# DRC MEDICAL RECORDS DEVELOPMENT CHEAT SHEET

## ENSURE THE VETERAN'S SIGNATURE (ELECTRONIC OR WET) IS ON THE 21-526EZ.

If you are submitting additional medical records, simply enclose the records with the DRC submission. When filling out the VA Form 21-526ez, leave block 14 blank to avoid confusion and excluding the claim from DRC by raising VA's duty to assist in obtaining the records. Example:

14. LIST VA MEDICAL CENTER(S) (VAMC) AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITIES (MTF) WHERE YOU RECEIVED TREATMENT AFTER DISCHARGE FOR YOUR CLAIMED DISABILITY(IES) AND PROVIDE TREATMENT DATES:	
A. NAME AND LOCATION	B. DATE(S) OF TREATMENT
Leave this blank and simply include the records	
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#### FEDERAL MEDICAL RECORDS

#### VAMC RECORDS

- 1. CAPRI: if you have access, you can use this application to obtain VAMC records
  - <u>Report Builder Demo</u>
- 2. Contact the Release of Information office at the VAMC that houses the records, see directory at:
  - VAMC directory
- 3. myHealthevet: Veterans who receive care at a VAMC may access and obtain a .pdf of their medical records (depending on the level of their access) see:
  - My HealtheVet Web Portal

## **MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITY (DOD) RECORDS**

Tricare Website: Have Veteran obtain a .pdf of relevant medical records online using the TOL Patient Portal and click "Blue Button"

• Tricare Patient Portal

## **VET CENTER RECORDS**

Have the Veteran contact the Vet Center to make a request, see directory at:

• <u>https://Vet Center Directory</u>

#### PRIVATE MEDICAL RECORDS

These must be obtained by the Veteran by contacting the private medical facility. We recommend obtaining a .pdf for easy upload if possible. Realize that the private medical facility might charge a fee to obtain paper and/or digital copies. VA cannot compensate the Veteran or private facility to obtaining these records.