

PMC VSR Intermediate Core Course

**Omnibus-COLA Worksheet**

**Appendix A**

December 2024

**Part 1 – Omnibus - COLA**

**Answer the following questions:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ means that we cannot pay someone increased benefits until the first of the month following the date the claimant was entitled to increased benefits.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ means the date an award is effective after application of Omnibus has transpired.
3. VA received a claim on September 18, 2023, from a Veteran in receipt of VA Pension benefits that he received a $7,000 inheritance from his aunt on November 7, 2023. Counting the $7,000 inheritance will reduce his benefit.
   1. What date do we count this income?
   2. And why?
   3. When is this income removed?
4. We were paying the Veteran maximum benefits based on no income. The Veteran reports that he received an inheritance of $17,000 on July 12, 2022.
   1. Since the inheritance income terminated the Veteran’s award, what is the earliest date we can reopen the Veteran’s benefits?
   2. What is the payment date?
5. VA received a claim along with supporting evidence from the law enforcement agency on March 3, 2024, from a Veteran who reports that he was released from jail on June 25, 2024. He is requesting that his benefits are reopened.
   1. What date do we reopen his benefit?
   2. And why?