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Official School Catalog Addendum

I certify the current policy is true and correct:

Effective on August 1, 2022, UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO AT ARECIBO, add to the definition of covered individuals to be charged a rate of tuition not to exceed the in-state rate for tuition and fees purposes to:

• Anyone using educational assistance under chapter 35, Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA), who lives in Puerto Rico while attending a school located in Puerto Rico (regardless of his/her formal State of residence). As a public institution of higher learning we will charge the resident rate to CH35 (Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA)) participants. When an institution charges these individuals more than the rate for resident students, VA is required to disapprove programs of education for VA benefits purposes. Effective August 1, 2022, P.L. 117-68 (Colonel John M. McHugh Tuition Fairness for Survivors Act of 2021)

The above definition of covered individuals is added to the following covered individuals previously included to be charged a rate of tuition not to exceed the in-state rate for tuition and fees purposes:

- A Veteran using educational assistance under either chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill[®]– Active Duty Program) or chapter 33 (Post-9/11 GI Bill[®]), of title 38, United States Code, who lives in Puerto Rico while attending a school located in Puerto Rico (regardless of his/her formal State of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of discharge or release from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more. Effective August 1, 2021, Section 1005 of P.L. 116-315 (Isakson and Roe Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020) eliminates the threeyear requirement.
- Anyone using transferred Post- 9/11 GI Bill[®] benefits (38 U.S.C. § 3319) who lives in Puerto Rico while attending a school located in Puerto Rico (regardless of his/her formal State of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of the transferor's discharge or release from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more. Effective August 1, 2021, Section 1005 of P.L. 116-315 (Isakson and Roe Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020) eliminates the three-year requirement.
- Anyone described above while he or she remains continuously enrolled (other than during regularly scheduled breaks between courses, semesters, or terms) at the same school. The person so described must have enrolled in the school prior to the expiration of the three-year period following discharge or release as described above and must be using educational benefits under either chapter 30 or chapter 33, of title 38, United States Code. Effective August 1, 2021, Section 1005 of P.L. 116-315 (Isakson and Roe Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020) eliminates the three-year requirement.

• Anyone using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (38 U.S.C. § 3311(b)(9)) who lives in Puerto Rico while attending a school located in Puerto Rico (regardless of his/her formal State of residence).

- Anyone using transferred Post-9/11 GI Bill[®] benefits (38 U.S.C. § 3319) who lives in Puerto Rico while attending a school located in Puerto Rico (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and the transferor is a member of the uniformed service who is serving on active duty.
- Anyone using educational assistance under chapter 31, Vocational Readiness and Employment (VR&E), also be charged the resident rate. Effective for courses and terms beginning after March 1, 2019, a public institution of higher learning must charge the resident rate to chapter 31 participants, as well as the other categories of individuals described above.

When an institution charges these individuals more than the rate for resident students, VA is required to disapprove programs of education for VA benefits purposes.

The policy shall be read to be amended as necessary to be compliant with the requirements of 38 U.S.C. 3679 as amended.

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Dean for Academic Affairs_ Title <u>May 13, 2022</u> Date

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