



# Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

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## General Information System (GIS) Message

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### Section 1

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### Section 2

In June 2020, OTDA will begin matching a quarterly Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) file from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) against NYC-HRA clients and applicants in WMS. All matched clients and applicants in WMS who are coded with a Veterans Status Indicator (VET STAT) 9 - Not a Veteran that are matched through the VA PARIS report will be automatically updated to a Veterans Status Indicator 3 – Disabled Veteran or 6 – Other Veteran on the Individual screen in WMS.

The reports will be available on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the quarter ending month (March, June, September, December) beginning on 6/24/2020. The system generated transaction can be identified through the unique 8-digit authorization number (“9”, followed by a randomly chosen 4-digit code, and the letters “PVM”, e. g. “93104PVM”). The Veterans Status Indicator will be updated regardless of the status of the case or individual. The PARIS VA match will not be used to remove clients’ veteran status if the client fails to match to the PARIS VA file. For example, if a client has a WMS Veteran Status Indicator 3 -Disabled Veteran, but fails to match to the PARIS file, the indicator will remain unchanged in WMS.

OTDA requires that all veterans and their dependents, as a condition of eligibility for temporary assistance, comply with referrals to and explore available resources at their respective veteran’s office. By requiring that veterans explore their eligibility for veteran related benefits, a cost savings can be realized by Local Districts and the State because the veteran may be entitled to benefits of which they are unaware.

Local matches against veteran status and employment code will identify individuals eligible for employment services available through New York State Department of Labor/Veteran Employment

Program counselors; or, in the instances of disabled/incapacitated veterans, identify those individuals that should be referred to their veteran benefits counselor for assessment of eligibility for VA service/non-service connected disability pension.

The VA PARIS match will allow NYC-HRA to identify clients who would be eligible for healthcare (including substance abuse treatment services) through the VA. Veteran's benefits also include pensions, education benefits, and other training. In addition, the families of veterans may be entitled to certain benefits.