

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: New SGLI Insurance Request and Election Form

1. **Purpose.** To inform National Guard Soldiers of the changes to the SGLV 8285 and SGLV 8286, Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance forms that combines the functionality of the two forms effective immediately.

2. **Facts.**

a. The Department of Veterans Affairs Insurance Program combined the function of the SGLV 8285 with the SGLV 8286, Service members' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) Election and Certificate. Now, the new SGLV 8286 can be used to designate a beneficiary, or to increase, restore, reduce, decline or cancel SGLI coverage.

b. In the past, Soldiers used two separate forms to make changes to their SGLI coverage: SGLV 8286, SGLI Election and Certificate, to name a beneficiary, request less than the automatic maximum SGLI coverage, or decline coverage. The SGLV 8285, Request for Insurance (SGLI) form was used to increase coverage if they previously elected less than the maximum amount of SGLI available or to obtain coverage if they previously declined to elect any SGLI coverage at all.

c. The new SGLV 8286 form will be used to do ALL of the following: designate an SGLI beneficiary, increase or restore SGLI coverage, reduce SGLI coverage, and decline or cancel SGLI coverage. The Veterans Administration (VA) requests that use of all printed versions of the SGLV 8286 (stockpiled) be discontinued immediately and use only the version dated June 2011 (which supersedes all previous versions) that is on the website. There is no need to re-do old forms that are already currently on file unless there are deletions, changes, updates, or initial entries which will require the new SGLV 8286 form.

d. For more information or to obtain forms, Soldiers should contact 1-800-419-1473 or go to www.insurance.va.gov. Soldiers should go to http://www.insurance.va.gov/training/m6/8286_final_11-22-11.htm to view the online training module that explains the change in detail.

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