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RE: MILITARY HOUSING ALLOWANCE

PROGRAM AFFECTED: ALL PROGRAMS

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Recently, the Food and Nutrition Service informed us that the Armed Services began phasing in a new housing allowance on January 1, 1998 called the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH). The BAH is one monthly payment, replacing separately paid Variable Housing Allowance (VHA) and Basic Allowance for Quarters (BAQ). The BAH is based on civilian rental costs by pay grade, dependency status, and location.

- **The BAH is considered earned income as were both the VHA and BAQ.**
- **Verify the amount of the BAH from the member's leave and earnings statement.**

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