

## Department of Veterans Affairs

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before the receipt of the additional evidence, a Supplemental Statement of the Case will be furnished to the appellant and his or her representative as provided in §19.31 of this part, unless the additional evidence received duplicates evidence previously of record which was discussed in the Statement of the Case or a prior Supplemental Statement of the Case or the additional evidence is not relevant to the issue, or issues, on appeal.

(b) *Evidence received after transfer of records to the Board of Veterans' Appeals.* Additional evidence received by the agency of original jurisdiction after the records have been transferred to the Board of Veterans' Appeals for appellate consideration will be forwarded to the Board if it has a bearing on the appellate issue or issues. The Board will then determine what action is required with respect to the additional evidence.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 7105(d)(1))

### § 19.38 Action by agency of original jurisdiction when remand received.

When a case is remanded by the Board of Veterans' Appeals, the agency of original jurisdiction will complete the additional development of the evidence or procedural development required. Following completion of the development, the case will be reviewed to determine whether the additional development, together with the evidence which was previously of record, supports the allowance of all benefits sought on appeal. If so, the Board and the appellant and his or her representative, if any, will be promptly informed. If any benefits sought on appeal remain denied following this review, the agency of original jurisdiction will issue a Supplemental Statement of the Case concerning the additional development pertaining to those issues in accordance with the provisions of §19.31 of this part. Following the 60-day period allowed for a response to the Supplemental Statement of the Case pursuant to Rule of Practice 302, paragraph (c) (§20.302(c) of this chapter), the case will be returned to the Board for further appellate processing unless the appeal is withdrawn or review of the response to the Supplemental Statement of the Case results in the allowance of all

benefits sought on appeal. Remanded cases will not be closed for failure to respond to the Supplemental Statement of the Case.

(Authority 38 U.S.C. 7105(d)(1))

§§ 19.39–19.49 [Reserved]

## Subpart C—Administrative Appeals

### § 19.50 Nature and form of administrative appeal.

(a) *General.* An administrative appeal from an agency of original jurisdiction determination is an appeal taken by an official of the Department of Veterans Affairs authorized to do so to resolve a conflict of opinion or a question pertaining to a claim involving benefits under laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Such appeals may be taken not only from determinations involving dissenting opinions, but also from unanimous determinations denying or allowing the benefit claimed in whole or in part.

(b) *Form of Appeal.* An administrative appeal is entered by a memorandum entitled "Administrative Appeal" in which the issues and the basis for the appeal are set forth.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 7106)

### § 19.51 Officials authorized to file administrative appeals and time limits for filing.

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs authorizes certain officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs to file administrative appeals within specified time limits, as follows:

(a) *Central Office—(1) Officials.* The Under Secretary for Benefits or a service director of the Veterans Benefits Administration, the Under Secretary for Health or a service director of the Veterans Health Administration, and the General Counsel.

(2) *Time limit.* Such officials must file an administrative appeal within 1 year from the date of mailing notice of such determination to the claimant.

(b) *Agencies of original jurisdiction—(1) Officials.* Directors, adjudication officers, and officials at comparable levels in field offices deciding any claims for

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benefits, from any determination originating within their established jurisdiction.

(2) *Time limit.* The Director or comparable official must file an administrative appeal within 6 months from the date of mailing notice of the determination to the claimant. Officials below the level of Director must do so within 60 days from such date.

(c) *The date of mailing.* With respect to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, the date of mailing notice of the determination to the claimant will be presumed to be the same as the date of the letter of notification to the claimant.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 7106)

[57 FR 4104, Feb. 3, 1992, as amended at 61 FR 20449, May 7, 1996]

**§ 19.52 Notification to claimant of filing of administrative appeal.**

When an administrative appeal is entered, the claimant and his or her representative, if any, will be promptly furnished a copy of the memorandum entitled "Administrative Appeal," or an adequate summary thereof, outlining the question at issue. They will be allowed a period of 60 days to join in the appeal if they so desire. The claimant will also be advised of the effect of such action and of the preservation of normal appeal rights if he or she does not elect to join in the administrative appeal.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 7106)

**§ 19.53 Restriction as to change in payments pending determination of administrative appeals.**

If an administrative appeal is taken from a review or determination by the agency of original jurisdiction pursuant to §§ 19.50 and 19.51 of this part, that review or determination may not be used to effect any change in payments until after a decision is made by the Board of Veterans' Appeals.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 7106)

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**Subpart D—Hearings Before the Board of Veterans' Appeals at Department of Veterans Affairs Field Facilities**

**§ 19.75 Field hearing docket.**

Hearings on appeal held at Department of Veterans Affairs field facilities will be scheduled for each area served by a regional office in accordance with the place of each case on the Board's docket, established under § 20.900 of this chapter, relative to other cases for which hearings are scheduled to be held within that area. Such scheduling is subject to § 20.704(f) of this chapter pertaining to advancement of a case on the hearing docket.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 7107)

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**§ 19.76 Notice of time and place of hearing before the Board of Veterans' Appeals at Department of Veterans Affairs field facilities.**

The agency of original jurisdiction will notify the appellant and his or her representative of the place and time of a hearing before the Board of Veterans' Appeals at a Department of Veterans Affairs field facility not less than 30 days prior to the hearing date. This time limitation does not apply to hearings which have been rescheduled due to a postponement requested by an appellant, or on his or her behalf, or due to the prior failure of an appellant to appear at a scheduled hearing before the Board of Veterans' Appeals at a Department of Veterans Affairs field facility with good cause. The right to notice at least 30 days in advance will be deemed to have been waived if an appellant accepts an earlier hearing date due to the cancellation of another previously scheduled hearing.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 7107)

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