

## **VETERANS' DISABILITY BENEFITS COMMISSION**

### **DRAFT ISSUE PAPERS PRESENTED BY STAFF AND DRAFT REPORTS PRESENTED BY CNA OR IOM**

**NOVEMBER 16, 2006**

The Issue Paper process was revised to breakout additional steps for revising, discussing and releasing each Issue Paper. The 8-step process is outlined on the link provided below.

[8-Step Process](#) to develop, evaluate, refine and finalize each of the Issue Papers addressing one of the topics related to the [approved research questions](#).

#### **- - - - - NEW ISSUE PAPERS - - - - -**

#### **1. (Research Question 21) - Survivor's Concurrent Receipt (SBP/DIC Offset)**

- **November 2006:**
  - ▶ [Initial Slide Presentation](#).

#### **2. (Research Question 18) - Time Limit to File a Claim**

- **November 2006:**
  - ▶ [Initial Slide Presentation](#).

#### **3. (Research Question 19) - Pending Claim Ends with Death**

- **November 2006:**
  - ▶ [Initial Slide Presentation](#).

**--- NEW ISSUE PAPER BASED ON CNA'S \*DRAFT\* REPORT ---**

**4. (Research Question 10) - Lump Sum Alternatives for Compensating Veterans with Disabilities**

- **September 2006:**
  - ▶ [Initial Slide Presentation](#).
  - ▶ **\*DRAFT\*** CNA [Report on Lump Sum Alternatives to Current Veterans' Disability Compensation](#) presented by CNA to the Commission at its September 2006 meeting.
  - ▶ (Please see the [Final CNA Report](#), included under November 2006 below.)
- **October 2006:** Public Comment and interim decision reached.
  - ▶ Mr. Joseph A. Violante presented a [joint statement](#) on behalf of the Air Force Sergeants Association, The American Legion, AMVETS, the Blinded Veterans Association, the Disabled American Veterans, the Fleet Reserve Association, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA, the Military Officers Association of America, the National Association for the Uniformed Services, the Non Commissioned Officers Association, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
  - ▶ The Commission voted unanimously (13-0) **NOT** to recommend lump sum payments as an option for compensating veterans with disabilities.
- **November 2006:**
  - ▶ Commission staff presented the initial Issue Paper [slides](#) reflecting CNA's research and the Commission's discussion and decision on lump sum compensation.
  - ▶ **\*FINAL\*** (CNA) [Report on Lump Sum Alternatives to Current Veterans' Disability Compensation](#).

**----- ISSUE PAPERS IN PROGRESS -----**

**5. (Research Question 13) - Line of Duty**

- **September 2006:** [Initial Slide Presentation](#).
- **October 2006:** Continued discussion on the topic; [updated slides](#) presented.
- **November 2006:** Agency (VA/DoD) technical review and comments on the Issue Paper requested.
- **December 2007:** Anticipate that the Commissioners will release the Issue Paper for posting on the public website and dissemination to stakeholders.
- **January 2007:** Comments due for discussion at the January 2007 Commission meeting.

## 6. (Research Question 21) - Concurrent Receipt

- **September 2006:** [Initial Slide Presentation.](#)
- **October 2006:** Continued discussion on the topic; [updated slides](#) presented.
- **November 2006:** Agency (VA/DoD) technical review and comments on the Issue Paper requested.
- **December 2007:** Anticipate that the Commissioners will release the Issue Paper for posting on the public website and dissemination to stakeholders.
- **January 2007:** Comments due for discussion at the January 2007 Commission meeting.

## 7. (Research Questions 23) - Character of Discharge

- **October 2006:** [Initial Slide Presentation.](#)
- **November 2006:** Agency (VA/DoD) technical review and comments on the Issue Paper requested.
- **December 2007:** Anticipate that the Commissioners will release the Issue Paper for posting on the public website and dissemination to stakeholders.
- **January 2007:** Comments due for discussion at the January 2007 Commission meeting.

Issue Paper documents provided on the Commission's website are for the expressed purpose of soliciting and encouraging input from stakeholders and interested parties. Any of these documents may be quoted or cited in

- Testimony
- Comments
- Written statements, or
- Other forms of written or verbal feedback to the Commission.

Please be sure to reference the title/subject, DATE, and source of any document(s) included or referred to in your remarks.

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