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From: Secretary Thomas G. Kelley, Department of Veterans' Services

To: Veterans' Service Officers

Subj: Prescription Advantage

Ref: (a) General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 115

(b) 108 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Regulations 6.01(3) and 10.05

- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. To provide instruction on enrolling eligible Veterans and dependants into the Prescription Advantage Program.
- 2. <u>Prescription Advantage Program</u>. All eligible recipients of c.115 benefits currently not enrolled in the Prescription Advantage Program must do so during the open enrollment period beginning March 15, 2006 and ending April 28, 2006. The requirement to enroll all c.115 recipients is pursuant to 108 CMR 6.01(3) and 10.05 providing that recipients must use all alternative benefits available to them.
- 3. <u>Reimbursement.</u> Since this is an alternative source of benefit, the recipient must use Prescription Advantage if eligible. If the eligible recipient is not enrolled in the Prescription Advantage program then the City or Town will not be reimbursed for prescription expenses incurred by those not on Prescription Advantage.