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SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES TO
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"Memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense – Retired Pay and Survivor Annuities"

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PARA	EXPLANATION OF CHANGE/REVISION	PURPOSE
Entire Document	**Memorandum of Understanding between VA and DoD, signed February 26, 2007, was updated throughout the entire document.**	Update

★**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**★

RETIRED PAY AND SURVIVOR ANNUITIES

ARTICLE I

INTRODUCTION

1-1   Purpose.   The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes administrative procedures and assigns responsibilities for the purpose of making timely, accurate, and complete payments of (or deductions from) military retired pay, Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP), Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC), survivor annuities and specified veterans' benefits. This guidance conforms with pertinent statutory authorities and Comptroller General Decisions. The procedures improve coordination between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DoD), and minimize benefit overpayments. It supersedes the DoD/VA MOU of July 1969 with the change of September 1976 and the Memorandum of Record of March 11, 1974, and the MOU of June 13, 1985.

1-2   General.   A retired member of the Armed Forces may receive VA compensation payments. To become eligible for VA payments, the member must waive retired pay, or retainer pay, in the amount payable by the VA. The individual's application for VA benefits on the VA Form 21-526 constitutes an election of waiver. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) shall accept the award action by the VA as election of waiver. The VA shall provide the DFAS with documentation upon specific request. The VA will transmit legislative increases to the DFAS in the format contained in attachment 1. A legislative increase refers to the rates of VA compensation, pension, or Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) specified in the periodic changes to *38 U.S.C. Chapters 11*, *13*, and *15*. All forms referenced in this document are current as of the signing of the MOU.

ARTICLE II

RESPONSIBILITIES

2-1   Responsibilities of the VA. The VA shall:

        A.   Transmit new and revised pay data in the format displayed in attachment one for retired personnel to the DFAS from the VA Data Processing Center (DPC) in Hines, Illinois, using a mutually agreed upon means. The VA will transmit data upon completion of each VA processing cycle, normally twice weekly.

        B.   Transmit the VA award change data to arrive at the DFAS no later than the 18th calendar day of the month in which the VA amount is to be entered as a reduction in the military

retired pay account. Accept the DFAS effective date for the VA transaction received by the DFAS after the 18th calendar day of the current month.

C.   Ensure that all VA legislative rate transactions are furnished to the DFAS not later than November 30th of each year.

D.   The DFAS shall report to the VA Central Office (VACO) any accounts that did not receive the VA legislative rate increase within 45 days of receipt of the legislative rate increase transactions. The VA will then be responsible to recoup any overpayments that result from a legislative increase, when the DFAS is notified of the rate change more than 90 days following the effective date of the legislative rate change.

E.   Ensure that VA improved pension awards (authorized under ***Public Law 96-511,*** October 7, 1980) payable concurrently with retired pay are not included in the automated data exchange.

F.   Take corrective action on all data input transactions originated by the VA that are rejected by the DFAS due to a discrepancy.

G.   Recoup overpayments resulting from VA initial, reopened, and increased awards paid prior to the actual reduction in the DFAS account, provided the DFAS made the reduction on a timely basis upon receipt of the VA award transaction.

H.   Ensure the availability of resources to support the interchange of data.

I.   Furnish the DFAS with replacement tapes within 48 hours after notification by the DFAS of defective tapes.

2-2   Responsibilities of the DoD. The DFAS shall:

A.   Process all data received from the VA DPC since the last retired pay file update.

B.   Accept the VA effective date as the DFAS effective date of the VA award or change provided the transaction is received no later than the 18th calendar day of the month, **is** identified as a change, or constitutes a decrease in the VA award**.**

C.   Process initial, reopened and increased VA award transactions in the military (retired pay activity month indicated).

D.   Contact the assigned VA Regional Office (VARO) for resolution of transactions that fail to pass the DFAS edit and validation routines. The DFAS shall provide sufficient data to identify the transaction and explain why it was rejected.

E.   Notify the VARO to update VA records in all VA total waiver cases, when entitlement to retired or retainer pay is terminated or an inactive account (total waiver of retired or retainer pay) is reestablished because of an increase to a rate exceeding VA compensation.

F.   When requested, furnish the assigned VARO with a certification of gross retired or retainer pay and effective dates for the previous two years upon receipt of a transaction that shows VA benefits exceed retired or retainer pay.

G.   Ensure resources are available to support the data interchange.

H.   Report to the VACO in the VARO sequence those accounts not updated by the legislative increase not later than 45 days following the receipt of legislative increase data from the VA DPC.

I.   Recoup any overpayments that may result from a legislative increase when notified by the VA within 90 days following the effective date of the legislative rate change.

J.   Manually manipulate VA data in cases where VA compensation includes amounts resulting from a Medal of Honor award. Only the actual compensation amount is to be deducted from retired pay.

K.   Notify the VA point of contact within 24 hours of receipt of a defective data feed from the VA.

ARTICLE III

PROCEDURES

★3-1 VA Non-Service Connected Pension Payable Concurrently With Retired or Retainer Pay under *Public Law 96-511* of October 7, 1980.

A.   The VA shall:

(1)   Identify retiree accounts that no longer require a waiver of retired or retainer pay.

(2)   Notify the DFAS of those retirees who elect to discontinue VA pension payments under prior law to receive an Improved Pension.

(3)   Furnish the documentation required by the DFAS for adjusting or resuming retired or retainer pay.

B.   The DFAS shall:

(1)   Accept the VA effective date (not earlier than October 1, 1980) for payment of retired or retainer pay previously waived when the effective date of Non-Service Connected Pension payment is a retroactive date.

(2)   Adjust retired or retainer pay to reflect payment concurrently with the Non-Service Connected pension payment.

(3)   Furnish the requesting VARO a statement of gross retired or retainer pay rates required for determining the rate of the Non-Service Connected pension payment.

3-2   **Fiduciary Cases.**   When a retired member who waived retired pay in favor of VA compensation has become incompetent, the trustee or guardian may request withdrawal of a previously executed waiver and restoration of retired pay. The processing will be as follows:

A.   When VA receives the restoration request, first it will terminate VA benefits and forward the request to the DFAS with a cover letter furnishing the date of termination of VA benefits. The DFAS will restore retired pay and return a copy of the letter to the VA, annotated with the amount of the restored pay and the effective date of the restoration. The effective date will be the first day of the month following the month of the termination of VA benefits.

B.   When the DFAS receives the restoration request first, it will forward the request to the assigned VARO with a cover letter indicating the monthly gross retired pay. Upon receipt by the VARO, the procedure above will be followed.

3-3   **Guaranteed Minimum Income to Surviving Spouses of Military Retirees.**

A.   On receipt of a minimum income annuity claim, the DFAS shall:

(1)   Prepare a Request for Veterans Administration Pension and Annual Income Information (*DD Form 1895*), and forward an original and one copy with a copy of Survivor Benefit Plan - Minimum Income Claim (*DD Form 1885*), to the VARO servicing the widow's pension claim.

(2)   Complete the upper right identification data block and lines B and C of the "Eligibility Determination" block, and indicate on line 3 of the DD Form 1895 the effective date of annuity payments, if entitlement is determined.

(3)   Suspend the payment and promptly notify the assigned VARO of the death or remarriage of the annuitant, when prior VA notification has not been received.

(4)   Initiate the payments or, when there is no entitlement; notify the claimant of the reason for ineligibility upon receipt of a complete and authenticated DD Form 1895 from the VA.

(5)   Adjust, or discontinue, the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity upon receipt of subsequent notification of the adjustment in the surviving spouse's annual income for VA purposes before SBP or upon receipt of a termination notice from the VA.

(6)   Schedule reductions in future annuity payments and notify the annuitant when SBP overpayments are detected.

(7)   Request authorization from the annuitant for collection from future VA pension payments, when DoD payments are not available for such offset.

B.   The VA shall:

(1)   Confirm the claimant's entitlement to a VA pension, complete items 1 and 2, and lines D and E of the "Eligibility Determination" block, authenticate, and return the original DD Form 1895 to the DFAS.

(2)   Retain a copy of the DD Forms 1885 and 1895.

(3)   Notify the DFAS on subsequent adjustments to the surviving spouse's annual income for VA purposes before SBP or termination of the surviving spouse's pension due to death, remarriage, or other reason. The notification shall include the effective date of the VA action, reason and type of action (i.e., pension termination, adjustment, etc.) and the adjusted VA payment.

(4)   Effect the collection of SBP overpayments in monthly amount that the annuitant agrees to and forward the collections with identifying listings to the DFAS.

3-4   SBP Award to Surviving Spouse.

A.   The DFAS shall:

(1)   Notify the VARO upon death of the retiree who has an eligible surviving spouse's beneficiary of the retiree's death and furnish the amount of SBP annuity payable. Request the amount and the effective date of the DIC award on behalf of the surviving spouse only, if applicable.

(2)   Pay the full SBP annuity amount and inform the retiree's annuitant that the SBP annuity will be paid in the full amount due. Obtain a statement signed by the annuitant agreeing with the conditions for SBP payment. If DIC is awarded, the DIC payment shall be reduced by the amount needed to offset any intervening SBP overpayment.

(3)   Enter the current basic DIC award amount as a reduction to the SBP annuity. If DIC payments are made, pay only the amount by which the SBP entitlement exceeds the DIC award.

B.   The VA shall:

(1)   Research files to associate SBP notices from pertinent files regarding the annuitant.

(2)   Upon receipt of the SBP award, query the VA Beneficiary Identification Records Locator Subsystem (BIRLS) to determine whether there is a current VA claim file. When no current file exists, a VA claim file will be established, containing sufficient information to alert the VARO to a DIC-SBP payment overlap should DIC be awarded later to the annuitant.

3-5   Initial DIC Award.

A.   The VA shall:

(1)   Contact the DFAS prior to awarding DIC to request the amount of any SBP overpayment to be withheld from the DIC award and furnish the DIC effective date and the amount to be awarded to the DFAS.

(2)   Forward the recoupment amount to the DFAS with an information file containing data necessary for adjusting the SBP payments to the DFAS.

(3)   Furnish the DIC basic rate changes (exclusive of household, Aid & Attendance (A&A), or 8 year kicker (*38 USC 1311 A (2)*), or late awards for basic DIC rates only, to the DFAS.

B.   The DFAS shall:

(1)   Apply the amount of the SBP cost refund to the overpayment which resulted from a retroactive award of DIC.

(2)   Contact the appropriate VARO to report an overpayment in situations where the amount of the cost refund is insufficient to fully liquidate the overpayment.

(3)   Pay only the amount by which the SBP entitlement exceeds the DIC award.

3-6   SBP Premium Payments by Retirees Receiving Compensation Payments in Lieu of Retired Pay.

A.   The DFAS shall:

(1)   Forward retiree requests for payments of SBP premiums by VA deductions from compensation payments to the servicing VARO. A retiree's request must provide for collection of the current SBP premium payable and future adjustments in the amount due to cost-of-living or other changes requiring a premium adjustment. Requests will not require retroactive reductions by the VA without prior agreement.

        (2)   Notify VA DPC of any necessary adjustment to the premium amount.

    B.   The VA shall:

        (1)   Deduct premium the first of the month specified in the election.

        (2)   Process the requested deduction and forward payment and a file (identifying retirees by name, social security number, and the amount of deduction) to the DFAS.

3-7   Military Retirees in receipt of CRDP.

    A.   The DFAS responsibilities:

        (1)   During the phase-in period, the DFAS will reduce the amount of the VA offset of Retired Pay until the amount of the offset is eliminated. The DFAS will issue all current CRDP payments.

        (2)   Provide the VA with the necessary data to affect CRDP payments.

    B.   The VA responsibilities: The VA will process current and retroactive compensation awards for those cases the DFAS identifies as CRDP eligible, and award compensation equal to the amount of concurrent compensation payable due to CRDP entitlement for the retroactive periods.

3-8   Military retirees in receipt of CRSC.

    A.   The DFAS responsibilities:

        (1)   Provide the VA a weekly recertification file in the format in attachment 2 of CRSC eligible retirees.

        (2)   Upon return of the recertification file from the VA, the DFAS will adjust the CRSC accounts as necessary.

    B.   The VA responsibilities:

        (1)   Upon receipt of the weekly recertification file from the DFAS. The VA will match the file against the compensation file to extract necessary data and return to the DFAS within 24 hours.

        (2)   When the VA is advised that a retiree has been awarded CRSC, the amount of the VA compensation previously withheld by the VA for an initial or increased award due to receipt of retired pay during a period of the CRSC entitlement, not to exceed the lesser of gross monthly retired pay (based on years of service) or the CRSC entitlement, shall be paid to the retiree consistent with VA Regulations.

3-9   Members of the Reserve/Guard Who Are Retired At Age 60 under Chapter 1223 of title 10.

A.   The DFAS shall check the VA system and the Retired Pay Data Form, (**DD Form 2656**), to determine if the member has a VA award. If there is a VA award on record, the DFAS will deduct the amount of the award effective from the date of retirement. For each of these cases, the DFAS will notify the VA that the member is now entitled to retired pay.

B.   The VA shall ensure that the military retired pay indicator is entered in the VA record for all accounts after DFAS notification.

3-10   Retired members who have received payment of Severance pay, Separation pay, Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI), Special Separation Benefit (SSB), or Voluntary Separation Pay (VSP).

The military retired pay of such members must be reduced to recoup any such separation payment received. Many of these payments must also be recouped from VA compensation. At the time that the retired pay account is established, the DFAS shall contact the VARO to determine if collection has been made and how much has been collected. Both the DFAS and the VA will coordinate their actions to ensure that excess collection does not occur. The VARO shall take no action to terminate the collection until full collection has been completed.

3-11   File Development and Maintenance.

A.   DoD standard data elements and codes, as published in **DoD Manual 8320.1-M**, will be used, when available and applicable.

B.   Comparable data edit and validation routines will be maintained by the VA and DFAS.

3-12   Privacy Act Compliance.

A.   The DFAS will in all aspects of support per this MOU/SLA, comply with **5 U.S.C. 552a,** Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, and other VA/DoD/DFAS Privacy Act (PA) policies and procedures. The DFAS will ensure that only those individuals who have a need to know the information from a PA system of records applicable to this MOU/SLA will be allowed access to the information. The DFAS agrees to protect the PA information contained in a PA system of records, and only use it in accordance with the applicable routine uses as published in the PA system notice .

B.   The VA will in all aspects of support per this MOU/SLA, comply with 5 U.S.C. 552a, Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, and other VA/DoD/DFAS Privacy Act (PA) policies and procedures. The VA will ensure that only those individuals who have a need to know the information from a PA system of records applicable to this MOU/SLA will be allowed access to the information. The VA agrees to protect the PA information contained in a PA system of records, and only use it in accordance with the applicable routine uses as published in the PA system notice.

3-13   Changes.

Future changes occurring through legislation, policy changes and/or file format changes will be incorporated into this document through addendums, as agreed upon by both the VA and the DFAS. (See Article IV)

ARTICLE IV

COORDINATION AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

The DFAS and the VA will establish a quarterly meeting schedule to discuss and resolve problems and incorporate future changes into this MOU.

ARTICLE V

EFFECTIVE DATE, MODIFICATION, AND TERMINATION

This memorandum becomes effective on the date of the last signature. Either party may propose amendments to this MOU, but both must agree for amendments to take effect. Either party may terminate the MOU upon 30 days written notice to the other party.

/S/Zack E. Gaddy   /S/ Bradley G. Mayes
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DFAS Director   Director
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February 26, 2007

Cycle Tape Data Record Format

Field Name	Positions	Field Description
Filler	1 - 3	Blank
VA-IN-Name	4 - 7	VA Short name
Filler	8 - 10	Blank
VA-IN_SSN	11 - 19	SSN
Filler	20	Blank
VA-IN-BR-SVC	21	VA Branch of Service
VA-IN-SSN-Verified	22	SSN verified with Social Security
VA-IN-CLM-NO	23 - 31	VA Claim Number
VA-IN-PAYEE-NO	32 - 33	VA Payee Number
VA-IN-VARO-CD	34 - 35	VA Regional Office Number
VA-IN-TRAN-CD	36 - 37	VA Transaction Code
VA-IN-PROC-MO	38 - 39	VA Processing Month
VA-IN-PROC-CYCLE	40	VA Processing Cycle
VA-IN-MASTER-RECORD-TYPE	41	VA Record Type
FILLER	42	Blank
VA-IN-PR-AMT	43 - 48	First Prior Gross Amount
VA-IN-PR-AMT-NET	49 - 54	First Prior Net Amount
VA-IN-PR-AMT-EFF-DT	55 - 62	First Prior Effective Date
VA-IN-PR-AMT-2	63 - 68	Second Prior Gross Amount
VA-IN-PR-AMT-NET-2	69 - 74	Second Prior Net Amount
VA-IN-PR-AMT -NET-EFF-DT-2	75 - 82	Second Prior Effective Date
VA-IN-PR-AMT-3	83 - 88	Third Prior Gross Amount
VA-IN-PR-AMT-NET-3	89 - 94	Third Prior Net Amount
VA-IN-PR-AMT-NET-EFF-DT-3	95 - 102	Third Prior Effective Date
VA-IN-AMT	103 - 108	Current Gross Amount
VA-IN-AMT-NET	109 - 114	Current Net Amount
VA-IN-AMT-NET-EFF-DT	115 - 122	Current Effective Date
VA-IN-REASON	123 - 124	VA Change Reason
VA-IN-DT-DEATH	125 - 132	VA Date of Death
VA-IN-ACTIVE-RESERVE-IND	133	Active Reserve Indicator
VA-IN-SPECIAL-LAW-CD	134 - 135	Special Law Code
VA-IN-COMPT-CD	136	Competency Code
VA-IN-MEDAL-HONOR	137 - 138	Medal of Honor Code
VA-IN-PAY-GRADE	139 - 140	Pay Grade
VA-IN-PAYEE-SSN	141 - 149	Payee SSN
VA-IN-PAYEE-SSN-VERIFIED	150	Payee SSN verified with Social Security
VA-IN-NAME-ID-VET	151 - 154	Vet Short Name
VA-IN-DIS-PCT	155 - 157	VA Disability Percentage
VA-IN-EMP-CD	158	VA Employability Code
FILLER	159	Blank
VETSNET Indicator	160	V for VETSNET

Attachment 1

CRSC Re-certification Data Record Format

Field Name	Positions	Field Description
SSN	1 – 9	Member's full SSN. This field will be the primary sort (ascending) for file.
Filler	10 – 65	Filler
FileNum	66 – 74	VA file number, may or may not match SSN
CompNum	75	VA competency code. Indicates whether or not member is incompetent
TotalDiagCodes	76	Total number of diagnostic codes provided in current file
NumServiceDiagCodes	77	Number of service connected diagnostic codes
AddDiagCodes	78	Number of additional diagnostic codes that the DVA has assigned to the member
CombinedDegree	79 – 81	Total disability percentage assigned by the DVA
DiagCode1	82 – 85	First diagnostic code in file
PercentDisab1	86 – 88	Disability percentage assigned to first diagnostic code
SCInd1	89	Service connected indicator for the first diagnostic code
DiagCode2	90 – 93	Second diagnostic code in file
PercentDisab2	94 – 96	Disability percentage assigned to second diagnostic code
SCInd2	97	Service connected indicator for the second diagnostic code
DiagCode3	98–101	Third diagnostic code in file
PercentDisab3	102–104	Disability percentage assigned to third diagnostic code
SCInd3	105	Service connected indicator for the third diagnostic code
DiagCode4	106 –109	Fourth diagnostic code in file
PercentDisab4	110 –112	Disability percentage assigned to fourth diagnostic code
SCInd4	113	Service connected indicator for the fourth diagnostic code
DiagCode5	114 –117	Fifth diagnostic code in file
PercentDisab5	118 –120	Disability percentage assigned to fifth diagnostic code
SCInd5	121	Service connected indicator for the fifth diagnostic code
DiagCode6	122 –125	Sixth diagnostic code in file
PercentDisab6	126 –128	Disability percentage assigned to sixth diagnostic code
SCInd6	129	Service connected indicator for the sixth diagnostic code

Attachment 2

Field Name	Positions	Field Description
SMCCode	130 –131	Current SMC code assigned by the DVA
EmployabilityCode	132	Current employability code assigned by the DVA
CombatDisability	133	Combat disability indicator reported by the DVA. Not actively used or updated by the DVA.
NetOrGrossAward	134 –139	Current DVA payment amount
FutureExamInd	140	Indicates if member is scheduled for a re-examination in the future
NetAwardDate	141 –148	Current DVA effective date
DepTotal	149 –150	Current total dependency code
DepThis	151 –152	Current dependency code for this award
NumSchoolChildren	153	Current number of children age 18, and older, but still considered dependents due to student status.
NumHelplessChildren	154	Current number of children under the age of 18, or incapacitated
NumPriorSegments	155	Number of prior award segments in file
DateOfPrior1	156 –163	First prior effective date
DepTotalAward1	164 –165	First prior total dependency code
DepThisAward1	166 –167	First prior dependency code for this award
NumSchoolChildren1	168	First prior number of children age 18, and older, but still considered dependents due to student status.
NumHelplessChildren1	169	First prior number of children under the age of 18, or incapacitated
EmployabilityCode1	170	First prior employability code
SMCCode1	171 –172	First prior SMC code
CombinedDegreeDisab1	173 –175	First prior combined disability percentage assigned by the DVA
ChangeReason1	176 –177	First prior change reason
DateOfPrior2	178 –185	Second prior effective date
DepTotalAward2	186 –187	Second prior total dependency code
DepThisAward2	188 –189	Second prior dependency code for this award
NumSchoolChildren2	190 –190	Second prior number of children age 18, and older, but still considered dependents due to student status.
NumHelplessChildren2	191 –191	Second prior number of children under the age of 18, or incapacitated
EmployabilityCode2	192 –192	Second prior employability code
SMCCode2	193 –194	Second prior SMC code
CombinedDegreeDisab2	195 –197	Second prior combined disability percentage assigned by the DVA
ChangeReason2	198 –199	Second prior change reason
DateOfPrior3	200 –207	Third prior effective date
DepTotalAward3	208 –209	Third prior total dependency code

Field Name	Positions	Field Description
DepThisAward3	210 –211	Third prior dependency code for this award
NumSchoolChildren3	212 –212	Third prior number of children age 18, and older, but still considered dependents due to student status.
NumHelplessChildren3	213 –213	Third prior number of children under the age of 18, or incapacitated
EmployabilityCode3	214 –214	Third prior employability code
SMCCode3	215 –216	Third prior SMC code
CombinedDegreeDisab3	217 –219	Third prior combined disability percentage assigned by the DVA
ChangeReason3	220 –221	Third prior change reason
DateOfPrior4	222 –229	Fourth prior effective date
DepTotalAward4	230 –231	Fourth prior total dependency code
DepThisAward4	232 –233	Fourth prior dependency code for this award
NumSchoolChildren4	234 –234	Fourth prior number of children age 18, and older, but still considered dependents due to student status.
NumHelplessChildren4	235 –235	Fourth prior number of children under the age of 18, or incapacitated
EmployabilityCode4	236 –236	Fourth prior employability code
SMCCode4	237 –238	Fourth prior SMC code
CombinedDegreeDisab4	239 –241	Fourth prior combined disability percentage assigned by the DVA
ChangeReason4	242 –243	Fourth prior change reason
DateOfPrior5	244 –251	Fifth prior effective date
DepTotalAward5	252 –253	Fifth prior total dependency code
DepThisAward5	254 –255	Fifth prior dependency code for this award
NumSchoolChildren5	256 –256	Fifth prior number of children age 18, and older, but still considered dependents due to student status.
NumHelplessChildren5	257 –257	Fifth prior number of children under the age of 18, or incapacitated
EmployabilityCode5	258 –258	Fifth prior employability code
SMCCode5	259 –260	Fifth prior SMC code
CombinedDegreeDisab5	261 –263	Fifth prior combined disability percentage assigned by the DVA
ChangeReason5	264 –265	Fifth prior change reason
DateOfPrior6	266 –273	Sixth prior effective date
DepTotalAward6	274 –275	Sixth prior total dependency code
DepThisAward6	276 –277	Sixth prior dependency code for this award
NumSchoolChildren6	278 –278	Sixth prior number of children age 18, and older, but still considered dependents due to student status.

Attachment 2

Field Name	Positions	Field Description
NumHelplessChildren6	279 –279	Sixth prior number of children under the age of 18, or incapacitated
EmployabilityCode6	280 –280	Sixth prior employability code
SMCCode6	281 –282	Sixth prior SMC code
CombinedDegreeDisab6	283 –285	Sixth prior combined disability percentage assigned by the DVA
ChangeReason6	286 –287	Sixth prior change reason
DateOfPrior7	288 –295	Seventh prior effective date
DepTotalAward7	296 –297	Seventh prior total dependency code
DepThisAward7	298 –299	Seventh prior dependency code for this award
NumSchoolChildren7	300 –300	Seventh prior number of children age 18, and older, but still considered dependents due to student status.
NumHelplessChildren7	301 –301	Seventh prior number of children under the age of 18, or incapacitated
EmployabilityCode7	302 –302	Seventh prior employability code
SMCCode7	303 –304	Seventh prior SMC code
CombinedDegreeDisab7	305 –307	Seventh prior combined disability percentage assigned by the DVA
ChangeReason7	308 –309	Seventh prior change reason
DateOfPrior8	310 –317	Eighth prior effective date
DepTotalAward8	318 –319	Eighth prior total dependency code
DepThisAward8	320 –321	Eighth prior dependency code for this award
NumSchoolChildren8	322 –322	Eighth prior number of children age 18, and older, but still considered dependents due to student status.
NumHelplessChildren8	323 –323	Eighth prior number of children under the age of 18, or incapacitated
EmployabilityCode8	324 –324	Eighth prior employability code
SMCCode8	325 –326	Eighth prior SMC code
CombinedDegreeDisab8	327 –329	Eighth prior combined disability percentage assigned by the DVA
ChangeReason8	330 –331	Eighth prior change reason
DateOfPrior9	332 –339	Ninth prior effective date
DepTotalAward9	340 –341	Ninth prior total dependency code
DepThisAward9	342 –343	Ninth prior dependency code for this award
NumSchoolChildren9	344 –344	Ninth prior number of children age 18, and older, but still considered dependents due to student status.
NumHelplessChildren9	345 –345	Ninth prior number of children under the age of 18, or incapacitated
EmployabilityCode9	346 –346	Ninth prior employability code
SMCCode9	347 –348	Ninth prior SMC code

Attachment 2

Field Name	Positions	Field Description
CombinedDegreeDisab9	349 –351	Ninth prior combined disability percentage assigned by the DVA
ChangeReason9	352 –353	Ninth prior change reason