

Office of Administrative Review

Processing AMA Board Grants under PACT Act



Purpose

This Job Aid provides general instructions, information, and references for effectuating Appeal Modernization Act (AMA) Board of Veterans Appeals (Board) grants processing under Public Law (PL) 117-168, Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022, or PACT Act.



Audience

All claims processors responsible for processing AMA Board grants.



References

- [PL 117-168 \(PACT Act\)](#)
- [38 C.F.R. §3.160\(d\), Status of Claims](#)
- [M21-5, Chapter 4, Topic 5, Implementing Actions by the Board of Veterans Appeals](#)
- [PACT Act Standard Operating Procedure \(SOP\), Topic 7](#)

Instructions

Check and add, if needed, the **PACT** special issue to any PACT Act-related contention.

Under the PACT Act, the Board may separate the issue of service connection in its decision:



- Board decision grants service connection under PACT Act on a presumptive basis and simultaneously remands the issue of entitlement to service connection on a direct basis.
- Caseflow Intake will automatically establish the appropriate end-products (EPs) and add corresponding claim labels to control the identified issue under the two distinct theories of entitlement.
- EP 030 will control the grant of service connection on a presumptive basis under the PACT Act.
- EP 040 will control the remand of service connection on a direct basis.

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- Follow the instructions in Topic 7 in the [PACT Act Implementation Standard Operating Procedure \(SOP\)](#) on how to address the issue(s) in VBMS-R.
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Important Reminders



- Affix the **PACT** special issue on any PACT Act related contention.
 - Follow the guidance for use of Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record (ILER) found in the [ILER Guidance](#).
 - Review claims for non-presumptive disabilities to determine whether an explicit or implicit Toxic Exposure Risk Activity (TERA) claim applies.
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Other Resources



- [PACT Act Information Page](#)
- [PACT Act Pension and Fiduciary Service Information Page](#)
- [PACT Act Implementation Training Resources](#)
- [OAR Job Aid: PACT Act Resource Guide](#)