

withdraw your request for higher-level review by providing written notification to VA along with your supplemental claim application. However, you may lose entitlement to the earliest effective date if you decide to change decision review lanes by filing a subsequent claim after one year of the notification letter of the prior decision.

Do you have any questions about the process before we begin?"

Section III: Informal Conference

Issue: Reduction in evaluation of Parkinson’s disease with balance impairment to 30 percent DC 8004-6204
Prior Decision Date: 4/25/0222

Identified Error(s) of Law or Fact: claim was for loss of use of upper and lower extremities, aid and attendance, SMC O and SMC R2. Veteran’s disabilities did not improve—but worsened— 100 percent for Parkinson’s (38 CFR 3.344 3.103) exam completed at Puget Sound was an ACE exam and not as complete as the previous exam done in person. Reductions should not have been made based on this exam

Issue: Reduction in evaluation of LLE diabetic PN sciatic nerve to 20 percent DC 8520
Prior Decision Date: 4/25/2022

Identified Error(s) of Law or Fact: claim was for loss of use of upper and lower extremities, aid and attendance, SMC O and SMC R2. Veteran’s disabilities did not improve—but worsened—s/b 100 percent for Parkinson’s (38 CFR 3.344 3.103) exam completed at Puget Sound was an ACE exam and not as complete as the previous exam done in person. Reductions should not have been made based on this exam. Reduced Diabetic PN and invited a claim for an increase in DM II

Issue:	Reduction in evaluation of LUE tremors to 20 percent DC 8514
Prior Decision Date:	4/25/2022
Identified Error(s) of Law or Fact: claim was for loss of use of upper and lower extremities, aid and attendance, SMC O and SMC R2. Veteran’s disabilities did not	

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Issue:	Reduction in evaluation of stooped posture to 0 percent DC 8211
Prior Decision Date:	4/25/2022
Identified Error(s) of Law or Fact: claim was for loss of use of upper and lower extremities, aid and attendance, SMC O and SMC R2. Veteran’s disabilities did not improve—but worsened—s/b 100 percent for Parkinson’s (38 CFR 3.344 3.103) exam completed at Puget Sound was an ACE exam and not as complete as the previous exam done in person. Reductions should not have been made based on this exam	

Issue:	Reduction in evaluation of speech changes X cranial nerves to 0 percent right and left DC 8210
Prior Decision Date:	4/25/2022
Identified Error(s) of Law or Fact: claim was for loss of use of upper and lower extremities, aid and attendance, SMC O and SMC R2. Veteran’s disabilities did not improve—but worsened—s/b 100 percent for Parkinson’s (38 CFR 3.344 3.103) exam completed at Puget Sound was an ACE exam and not as complete as the previous exam done in person. Reductions should not have been made based on this exam	

Issue:	Entitlement to SMC at P rate (L1/2 + k) under 3.350(f)(3) from 9/18/2020
Prior Decision Date:	4/25/2022
Identified Error(s) of Law or Fact: Veteran should be entitled to P rate when considering both his Parkinson’s disabilities and diabetes mellitus type II with complications.	

Section IV: Closing Statement

At the conclusion of any informal conference where the Veteran is present, state,

“As we conclude today, I would like to take this time to let you know that VA offers a network of support for all Veterans and their families. You don’t have to be enrolled in VA health care or receive benefits to utilize these services. We encourage you to visit www.va.gov for a list of resources and benefits you