4252 or at [rosemary.angsten@dva.wisconsin.gov](mailto:rosemary.angsten@dva.wisconsin.gov).

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