



# Decision Ready Claim (DRC)

**Veterans Benefits Administration**

**VA**



**U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs**

# DRC Overview

- The primary purpose of the Decision Ready Claim (DRC) initiative is to expand upon VBA's successful Fully Developed Claim (FDC) program to better serve Veterans and their families.
- The DRC initiative is a claims submission option through an accredited Veterans Service Organization (VSO) representative which allows VA to complete a claim within 30 days of submission.

# DRC Overview (Cont.)

- Veterans and accredited VSOs work together to obtain all necessary records, medical exams, and VA Forms and submit a complete DRC package through the DRC Upload Portal.

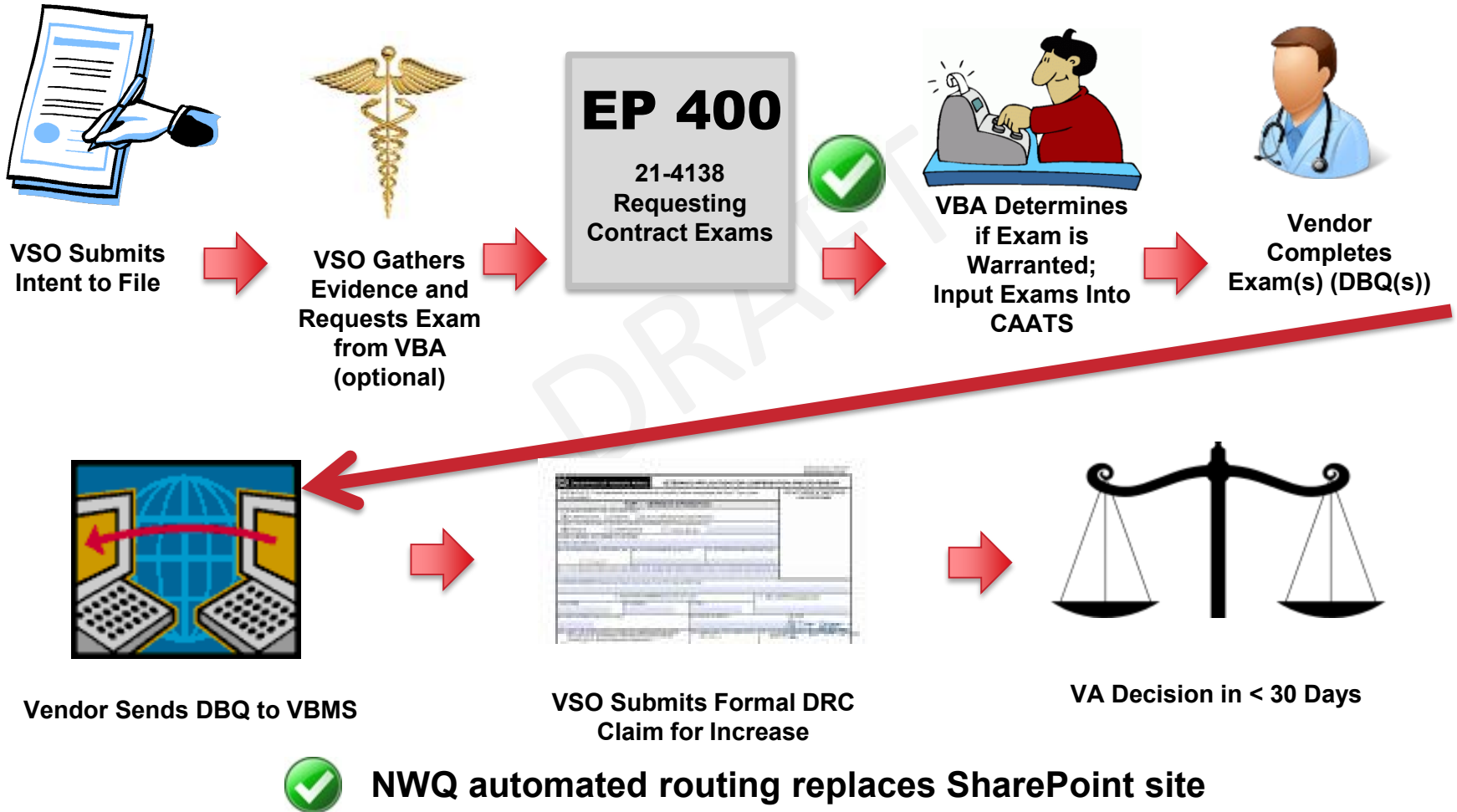
# DRC Current State

- The DRC Initiative officially began on May 1, 2017, at the St. Paul RO and in June 2017 was expanded to the Waco and Houston Regional Offices.
- Implementation to all other Regional Offices begin on July 24, 2017 and was completed September 1, 2017.

# DRC Eligible Claims (Dec 2017)

- Direct Service Connection
- Presumptive Service Connection
- Secondary Service Connection
- Increase Disability Claims
- Dependency and Indemnity Comp (DIC)
- Pre-Discharge Claims

# Decision Ready Claim (DRC) – Phase II Current State



# VA Form 21-4138

FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME - LAST NAME OF VETERAN (Type or print)	SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	VA FILE NO.
John Doe	000-00-0000	000000-00000000
<p>The following statement is made in connection with a claim for benefits in the case of the above-named veteran:</p> <p>Decision Ready Claim (DRC) Contract Exam Information</p> <p>The conditions listed below are being provided in support of my DRC submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-coronary artery disease (CAD)</li><li>-bilateral hearing loss</li><li>-right knee strain</li></ul> <p>If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact: Joe VSO at JOE.VSO@VSO.ORG (952)999-9999</p> <p>Evidence to be reviewed by examiner:</p> <p>Right knee condition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-CAPRI records dated 04/16/2013 through 06/16/2013 from ACB VAMC, Anytown, MI;</li><li>-Private medical records from ABC Orthopedic Surgery Center dated 06/12/2003</li></ul> <p>CAD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-CAPRI records dated 06/15/2013 through present at XYZ VA OPC, My Town, WA</li></ul>		

# Questions?

