

April 8, 2025

Pierpont Community and Technical College
500 Galliher Drive
Fairmont, WV 26554

Dear Cat Gorman,

There are two significant pieces of legislation that directly impact the work State Approving Agencies (SAAs) carry out with facilities that have approved programs of the GI Bill®: Public Law 115-048, Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017, Section 310 and, Public Law 116-315, Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020. These laws require SAAs to conduct a Risk-Based Survey (or RBS) at a select number of facilities each year.

The Risk-Based Survey serves a dual purpose:

1. For the SAA to conduct a compliance action as an agent under contract for the Federal government assessing various legislative and Department determined risk factors; and,
2. For the SAA to ensure that education and training institutions with approved programs meet all federal and state statute and regulations aligning to the GI Bill®.

Your institution was chosen for FY25 (school year 2024-2025) as one of 4 sites in West Virginia for a Risk-Based Survey to be performed. The survey was completed in two parts—a pre-visit records review and an onsite visit.

Your onsite visit was conducted on March 24, 2025. As discussed in our face-to-face meeting during our visit, we are currently in very new and uncharted waters, and any missing documentation was requested and provided—thank you for your diligence in completing this task.

I am pleased to inform you that Pierpont Community and Technical College completed all requirements of the Risk-Based Survey and was found to be “unsubstantiated”—as a result, the RBS for Pierpont Community and Technical College is now closed.

As an area of note, we greatly appreciate your attention to detail in preparing student files and gathering all the information we needed on our visit. Your due diligence is greatly appreciated and should be commended.

I appreciate the warm welcome I had while on your campus, and I look forward to working with you. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns, and, as always, thank you for working to support our student veterans.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rikki McCormick'.

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