



Department of Veterans Affairs

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DECISION REVIEW REQUEST: HIGHER-LEVEL REVIEW

INSTRUCTIONS: Before completing this form, read the Privacy Act and Respondent Burden on page 5. Use this form to request a Higher-Level Review of a decision you received. A Higher-Level Review is a new review of an issue(s) previously decided by VA based on the evidence of record at the time of the prior decision. For more information call us toll-free at 1-800-827-1000. If you use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), the Federal relay number is 711. VA forms are available at www.va.gov/vaforms.

SECTION I - VETERAN'S IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

NOTE: You may complete the form online or by hand. If completed by hand, print the information requested in ink, neatly and legibly, insert one letter per box, and completely fill in each applicable circle to help expedite processing of the form.

1. VETERAN'S NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last)

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2. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

123-45-6789

3. VA FILE NUMBER (If applicable)

98765432

4. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)

12-31-1969

5. VA INSURANCE POLICY NUMBER (If applicable)

987654321123456789

6. CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS (Number, street or rural route, City or P.O. Box, State and ZIP Code and Country)

No. & Street123 Somestreet

Apt./Unit NumberCitySometown

State/ProvinceCountryUSZIP Code/Postal Code66002-

☐ I AM HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

7. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)

555-800-1111

Enter International Phone Number (If applicable)

8. E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional)

josie@example.com

SECTION II - CLAIMANT'S IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION (If other than veteran)

9. CLAIMANT'S NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last)

10. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (If applicable)

11. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) (If applicable)

12. CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS (Number, street or rural route, City or P.O. Box, State and ZIP Code and Country)

No. & Street

Apt./Unit NumberCity

State/ProvinceCountryZIP Code/Postal Code-

13. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)

Enter International Phone Number (If applicable)

14. E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional)

SECTION III - BENEFIT TYPE

15. SELECT ONLY ONE (If you file for multiple benefit types, you must complete a separate VA Form 20-0996 for each benefit type.)

☐ COMPENSATION☐ PENSION/SURVIVORS BENEFITS☒ FIDUCIARY☐ EDUCATION☐ VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

☐ VETERAN READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT☐ LOAN GUARANTY☐ LIFE INSURANCE☐ NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

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