Your VA Claim Exam

KNOW WHAT'S NEXT

IMPROVING THE **VA CLAIM & EXAM EXPERIENCE**

A step-by-step process

1 File a Claim with VA

- Submit a compensation or pension claim
- For the fastest claim decision, submit an electronic Fully Developed Claim (FDC) including completed Disability Benefit Questionnaires (DBQs)
- Make sure VA has your current contact information (address, phone, and email information)

2 VA Schedules a Claim Exam

- VA will review your claim and may schedule one or more VA claim exams, also known as C&P exams, as part of the "Information Gathering" phase
- VA or a VA partner may send a letter or call you to schedule your exam(s)
- Not everyone will be requested to attend a VA exam

3 Confirm Your Exam

- Confirm the date, time, and location of your appointment(s) with the number provided
- Reschedule the exam(s) as soon as possible if you have a conflict

4 Attend Exam(s)

- It's important to attend your VA claim exam
- Each claim exam is different depending on claimed disabilities and information submitted with your application
- Exams may last up to an hour or more or be very short
- The length of your exam does not affect your claim decision

5 Exam Report is Added to Your Electronic Claim File

- Upon completion of your exam, the examiner reviews your medical records and makes an exam report
- The report is submitted to a VA claims processor to be added to your electronic claim file

6 VA Makes a Decision on Your Claim

- VA reviews your claim application, supporting documents, and claim exam report to make a decision on your claim

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Call 1-800-827-1000, Option 7 for assistance