

Update on VA Radiation Claims Compensation Program for Veterans

***Brief for Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose
Reconstruction***

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24 RECOMMENDATIONS

STATUS UPDATE

VA CLAIMS PROCURES – 4 Recommendations – none outstanding

QUALITY MANAGEMENT – 8 Recommendations

COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH – 6 Recommendations

ALTERNATIVE DOSE RECONSTRUCTION – 6 Recommendations





VA CLAIMS PRODURES

Recommendation

Status

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| ➤ Centralize Radiation Adjudication | Done – Jackson, MS |
| ➤ Establish Centralized Database | Done – Excel at Jackson |
| ➤ Grant SC Retroactive to Initial Clam | Not Accepted – Contrary to law |
| ➤ Ensure Jackson has Adequate Resources | Done – Team re-established |





QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Recommendation	Status
➤ Establish SOP for Centralized Claims	Done – Incorporated into M21-1MR
➤ Provide VBDR timetable/status of QA Program	Done – Edna MacDonald Briefed
➤ Provide VBDR with Status Report on STAR	Done – Edna MacDonald Briefed
➤ Provide VBDR with Adjudication Timeliness	Done – December 2007
➤ Provide Adjudicated Outcomes to NTPR	Done – Aggregated
➤ Provide Claims Outcomes to VBDR	Problematic – Privacy
➤ Provide Presumptive/Non-presumptive Data	Pending Data Pull





COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

Recommendation	Status
➤ Automatic IRR Registration	Accepted – Pending Coordination
➤ Advise Vets No Security Issue	Accepted – Implemented
➤ Newsletter Use	Accepted – VHA Process
➤ Publish IRR Letter 2/year	Will Consider with Budget & Info
➤ Improve Letters	Format Not Accepted
➤ Formalize VBDR Role in Letter	Will Share New Letters with VBDR





ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF DOSE RECONSTRUCTION

Recommendation

- **Grant SC Basil Cell Regardless of Dose**
- **Do Not Refer Non-Radiogenic Conditions**
- **Provide Information on 3.309 Grant Info**
- **Process for Non-Radiogenic Diseases**
- **Remind VAROs of Jackson Jurisdiction**
- **Consider Non-Radiogenic Legislation**

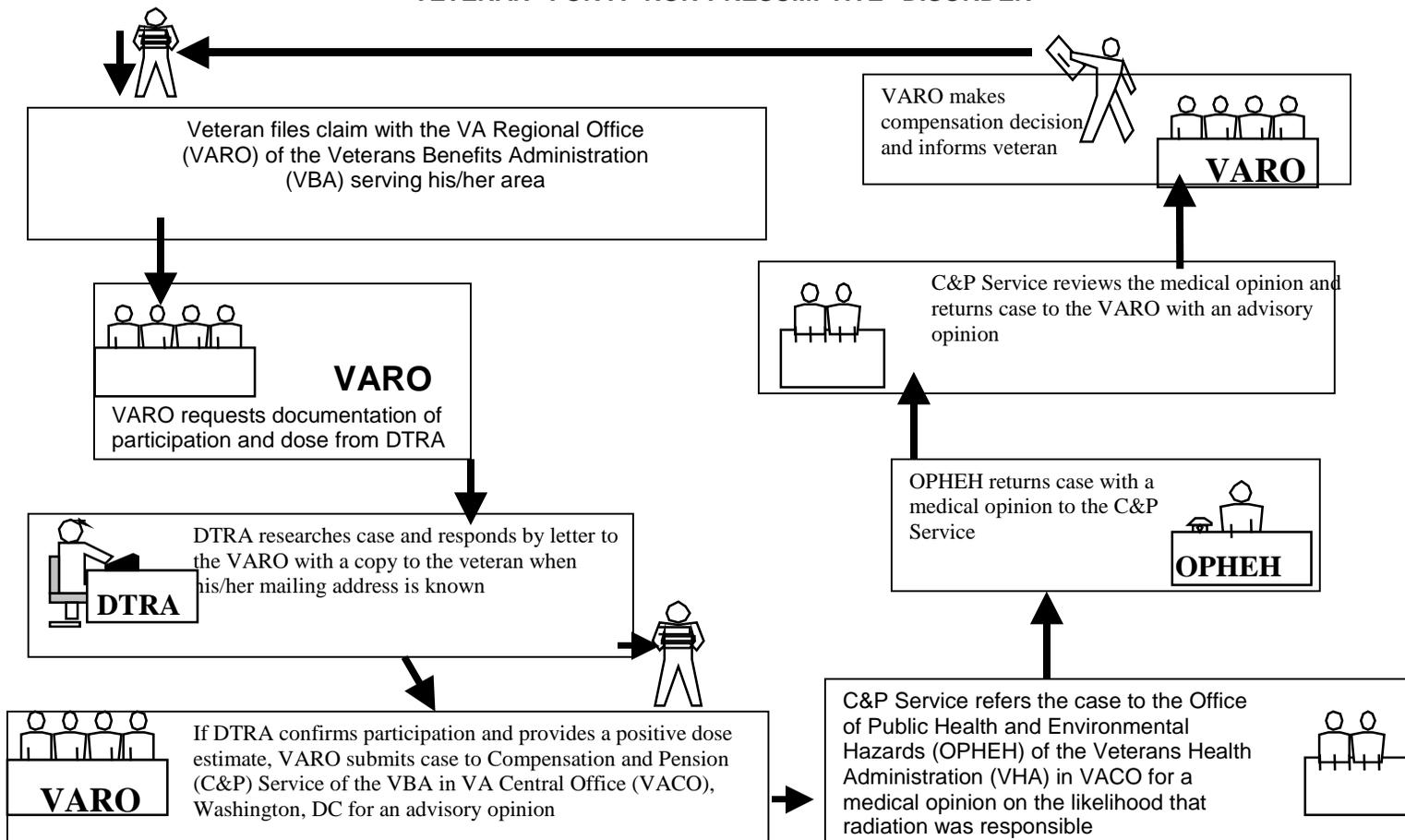
Status

- Not Accepted**
- Not Accepted - Required by Law**
- Currently Pulling Data**
- VA will Accept DTRA Letter**
- Accepted and Implemented**
- Not Accepted**





FLOW DIAGRAM FOR ADJUDICATION OF A VA RADIATION CLAIM FROM AN "ATOMIC VETERAN" FOR A "NON-PRESUMPTIVE" DISORDER





Jackson Regional Office Claims Review (5/15/09)

▪ Claims files accepted for adjudication	4,603
▪ Pending initial review	0
▪ Pending development initiation	0
▪ Development	538
▪ Pending DTRA response	49 (12 presumptive)
▪ Ready to rate	40
▪ Total granted	1,482
▪ Total denied	2,494





C&P Service Radiation Claims Process

- **FY09 to date:**

– Completed	301
– SC granted	36
– SC denied	229
– Returned for Development	36
– Average days to process	68.7
– Pending in C&P	87

