

**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 Department's initiative to adjudicate disability benefit claims within 125 days by the end of calendar year 2015.
2. Effective January 1, 2015, facility directors may approve exceptions to allow physicians and dentists performing disability evaluations on a fee-for-service basis to receive total compensation up to \$250,000 for calendar year 2015. Facility directors may also approve exceptions to allow physician assistants and nurse practitioners performing disability evaluations on a fee-for-service basis to receive total compensation up to \$201,700 for calendar year 2015. This is a temporary increase from the existing EL-V limitation 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 RESCISSION: This Notice is rescinded December 31, 2015.

CERTIFIED BY:

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