

**TEMPORARY INCREASE IN ANNUAL PAY LIMITATION FOR
CERTAIN FEE BASIS PROVIDERS**

1. The purpose of this Notice is to temporarily increase the annual pay limitation for certain fee basis providers in the Veterans Health Administration in support of the Secretary's initiative to complete all disability benefit claims greater than one-year old by the end of the year, and to assist in meeting the Secretary's goal to adjudicate disability benefit claims within 125 days by calendar year 2015.
2. Effective immediately, facility directors may approve exceptions to allow physicians, dentists, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners performing disability evaluations on a fee-for-service basis to receive total compensation up to \$250,000 for calendar year 2014 rather than the EL-V limitation (\$147,200) prescribed in VA Handbook 5007, Part II, Appendix F, paragraph 4c. Fees must still be established and documented in accordance with paragraph 3b of Appendix F.
3. RESCISSION: This Notice is rescinded December 31, 2014.

CERTIFIED BY:

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**BY DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY
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