

## Overview - Fully Developed Claims

The Fully Developed Claims (FDC) Program is the fastest way of getting your compensation or pension claim processed. Participation in the FDC Program allows for faster claims processing while preserving great quality of service and your right to appeal a decision.

Disability Benefits Questionnaires (DBQ) help support the Fully Developed Claims Program. DBQs are valuable for claims processing because they provide medical information that is directly relevant to determining a disability rating. When submitted with a Fully Developed Claim, DBQs ensure the VA's ratings specialists have precisely the information they need to start processing the claim.

### **What Makes the FDC Program a Faster Process?**

You know exactly what's needed The FDC Program is unique because you will learn exactly what evidence you need to substantiate an eligible claim when you apply, without having to wait for further instructions.

#### **\*\*No more waiting for further instructions\*\***

You gather all the evidence required by participating in the FDC Program, you will send the required evidence with your claim and certify that you have nothing further to provide. By doing this, you dramatically reduce the processing time of your claim.

#### **\*\*The application time is reduced\*\***

The VA has cleared the way VA has shortened application forms to reduce paperwork and established priority channels to process your FDC claim. This means we are able to process these claims far more quickly than claims going through the traditional process.

#### **\*\*Can process your claim quickly\*\***

Submit your claim on a signed and completed:

**VA Form 21-526EZ** for a Veteran's compensation claim; or

**VA Form 21-527EZ** for a Veteran's pension claim; or

**VA Form 21-534EZ** for a survivor's DIC, death pension, and/or accrued benefit claim

Submit simultaneously with your claim all necessary evidence as described on the EZ Form