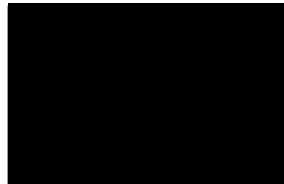




**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Veterans Benefits Administration
Regional Office**



**Represented By:
GORDON A GRAHAM
Rating Decision
01/06/2021**

INTRODUCTION

The records reflect that you are a Veteran of the Peacetime and Vietnam Era. You served in the Navy from January 7, 1959 to July 16, 1962 and from October 10, 1962 to October 21, 1977. We received a request to reopen a previous claim on December 30, 2020. Based on a review of the evidence listed below, we have made the following decision(s) on your claim.

DECISION

Entitlement to an earlier effective date for the evaluation of ischemic heart disease status post myocardial infarction and coronary artery bypass graft is denied.

EVIDENCE

- Rating Decision, dated September 29, 2020
- VA Form 20-0995, Supplemental Claim, received December 29, 2020 and December 30, 2020
- Letter from you, December 29, 2020
- Treatment Records, J. David Swift, received December 29, 2020 and January 4, 2021



- VAMC (Veterans Affairs Medical Center) treatment records, for the period November 6, 2002 to June 20, 2019

REASONS FOR DECISION

Entitlement to an earlier effective date for the evaluation assigned to the service connected ischemic heart disease status post myocardial infarction and coronary artery bypass graft.

Entitlement to an earlier effective date for the evaluation assigned for ischemic heart disease status post myocardial infarction and coronary artery bypass graft has been denied. (38 CFR 3.400)

An evaluation of 100 percent is assigned if there is chronic congestive heart failure; or workload of 3 METs or less resulting in dyspnea, fatigue, angina, dizziness, or syncope; or left ventricular dysfunction with an ejection fraction of less than 30 percent. One MET (metabolic equivalent) is the energy cost of standing quietly at rest and represents an oxygen uptake of 3.5 milliliters per kilogram of body weight per minute. (38 CFR 4.100, 38 CFR 4.104)

A review of your file does not show that an increased evaluation is warranted for your ischemic heart disease at any time in the past. The evaluations were based on VA exams, dates you filed your claims and the date that medical evidence showed increases were warranted. Entitlement to earlier effective dates and increased evaluations is not warranted.

REFERENCES:

Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Pensions, Bonuses and Veterans' Relief contains the regulations of the Department of Veterans Affairs which govern entitlement to all veteran benefits. For additional information regarding applicable laws and regulations, please consult your local library, or visit us at our website, www.va.gov.

