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SUBJ: VA Form 21-526b, *Veteran's Supplemental Claim*

Purpose

This letter provides guidance on the use of the new VA Form 21-526b, *Veteran's Supplemental Claim*.

Background

Veterans submit subsequent claims using a variety of documents, including letters or VA Form 21-4138, *Statement in Support of Claim*, that serve many other purposes. VA has developed [VA Form 21-526b](#), *Veteran's Supplemental Claim*, to enhance clarity and consistency in processing subsequent claims.

Description

VA Form 21-526b is designed to assist Veterans in submitting a supplemental claim. The form allows Veterans to list disabilities, provide the locations of certain treatment records, and request ancillary benefits. The form is currently available on the VA Internet and Intranet forms websites, and it will be available on the Veterans On-Line Application (VONAPP) system in August 2010.

Regional Office Action

Effective immediately, VA regional offices (ROs) and centers should begin accepting VA Form 21-526b. Complete all claims establishment and development according to current procedures.

Only Veterans who have already filed original claims for compensation and/or pension can use VA Form 21-526b. If an original claim is not of record, accept VA Form 21-526b as an informal claim and follow current procedures (see [M21-1MR, Part III, Subpart ii, Chapter 2, Section D](#)).

ROs should encourage the use of VA Form 21-526b to file supplemental claims, but must continue to accept such claims when submitted through other means (e.g. VA Form 21-4138, letters, etc.).

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Questions

Submit questions concerning this letter to VAVBAWAS/CO/212A.

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