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| **PART IV. Evaluation, Entitlement and Rehabilitation Planning**  **Section B. Initial Evaluation and Entitlement** | |
| **CHAPTER 3. RESOURCES AND TOOLS FOR INITIAL EVALUATIONS** | |
| **Objectives:** | After completion of this training, a VR&E staff is expected to:  • Identify the resources and tools for initial evaluation.   * Understand the role of medical consultation and medical opinion related to functional limitations and capacities. * Define the different assessments used for a comprehensive initial evaluation. |
| **Contents:** | **Medical Treatment, Care and Services to Veterans and Servicemembers by VHA**  **Role of the Medical Consultant**  a. When to Use a Medical Consultant  b. How the Medical Consultant May Provide Services  c. Referrals for Medical Consultation  d. Documenting the Medical Consultation  e. Consideration of the Medical Consultant’s Recommendations  **Requesting a Medical Opinion Related to Functional Limitations and Capabilities**  a. Requesting a Medical Opinion Related to Functional Limitations  b. Requesting a Medical Opinion Related to Specific Capabilities  c. Sources of Information to Define Occupational Requirements  d. Specialized Assessments  **Assessments and Measurements**  a. CareerScope Skills Assessment Portal  b. Importance of Assessments and Measurements  c. Purpose of Standardized Assessments  d. Use of Assessments and Measurements  e. Assessment Selection  f. Documenting Assessment Results  **Contractor Services** |
| **Exercises:** | 1. Who is the primary provider of medical treatment, care, and services for a Veteran or Servicemember participating in a vocational rehabilitation program? Describe the process for obtaining services. 2. Identify the types of assessments and measurements used in a comprehensive evaluation. Explain the process for documenting the assessments and results. 3. If a Veteran's specific capabilities are unclear concerning his or her cognitive or physical functioning, what is the VRC’s next step to determine the types of occupations that will be suitable to the Veteran's capacities? Describe the process. 4. Describe the procedure for referring a Veteran or Servicemember for medical consultation. |
| **Rescission Information:** | Part IV rescinds the following M28 and M28-1 Chapters:  M28, Part IV, Subpart iii, Chapters 1-7  M28, Part IV, Subpart iv, Chapters 1-9  M28-1, Part II, Chapters 2, 6, and 8  The following VR&E Circulars and letters are also rescinded: |