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.
• 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.
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

1. VSO Submits Intent to File
2. VSO Gathers Evidence and Requests Exam from VBA (optional)
3. Vendor Completes Exam(s) (DBQ(s))
4. VBA Determines if Exam is Warranted; Input Exams Into CAATS
5. VSO Submits Formal DRC Claim for Increase
6. Vendor Sends DBQ to VBMS
7. VA Decision in < 30 Days

- NWQ automated routing replaces SharePoint site
VA Form 21-4138

FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME - LAST NAME OF VETERAN (Type or print)

John Doe

SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

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VA FILE NO.

C/SS - 00000000

The following statement is made in connection with a claim for benefits in the case of the above-named veteran:

Decision Ready Claim (DRC) Contract Exam Information

The conditions listed below are being provided in support of my DRC submission:

- coronary artery disease (CAD)
- bilateral hearing loss
- right knee strain

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact: Joe VSO at JOE.VSO@VSO. C/SS (952) 999-9999

Evidence to be reviewed by examiner:

Right knee condition:
- CAPRI records dated 04/16/2013 through 06/19/2013 from ACB VAMC, Anytown, MI;
- Private medical records from ABC Orthopedic Surgery Center dated 06/12/2003

CAD:
- CAPRI records dated 06/15/2013 through present at XYZ VA OPC, My Town, WA
Questions?