



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Board of Veterans' Appeals
Washington, DC

In Reply Refer To:

Date: July 23, 2019

Dear Mr. XXXXXX:

Please return the attached form if you wish to have the issues listed below processed in the new review system created by the Appeals Modernization Act. VA previously received your Opt in Election form, requesting to participate in the Rapid Appeals Modernization Program (RAMP). You selected the **Higher-Level Review** option for the following issues: left leg femoral nerve neuropathy; right leg femoral nerve neuropathy; left leg external cutaneous neuropathy; left leg Ilio-inguinal neuropathy; left leg obturator nerve neuropathy; right leg external cutaneous neuropathy; right leg Ilio-inguinal neuropathy; right leg obturator nerve neuropathy . However, your opt-in has not yet been processed and these issues are currently pending at the Board in the old (legacy) review system.

Following receipt of your RAMP Opt-in Election form, the Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) has placed your appeal on its docket for review in the legacy appeals system. The Board is currently working appeals up to June 2018 in docket date. Your docket date is **September 2015**.

What This Means To You

Because we received a RAMP Opt-in election from you prior to docketing your legacy appeal, we are writing to ask if you would still like to participate in RAMP. Generally, under RAMP, you will receive a decision in a **higher-level review** in an average of 125 days. Upon receiving a decision in RAMP, you will be in the new review process created by the AMA. Benefits of AMA include the protected effective date for any benefits VA awards you regardless of the review option that you choose, and a new requirement that VA must have clear and unmistakable evidence to change any findings favorable to you in a VA decision. Please note that if you choose to participate in RAMP, your appeal(s) for the above listed issues, and any associated hearing requests, will be withdrawn from the legacy appeals system and you will not be able to return to the legacy appeals system. However, if, following the **higher-level review** decision, you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal directly to the Board, but you will not retain your previous place on the Board's docket.

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If you choose not to participate in AMA, your appeal will remain at the Board and will be worked in docket order under the legacy process.

What Do I Need To Do Next?

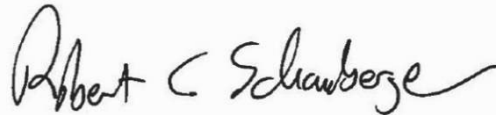
If you would like to participate in RAMP, complete the form on the next page and submit it to the Board **within 60 days from the date of this letter**.

If you do not want to participate, you do not have to take any action, your appeal will remain at the Board and will be worked in docket order. If we do not hear from you within 60 days from the date of this letter, we will assume that you would like your appeal to remain on the Board's docket and it will be processed in the legacy appeals system.

If You Have Questions or Need Assistance

If you have any questions or need assistance, you should contact your representative, if you have one. You may also contact VA at (800) 827-1000, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, or the Board via fax at (844) 678-8979. You can also check the status of your appeal at <http://www.va.gov>.

Sincerely,



Robert C. Scharnberger
Deputy Vice Chairman
Board of Veterans' Appeals

Enclosure: RAMP Participation

Option Cc: xxxx, Attorney

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RAMP Participation Option:

_____ **I want to participate in AMA for the issues listed above.** I understand that selecting this option will withdraw my appeal from the legacy appeals system.

Signature

Date

Please return this form by mail or fax to:

Board of Veterans' Appeals
P.O. Box 27063
Washington, DC 20038
Fax: 1-844-678-8979