**Endocrine Conditions VASRD Change Introduction**

**Exciting new updates to the rating schedule (using this and the currently published VA Rating Schedule, you should be able to answer all quiz questions in the video) …**

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| **Code** | **Change Description** |
| **7900** | Now includes Graves’ disease- evaluation criteria begins with 30% evaluation for 6 months, followed by a mandatory evaluation. Rate residuals of disease or complications with the appropriate DC within the appropriate body system. |
| **7903** | Veterans presenting with myxedema are given a 100 percent or without myxedema are given a 30 percent evaluation. Six months following initial diagnosis, a future examination should be conducted to determine residuals, which are rated under the appropriate body system. The 30 percent evaluation is **not** a mandatory minimum evaluation. |
| **7904** | The 100 percent evaluation is only for application for six months from the date of discharge following surgery. The 60 percent evaluation is based entirely on objective laboratory values – hypercalcemia. The 10 percent evaluation is largely similar to the old evaluative criteria of continuous medication required for control, but also adds consideration for symptomatic individuals not receiving medication. |
| **7905 & 7906** | New evaluation criteria: 100 percent evaluation following initial diagnosis followed by a VA examination |
| **7907 & 7908** | new evaluation criteria – the criteria has been clarified to be based on the severity and extent of muscle weakness and comorbidities, and the 60 percent criteria no longer requires enlargement of the adrenal or pituitary gland. Evaluation for 6 months after initial diagnosis followed by a VA examination. Then residuals evaluated under the appropriate body system. |
| **7909 & 7912** | New evaluation criteria based on initial diagnosis for 3 months followed by a VA examination. |
| **7916 - 7919** | New evaluation criteria. Evaluate as malignant or benign neoplasm |

**The biggest change for endocrine body system is the new requirement for a mandatory future examination after initial diagnosis for many diagnostic codes.**

**Important considerations –** Now that we’ve previewed the new criteria… Consider the following:

* Depending on dates… what criteria apply?
  + When filling in evaluation builder and VBMS pay attention to when you should be using the historical or current criteria
* Watch the DBQs…ensure we have all the information we need. If not, can we grant something now while asking for clarification?
* VBMS updates – watch the VBMS Release Information and User Guides page [here](http://vbaw.vba.va.gov/VBMS/Resources_Technical_Information.asp).
* The Regulation Citator tool assists in viewing historical rating criteria. Click [here](http://vacoappbva2.dva.va.gov/lsa/cgi-bin/query-meta.exe).

December 10, 2017: endocrine rating schedule change (not liberalizing legislation)