

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS****38 CFR Parts 3 and 4**

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**Schedule for Rating Disabilities; the
Musculoskeletal System**

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Proposed rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is withdrawing its proposal

to amend that portion of its Schedule for Rating Disabilities that addresses musculoskeletal conditions, and related regulations, published in the **Federal Register** on February 11, 2003 (68 FR 6998). Nine commenters responded, raising numerous issues. VA has considered the issues and believes a new proposal is appropriate. Accordingly, VA is withdrawing the proposal and is developing a new proposal, which it intends to publish at a later date.

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