RESCISSION OF VHA DIRECTIVE 2012-021, QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXAMINERS PERFORMING COMPENSATION AND PENSION (C&P) MENTAL DISORDER EXAMINATIONS

1. By direction of the Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration (VHA), VHA Directive 2012-021, Qualifications for Examiners Performing Compensation and Pension (C&P) Mental Disorder Examinations, dated August 27, 2012, is rescinded.

2. The content in this VHA directive is no longer required in policy. Overall guidance is governed by VBA’s adjudication procedure manual, M21-1, Adjudication Procedures, Part III, General Claims Process, Subpart iv, General Rating Process, Chapter 3, Examinations, Section D, Examination Reports at https://www.knowva.ebenefits.va.gov/system/templates/selfservice/va_ssnew/help/customer/locale/en-US/portal/554400000001018/content/554400000015812/M21-1,-Part-III,-Subpart-iv,-Chapter-3,-Section-D---Examination-Reports, specifically, M21-1.III.iv.3.D.2.h., Qualification Requirements of Examiners – Initial Mental Disorder Examinations and M21-1.III.iv.3.D.2.i., Qualification Requirements of Examiners – Review or Increased Evaluation Mental Disorder Examinations. The information regarding qualification for examiners performing C&P mental health examinations is also located on the individual mental health disability benefits questionnaires at http://vbacoweb03.dva.va.gov/bl/21/DBQ/default.asp. NOTE: This is an internal VA Web site that is not available to the public.

3. All inquiries concerning this action should be addressed to the Office of Disability and Medical Assessment (10NC8) at (202) 461-6699 or CorporateMailbox.DMA@va.gov.

4. This VHA notice will be archived as of May 31, 2019. However, the rescission information will remain in effect.

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