

PMC VSR Intermediate Core Course

**Phase 5.2: Knowledge Enhancer Prep Worksheet**

**Appendix A**

November 2024

**Part 1 – Terms of Development**

**Directions**: Read each scenario and provide a Yes (Y) or No (N)response.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Scenario** | **Y/N** |
| Is Section 5103 necessary upon receipt of a supplemental claim within one year of the date VA issues notice of a prior decision? |  |
| Is VA authorized to pay a fee for copies of public documents or other evidence from Federal, State, or local agencies or private sources? |  |
| If payment of a fee is required to obtain a document, should you advise the claimant that the VA is not authorized to pay the fee? |  |
| Does the duty to assist does not apply to higher-level reviews (HLRs)? |  |
| Is the claimant required to submit *Records through the Defense Personnel Records Information Retrieval System (DPRIS)*​? |  |
| Does VA obtain *SSA disability records*​? |  |
| Will VA’s duty to assist in the gathering of evidence begin upon receipt of a substantially complete application for an initial or supplemental claim and end once VA issues a decision on the claim? |  |
| If a previous notice sufficiently identified the information and evidence necessary to substantiate subsequent claim(s), is a new Section 5103 notice required? |  |

**Part 2 – Matching EPs**

**Directions**: Read each scenario and provide a response.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Scenario** | **EP** |
| The verified Social Security rate is lower than the rate VA counted, and the VA computed SS COLA is the only reason for the discrepancy. **What EP should you use?** |  |
| Upon review of the IVM report, you discovered that benefits will be reduced or terminated based on the results of the development. **You should initiate due process for pension-related issues using what EP?** |  |
| If an EP 154 is pending and the beneficiary is selected for a subsequent PAA match, cancel the newest EP(s) and adjudicate the award **using what EP?** |  |
| For dependent death matches with the contentions, *Dep Death C&P Matched, Dep Death DOB Mismatch*, and *Dep Name Mismatch*, the system will establish **which EP**? |  |
| If action has been completed and the termination or adjustment was incorrect, determine what corrective actions are needed, and process the actions under **which EP**? |  |
| For beneficiary death matches with the contentions *SSA Death C&P Matched, SSA Death DOB Mismatch*, and *SSA Death Name Mismatch*, the system will establish **which EP**? |  |