

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2314

Subject Income Limits

Referred to Convention Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS, The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is responsible for operating one of the nations largest hospital and health care systems, and

WHEREAS, The VHA has found it necessary to enforce tight restrictions on access to the health system, and

WHEREAS, These problems are evidenced by the gradual constriction of eligibility and the categorization and re-categorization of veterans' access to health care in the VA, and

WHEREAS, These limitations are products of decades of public policy decisions driven, not by beneficiary need, but by budget factors and an ever-increasing federal deficit, and

WHEREAS, Such a system is inconsistent with the basic philosophy of veterans' health care and cannot be allowed to continue, and

WHEREAS, The VHA health care system guidelines must undergo reform and the system must be funded in a manner which will not require rules which exclude any veteran needing care, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the American Legion advocates the provision of a full range of health care services for all veterans with service-connected disabilities, regardless of any adjudicated percentage, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Legion advocates treating a veteran for a non-service-connected illness or disability should be authorized the flexibility to collect for the cost of care from any third-party payer including Medicare and the federal portion of Medicaid coverage, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Legion urge Congress to reevaluate the VA health care system to include all veterans who served this great nation, fully fund the Veterans Health Administration, and required all third-party payers including Medicare and the federal portion of Medicaid coverage to pay the cost of care provided a veteran, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That if approved by the Department of New York in convention assembled July 20th-22nd, 2023, this resolution be forwarded to the National Organization for consideration at the National Convention August 25th-31st, 2023 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

American Legion Department of New York

FOR CONVENTION COMMITTEE USE

Approved X Rejected

Approved with Amendments

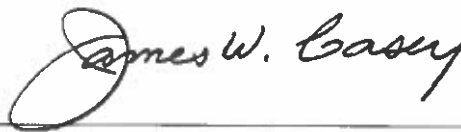
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Other Action:

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Frank J. Peters, Chairman

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