

# AMO Tip Sheet

## Legacy Appeals: Effectuation of Board Grants



### Purpose

This Tip Sheet provides helpful information, references, and high-level instructions for the effectuation of Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) grants of legacy appeals.

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### Audience

Rating Veterans Service Representatives (RVSRs), and any other personnel responsible for effectuating Board grants.

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### References

- M21-1 I.5.A.1.f, *Definition: Downstream Issue*
  - M21-1 I.5.A.1.h, *Definition: Full Grant*
  - M21-1 I.5.D.2.g, *Jurisdiction Over Downstream Appeal Issues*
  - M21-1 I.5.G.1, *Reviewing and Processing BVA Decisions*
  - M21-1 I.7.5.A, *Types of Board Actions*
  - M21-1 III.iv.2.B.5.c, *Binding Nature of Favorable Findings*
  - M21-1 III.iv.6, *The Rating Decision*
  - M21-1 III.v.2.B, *Decision Notices*
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### Actions

- Review the Board decision and assess whether it has provided the effective date and the evaluation, if needed
  - If the Board has not provided the effective date and evaluation, request an examination, if necessary, to determine the appropriate evaluation for the period of entitlement covered by the decision
  - Issue a rating decision effectuating the Board's grant of benefits and any inferred ancillary decisions
  - Follow local procedures to route the rating decision for award promulgation
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### Important Reminders

Any finding favorable to the claimant made by either a VA adjudicator, or by the Board, is binding on all subsequent VA and Board adjudicators.

Appeals Modernization Act (AMA) notification requirements are applicable to effectuated Board grants for legacy appeals and modernized decision review requests.

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### Other Resources

- VBMS Core and Rating User Guides
  - Trainings: VA 4491280, *AMA Improved Decision Notices - Rating Decisions*; VA 4491586, *AMA Board Decisions: Remands and Grants*
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