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## Veterans' Home Care Bulletin For Assessment Agencies

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### Budget Initiative 2009-2010 Financial Year Reducing Duplication for HomeFront & Rehabilitation Appliances Program Assessments

An initiative announced in the Federal Budget for the 2009 – 2010 financial year is a reduction in the duplication and overlap of assessments for the following two DVA community care programs:

- **Rehabilitation Appliances Program** which provides clinically required aids and appliances to eligible members of the veteran community to help them maintain their independence as they grow older.
- **HomeFront** which is a falls and accident prevention program which provides eligible veterans and war widows with a free annual home assessment and financial assistance (subsidy) per calendar year towards the cost of recommended aids and minor home modifications that will reduce the risk of falls and accidents.

This initiative will be implemented on 1 July 2009.

Information on this initiative, along with information on all of DVA's Budget Initiatives, is available on the DVA website at: [www.dva.gov.au](http://www.dva.gov.au)

Veterans' Home Care Assessment Agencies (VHC AAs), through their assessment and coordination role, refer eligible members of the veteran community to both of these programs. VHC AAs can support this initiative through their continued appropriate referral of eligible veterans and war widow/widowers to RAP and HomeFront. Changes may also be made to the revised VHC Assessment Instrument prior to its implementation as a result of this initiative.

DVA will provide VHC AAs with further information on the relationship of this initiative to the VHC assessment and coordination processes in the coming weeks.

**Please ensure that all relevant staff in your organisation are made aware of the information contained in the Bulletin.**