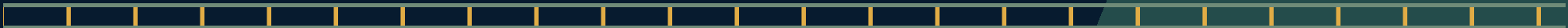




PACT ACT AND TOXIC EXPOSURE

PRIOR DENIAL AND SUPPLEMENTAL CLAIM ROADMAP

A field guide to presumptions, exposure evidence, TERA development, and claim pathways.



FIELD REFERENCE

FOUR POINTS TO UNDERSTAND

1

READ THE DECISION

Identify the denied element and the favorable findings. Do not guess why VA denied the claim.

2

CHECK THE NEW LAW

Determine whether the condition or service now fits a presumption or other PACT Act provision.

3

FILE A SUPPLEMENTAL CLAIM

A previously denied claim that is now presumptive can be raised by Supplemental Claim. Do not wait for VA to contact you.

4

EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective-date rules are fact specific. A new presumption does not automatically restore every earlier claim date.

Apply the exact current law to the individual record. Exposure, screening, health-care eligibility, and disability compensation are related but distinct.

