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VA CLAIMS AND APPEALS

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs has a workload of 1.75 million claims for compensation, pension, education benefits and appeals each year which causes extensive delays in the delivery of crucial disability benefits to veterans and their dependents; and

WHEREAS, due to the increasing complexity of both VA claims and appeals, the need for compliance with Court of Veterans Appeals claims decisions, continued VA requirements for repetitive and unnecessary examinations and the severe staffing shortages, progress on cases remains slow and unsatisfactory; and

WHEREAS, due to the impending drawdown, the demand for Department of Veterans Affairs services and resources will continue to rise and is expected to remain high for the foreseeable future: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS urge Congress to ensure adequate funding and trained staff levels for the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve upon the timeliness and accuracy of all claims and appeals being filed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS push for the Veterans Benefit Administration to process timely and accurate claims the first time they are reviewed, as well as the immediate implementation of a uniform data claims processing system, as well as, improved training for both VA claims and appeals processors to ensure a timely and accurate claims and appeals process for every veteran.

SOURCE: Departments of AZ, ND, NJ, FL, MO, VA, IL, KY, NM, AK, CA, MA, WA, IA, OH, TN,