

FOREIGN MEDICAL PROGRAM POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 3
SECTION: 1
TITLE: TIMELY FILING OF CLAIMS

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I. POLICY

A. Claims for payment or reimbursement for expenses of medical care or services must be filed no later than two years after:

1. the date the care or service was rendered, or
2. the date of discharge (for inpatient hospitalization).

B. In the case of a retroactive VA adjudication of service-connection:

1. The claim must be filed within 2 years of the date the veteran was notified by VA of the allowance of an award of the service-connected disability.
2. Claims may be considered for payment for medical services received within a two-year period prior to the date the veteran filed an original or reopened claim which resulted in an award of service-connection, but never prior to the effective date of the award.
3. Payment will never be made for care received beyond this two-year period whether service connected or not.

END OF POLICY