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Good afternoon,

The VCF has clarified the policy for providing proof of severity for claimants who have post-treatment complications from their VCF-eligible prostate cancer.

These updates are summarized below and are effective today, July 28, 2025.

**Permanent or Long-Term Complications:** To qualify for additional non-economic loss (NEL) for a claimant's prostate cancer, you must submit medical records showing complications, such as incontinence and erectile dysfunction, continue at least two years after the end of prostate cancer treatment. In addition to these medical records, you must submit a detailed, sworn impact statement from the claimant.

To assist claimants in providing the specific information needed to analyze compensation, the VCF has created the [Non-Economic Loss Impact Statement for Prostate Cancer](#). This form details the records and information needed to support the request for the higher \$250,000 NEL award and can be submitted at any stage of claim review.

[Section 2.1a](#) of the Policies and Procedures has been updated, along with the VCF's [Non-Economic Loss Award Fact Sheet](#). Please see both of those on the VCF website for more information.

**Appeal Hearings:** Effective today, the VCF will no longer hold NEL appeal hearings to assess permanent or long-term complications for prostate cancer claims. If you have previously filed an appeal and have not had a hearing, please have your client complete the impact statement and provide medical records as instructed on the form.

If the claimant is unable to obtain the required medical records, please submit the claimant's sworn impact statement. You should submit an explanation of why such records do not exist or are unattainable. This explanation from the law firm must be signed and dated by the person providing the explanation. If needed, the VCF will contact you for more information.

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

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