

**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 (VHA) in order to support VHA's ongoing effort to complete disability examinations in response to the Secretary's initiative to adjudicate all older disability benefit claims, to eliminate the claims backlog, and to meet the goal to adjudicate disability benefit claims within 125 days.
2. Effective immediately, 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 each calendar year through December 31, 2017. 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 \$205,700 for each calendar year through December 31, 2017. 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 RESCISSION: This Notice is rescinded January 1, 2018.

**CERTIFIED BY:**

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