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Good afternoon,

We are taking this opportunity to remind all law firms of the current VCF policy regarding individuals who have pursued claims with both the VCF and the United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Fund (USVSST Fund).

VCF [FAQ 1.10](#), last updated on April 7, 2021, states:

**1.10 Can I pursue a claim with both the VCF and the U.S. Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Fund (“USVSST Fund”)?**

Yes, however, the VCF is required by law to offset any benefit paid by other collateral sources relating to the 9/11 attacks. As a result, USVSST Fund payments made to victims who are also eligible for compensation from the VCF, will be subject to offset by the VCF. To be clear, the VCF is required to offset USVSST Fund payments made on account of 9/11-related injuries to the **same victim**.

For more information, refer to [Policies and Procedures Section 3.9](#).

Summarized below are two important components of this policy. We strongly encourage you to read in detail the entirety of Section 3.9 in the VCF Policies and Procedures.

- If an individual has a pending VCF claim (the VCF has not yet made an award decision) and filed a USVSST Fund claim for the **same victim**, the VCF will process the claim and notify the individual of their award but will **not** pay any award until the total amount of the payments from the USVSST Fund can be determined. This will not be possible until the USVSST Fund closes, which is currently in 2039.
- If an individual has received their award determination and payment from the VCF and files a USVSST Fund claim, the VCF will be required to recoup any amount the individual receives from the USVSST Fund as an offset to the VCF award. This means if an individual receives a USVSST Fund award for the **same victim** as the VCF award, the VCF will recoup the total amount of funds received from the USVSST Fund as an offset to the VCF award.

Please remember that **all VCF claimants are required to report to the VCF any new collateral source payments to which they are entitled** (regardless of whether or not they are eventually paid) using the [Collateral Offset Update Form](#).

Please direct all questions to our law firm liaisons at [VCF.AttorneyInfo@usdoj.gov](mailto:VCF.AttorneyInfo@usdoj.gov).

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