

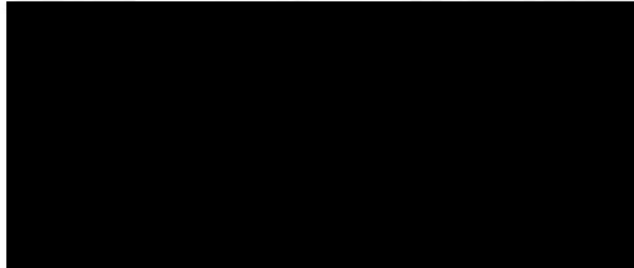


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| ☒ VAF 20-0995 Supplemental Claim |
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DECISION REVIEW REQUEST: SUPPLEMENTAL CLAIM

1. BENEFIT TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE BOX)

☒ COMPENSATION☐ PENSION/DIC/SURVIVORS BENEFITS☐ FIDUCIARY

EDUCATION

☐ LOAN GUARANTY☐ LIFE INSURANCE☐ VETERAN READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT☐ NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

☐ **VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (NOTE: If checked, specify in the space provided below, which benefit type you are claiming for VHA. (e.g., Travel/Mileage Reimbursement, Medical Treatment Reimbursement, Health Care Eligibility, Clothing Allowance, etc.)**

SECTION I: VETERAN'S IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

SECTION II: CLAIMANT'S IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION
(Complete this section ONLY IF the claimant is NOT the veteran)

11. CLAIMANT'S NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last) (If other than veteran)

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12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

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13. VA FILE NUMBER (If applicable)

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14. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)

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15. VA INSURANCE POLICY NUMBER (if applicable)

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16. RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN (Check one)

☐ SPOUSE ☐ CHILD ☐ FIDUCIARY ☐ PARENT ☐ OTHER (Specify)

17. MAILING ADDRESS (Number, street or rural route, P.O. Box, City, State, ZIP Code and Country)

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Apt./Unit Number						City
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State/Province Country ZIP Code/Postal Code

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18. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Optional) (Include Area Code)

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19. E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional)

Enter International Phone Number (If applicable)

SECTION III: HOMELESS INFORMATION

IMPORTANT: The following questions (Items 20A through 20D) should **ONLY** be completed if you are currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. If this item does not apply to you, skip to Section IV.

20A. ARE YOU CURRENTLY HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS?

- ☐ YES (If "Yes," complete Items 20B through 20D regarding your living situation)
- ☐ NO (If "No," skip to Item 21)

20B. WHICH OF THESE STATEMENTS BEST DESCRIBES YOUR LIVING SITUATION? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ I LIVE OR SLEEP IN A PLACE THAT IS NOT MEANT FOR REGULAR SLEEPING (e.g., a car, park, abandoned building, bus station, train station, airport or camp ground)
- ☐ I LIVE IN A SHELTER (e.g., a hotel or motel that is meant for temporary stays)
- ☐ I AM STAYING WITH A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER, BECAUSE I AM UNABLE TO OWN A HOME RIGHT NOW
- ☐ IN THE NEXT 30 DAYS, I WILL HAVE TO LEAVE A FACILITY, LIKE A HOMELESS SHELTER
- ☐ IN THE NEXT 30 DAYS, I WILL LOSE MY HOME
- Note:** This selection includes any house, apartment, trailer, or other living space that you own, rent, or live in without paying rent, any hotels or motels that are meant for temporary stays, or a living space that you share with others.)
- ☐ NONE OF THESE SITUATIONS APPLY TO ME

Note: We understand that you may have other housing risks not listed here. If you feel comfortable sharing more about your situation, you can check "other" and specify in the space provided. Or you can check "other" and not include any details. We will use this information only to prioritize your request.

☐ OTHER (Specify) _____

20C. POINT OF CONTACT (Name of person VA can contact in order to get in touch with you)

20D. POINT OF CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)

Enter International Phone Number
(If applicable)

SECTION IV: ISSUE(S) FOR SUPPLEMENTAL CLAIM

21. YOU MUST LIST EACH ISSUE DECIDED BY VA THAT YOU WOULD LIKE VA TO REVIEW AS PART OF YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL CLAIM (Note: Refer to your decision notice(s) for a list of adjudicated issues. For each issue, identify the date of VA's decision.)

If you are responding to a Statement of the Case (SOC) or a Supplemental Statement of the Case (SSOC): By submitting this form, I agree to participate in the modernized review system for the following issues decided in a SOC or SSOC. I am withdrawing the eligible appeal issues listed in Item 21A in their entirety, and any associated hearing requests, from the legacy appeals system. I understand I cannot return to the legacy appeals system for the issue(s) withdrawn.

21A. SPECIFIC ISSUE(S)	21B. DATE OF VA DECISION NOTICE
Entitlement to SMC at the intermediate rate between L & M under authority of §3.350(f)(3) for DC 6847 (OSA) from 6/17/2014 Barry precedence	02 - 09 - 2026
Entitlement to SMC at the M rate under authority of §3.350(f)(3) for DC 8100 (30%), DC 5201(20%), DC 6260 (10%) from 6/17/2014. Barry precedence	02 - 09 - 2026
Entitlement to SMC at the intermediate rate between M & N under authority of §3.350(f)(3) for DC 5025(40%), DC 8104 (10%) from 10/23/2025. Barry precedence	02 - 09 - 2026

SECTION V: NEW AND RELEVANT EVIDENCE

IMPORTANT: To complete your application, you must submit new and relevant evidence to VA or tell us about new and relevant evidence that VA can assist you in gathering in support of your **supplemental claim**. If you have records in your possession, attach the records to this form. List your name and file number on each page. If you would like VA to obtain non-Federal records, review your decision notification letter or read the instructions for this section on Page 3 that lists the appropriate forms to complete and submit those forms to VA with this request form. **Note:** Unless your **supplemental claim** is based on a change in law, you'll need to submit supporting evidence that's **new and relevant** for your application to be complete. You can also identify evidence you'd like us to gather for you.

22A. IDENTIFY WHERE YOU HAVE RECEIVED TREATMENT (Check all that apply)

- ☐ PRIVATE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER (including non-Federal records)
- ☐ VA VET CENTER
- ☒ COMMUNITY CARE (Paid for by VA)
- ☒ VA MEDICAL CENTER(S) (VAMC) AND COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT CLINICS (CBOC)
- ☐ DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITY(IES) (MTF)
- ☐ OTHER (Specify): _____

Note: VA has access to VAMC, CBOC, and MTF records. A consent form is not needed. However, if you would like VA to attempt to obtain your **private provider**, (excluding community care (paid for by VA)) or VA Vet Center health records, VA requires your consent by completing VA Forms 21-4142, *Authorization to Disclose Information to VA*, and 21-4142a, *General Release for Medical Provider Information to VA*. VA forms are available at www.va.gov/vaforms.

Note: If treatment began from 2005 to present, you **do not** need to provide in Item 22C the date(s) of treatment.

22B. NAME AND LOCATION OF THE TREATMENT FACILITY	22C. DATE(S) OF TREATMENT (Approximate dates are acceptable) (MM-YYYY)	22D. CHECK THE BOX IF YOU DO NOT HAVE DATE(S) OF TREATMENT
VAMC New York	-	☒ Don't have date
VAMC Syracuse NY	-	☐ Don't have date
	-	☐ Don't have date

SECTION VI: 5103 NOTICE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

(This section applies to Compensation, Pension, DIC, and Accrued benefit claims only.)

Note: If we issued your decision within the past year, skip to Section VII

23. FOR SPECIFIC EVIDENCE YOU NEED TO PROVIDE WITH YOUR CLAIM, VISIT ONE OF THESE PAGES ON www.va.gov.

- Evidence to support a claim for Veterans Disability Compensation and related Compensation benefits: <https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/evidence-needed/>.
- Evidence to support a claim for VA pension, DIC, or accrued benefits: <https://www.va.gov/resources/evidence-to-support-va-pension-dic-or-accrued-benefits-claims/>.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE REVIEWED THE NOTICE OF EVIDENCE THAT RELATES TO MY CLAIM.

- ☒ YES ☐ NO (If you check "No," VA will send the 5103 notice to you via mail.)

SECTION VII: OPTION FOR VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION (VBA) TO NOTIFY VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (VHA) ABOUT CERTAIN UPCOMING EVENT(S) DURING THE CLAIM AND OR APPEAL PROCESS

IMPORTANT: For information on VHA health care services, visit www.va.gov/health-care/about-va-health-benefits. To learn more about VHA health care services available related to military sexual trauma (MST), you can contact a VHA MST Coordinator. A list is available at www.mentalhealth.va.gov/msthome/vha-mst-coordinators.asp or you can contact your local VA medical facility and ask to speak to the MST Coordinator.

24. If you are filing a claim for compensation for a condition due to a personal traumatic event(s) involving MST and you are registered and/or enrolled for VHA health care, you have the option for VBA to electronically notify VHA about certain upcoming event(s) during your claim and/or appeal process. These event(s) are any scheduled compensation and pension (C&P) examination, hearing before the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and any decision notification. When notified, VHA will place an indicator in your medical record to alert VA health care providers that these event(s) are scheduled to occur. Notifications to VHA would only indicate the type of event(s) and potential time frame, not any details specific to your claim. The indicator in your medical record would not identify your claim as MST-related, but at this time, only claimants filing MST-related claims are provided this notification option. For this reason, providers may know that the indicator is in relation to an MST-related claim. The decision to **consent**, **not consent**, or **revoke prior consent** into the automatic notification system will not affect the status or outcome of your claim. A **response is not required**. If you do not respond, VBA will not send electronic notifications to VHA, nor will the outcome of your claim be impacted. If you would like VBA to send these electronic notifications to VHA, please indicate your consent by selecting a check box below.

- ☒ A. I **CONSENT** TO HAVE VBA NOTIFY VHA ABOUT CERTAIN UPCOMING EVENT(S) RELATED TO MY CLAIM AND/OR APPEAL (Note: I understand that an indicator for these event(s) will appear in my VHA medical record.)
- ☐ B. I **DO NOT CONSENT** TO HAVE VBA NOTIFY VHA ABOUT CERTAIN UPCOMING EVENT(S) RELATED TO MY CLAIM AND/OR APPEAL (Note: I understand that an indicator for these event(s) will not appear in my VHA medical record.)
- ☐ C. I **REVOKE PRIOR CONSENT** TO HAVE VBA NOTIFY VHA ABOUT CERTAIN UPCOMING EVENT(S) RELATED TO MY CLAIM AND/OR APPEAL (Note: I understand that in the future, notice of these event(s) will no longer appear in my VHA medical record.)
- ☐ D. **NOT APPLICABLE AND/OR NOT ENROLLED OR REGISTERED IN VHA HEALTH CARE**

Note: You have the option to modify your previous selection at any time. Mail your correspondence to: Department of Veterans Affairs, Compensation Intake Center, P.O. Box 4444, Janesville, WI 53547-4444.

SECTION VIII: CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

I CERTIFY THAT the foregoing statement(s) are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

25A. VETERAN/CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE

25B. DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)

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SECTION IX: WITNESSES TO SIGNATURE

(Note: Only use this section if the veteran/claimant used an "X" in Item 25A)

26A. SIGNATURE OF THE FIRST WITNESS

26B. PRINTED NAME AND ADDRESS OF FIRST WITNESS

Name:

Address:

27A. SIGNATURE OF THE SECOND WITNESS

27B. PRINTED NAME AND ADDRESS OF SECOND WITNESS

Name:

Address:

SECTION X: ALTERNATE SIGNER CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE (Note: Required only if Item 25A is blank.)

NOTE 1: An alternate signer signature will not be accepted unless a valid VA Form 21-0972, *Alternate Signer Certification*, is of record or attached to this request.

NOTE 2: For insurance appeals, either VA Form 21-22, *Appointment of Veterans Service Organization as Claimant's Representative*, VA Form 21-22A, *Appointment of Individual as Claimant's Representative*, OR VA Form 21P-555, *Certificate of Legal Capacity to Receive and Disburse Benefits and Fee Authorization*, needs to be of record to allow an alternate signer to sign on behalf of the claimant.

I CERTIFY THAT by signing on behalf of the claimant, that I am a court-appointed representative; OR, an attorney in fact or agent authorized to act on behalf of a claimant under a durable power of attorney; OR, a person who is responsible for the care of the claimant, to include but not limited to a spouse or other relative; OR, a manager or principal officer acting on behalf of an institution which is responsible for the care of an individual; AND, that the claimant is under the age of 18; OR, is mentally incompetent to provide substantially accurate information needed to complete the form, or to certify that the statements made on the form are true and complete; OR, is physically unable to sign this form.

I understand that I may be asked to confirm the truthfulness of the answers to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. I also understand that VA may request further documentation or evidence to verify or confirm my authorization to sign or complete an application on behalf of the claimant if necessary. Examples of evidence which VA may request include: Social Security Number (SSN) or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN); a certificate or order from a court with competent jurisdiction showing your authority to act for the claimant with a judge's signature and a date/time stamp; copy of documentation showing appointment of fiduciary; durable power of attorney showing the name and signature of the claimant and your authority as attorney in fact or agent; health care power of attorney, affidavit or notarized statement from an institution or person responsible for the care of the claimant indicating the capacity or responsibility of care provided; or any other documentation showing such authorization.

28A. ALTERNATE SIGNER'S SIGNATURE

28B. DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)

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SECTION XI: POWER OF ATTORNEY (POA) SIGNATURE

(Note: This section does not apply to insurance claims)

I CERTIFY THAT the claimant has authorized the undersigned representative to file this claim on behalf of the claimant and that the claimant is aware and accepts the information provided in this document. I certify that the claimant has authorized the undersigned representative to state that the claimant certifies the truth and completion of the information contained in this document to the best of claimant's knowledge.

NOTE: A POA's signature *will not* be accepted unless at the time of submission of this claim a valid VA Form 21-22, or VA Form 21-22a, indicating the appropriate POA is of record with VA.

29A. POA/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

29B. DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)

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29C. ACCREDITATION NUMBER

29D. DATE LAST VA FORM 21-22 OR VA FORM 21-22A WAS SUBMITTED (If known)

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PENALTY: The law provides severe penalties which include fine or imprisonment, or both, for the willful submission of any statement or evidence of a material fact, knowing it to be false, or for the fraudulent acceptance of any payment to which you are not entitled.



Department of Veterans Affairs

VA DATE STAMP
(DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE)

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM

INSTRUCTIONS: Before completing this form, read the Privacy Act and Respondent Burden on page 2. Use this form to submit a statement to support a claim. For more information you can contact us through Ask VA: <https://ask.va.gov/>, or call us toll-free at 800-827-1000 (TTY: 711). VA forms are available at www.va.gov/vaforms. After completing the form, mail to: Department of Veterans Affairs, Evidence Intake Center, P.O. Box 4444, Janesville, WI 53547-4444.

SECTION I: VETERAN/BENEFICIARY'S IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

NOTE: You may complete the form online or by hand. If completed by hand, print the information requested in ink, neatly and legibly, and insert one letter per box to help expedite processing of the form.

SECTION II: REMARKS

(The following statement is made in connection with a claim for benefits in the case of the above-named veteran/beneficiary)

To whom it may concern:

On May 16, 2024, in *Barry v. McDonough*, 101 F.4th 1348 (Fed. Cir. 2024), The Court held that "§3.350(f)(3) does not limit how many SMC increases can be provided; instead, it is a mandatory entitlement that can apply multiple times, subject to a statutory cap".

As this regulation has never been challenged before, its effect is retroactive to the date the regulation was promulgated on February 24, 1961.

Because SMC is an ancillary entitlement, the date of entitlement is the date the medical evidence supports the rating. See *Bradley v. Peake*, 22 Vet. App. 280 (2008) where the Court held "Accordingly, any effective date must be based on that point in time when the evidence first supported an award of SMC."

Based on the application of the law to the facts, the Veteran requests the AOJ now promulgate that which has been pending for quite some time.

SECTION II: REMARKS (Continued)*(The following statement is made in connection with a claim for benefits in the case of the above-named veteran/beneficiary)***SECTION III: DECLARATION OF INTENT****I CERTIFY THAT** the statements on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief**9 SIGNATURE OF VETERAN/BENEFICIARY (Required)****10. DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)**

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PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION: The VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations 1.576 for routine uses (i.e., civil or criminal law enforcement, congressional communications, epidemiological or research studies, the collection of money owed to the United States, litigation in which the United States is a party or has an interest, the administration of VA programs and delivery of VA benefits, verification of identity and status, and personnel administration) as identified in the VA system of records, 58VA21/22/28, Compensation, Pension, Education, and Veteran Readiness and Employment Records - VA, published in the Federal Register. Your obligation to respond is required to obtain or retain benefits. VA uses your SSN to identify your claim file. Providing your SSN will help ensure that your records are properly associated with your claim file. Giving us your SSN account information is voluntary. Refusal to provide your SSN by itself will not result in the denial of benefits. The VA will not deny an individual benefits for refusing to provide his or her SSN unless the disclosure of the SSN is required by Federal Statute of law in effect prior to January 1, 1975, and still in effect. The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine maximum benefits under the law. The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). Information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.

RESPONDENT BURDEN: An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control Number. The OMB control number for this project is 2900-0075, and it expires 07/31/2027. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per respondent, per year, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate and any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden to VA Reports Clearance Officer at VACOPaperworkReduction@va.gov. Please refer to OMB Control No. 2900-0075 in any correspondence. Do not send your completed VA Form 21-4138 to this email address.