

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2315

Subject CAPRI Information

Referred to Convention Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS, The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has developed an information technology initiative to improve service to disabled veterans by promoting efficient communications between the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) and the Veterans Health Administration, and

WHEREAS, Online access to medical data enhances the timeliness and correctness of VBA benefits determination, and

WHEREAS, The CAPRI software acts as a bridge between the VBA and VHA information systems, and

WHEREAS, CAPRI offers VBA Rating Veteran Service Representatives and Decision Review Officers in building the rating decision documentation through online access to medical data, and

WHEREAS, CAPRI also offers VHA Compensation and Pension (C&P) staff an easy, standardized way of recording C&P Examination reports and

WHEREAS, CAPRI provides VBA employees with a standardized, user-friendly method to rapidly access veterans' electronic medical records throughout the VA, and

WHEREAS, The learning curve for CAPRI is significantly less than that for character-based systems. CAPRI builds upon existing VHA information security approaches and uses established mechanisms to ensure only authorized access to medical data, and

WHEREAS, CAPRI adds a level of security by allowing VBA users to read but not alter electronic medical record information, and

WHEREAS, CAPRI also provides innovative improvements for medical centers by integrating highly detailed C&P Rating examination results into the veterans' medical records. Previously, these reports were not retained online in medical center computer systems but were archived onto paper, and

WHEREAS, Originally designed specifically for VBA, the utility of CAPRI has been expanded to other user groups that include VHA, Office of the Medical Inspector, Office of Information (OI), Research, and Veteran Service Officers, and

WHEREAS, Most recently, the newest features of CAPRI are specifically targeted at adding features to be used by VHA C&P providers and staff, and

WHEREAS, Now, C&P providers have the most up to date medical information when evaluating veteran disabilities, and

WHEREAS, Veteran Service Officers are reporting that veteran medical care received after a VBA C&P examination is requested, but prior to the C&P examination, CAPRI updates are not being requested, and

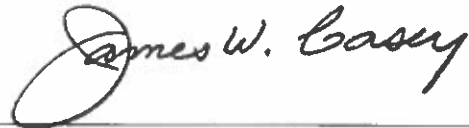
WHEREAS, The lack of documented medical evidence when evaluating a veteran during C&P examinations could easily result in an uncomplete or incorrect examination for a VBA disability rating, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the American Legion urge the Department of Veterans Affairs to require additional training for all personnel involved with CAPRI, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the VBA provide close oversight of CAPRI users ensuring the most current medical information is available to C&P providers and disability claims raters, and finally be it

RESOLVED, That if approved by the Department of New York at its convention in Westchester, New York, on July 20th-22nd, 2023, this resolution be forwarded to the National Organization for consideration at the National Convention August 25th-31st, 2023, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

<p>American Legion Department of New York</p> <p>FOR CONVENTION COMMITTEE USE</p> <p>Approved ___X___ Rejected _____</p> <p>Approved with Amendments _____</p> <p>Consolidated with _____</p> <p>Referred to Standing Committee on _____</p> <hr/> <p><u>Received and Recorded: July 20th, 2023</u></p> <p><u>Other Action:</u></p> <p><u>Signature: Frank J. Peters</u> (Chairman)</p>
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