

Clarification on question posed during Series 16B – General Assistance and 2016-17 Veterans Mental Health Grants Informational Webinar
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Question

A question was posed by a webinar participant regarding whether providing incentives to encourage beneficiary retention was allowable. The incentives to be provided would include diapers, wipes, hygiene items, and toilet paper.

Sarah Tillman, FVA Manager, answered that typically those items would be allowable as items provided to beneficiaries as part of project client services. She stated she wanted to verify that “incentives” were allowable.

Clarification

Incentives are allowable provided they are reasonable and have a programmatic purpose. As a reminder gift cards and cash equivalents are not allowable items of cost.