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Good afternoon,

The VCF has updated and clarified the process for making a request to expedite the processing of a claim or amendment for a claimant that is terminally ill or facing imminent financial hardship. For purposes of expediting a claim:

- The VCF considers the following conditions to be presumptively terminal:
Glioblastoma, Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma, and Acute Erythrocytic Leukemia (AEL).
For all other requests based on terminal illness, we require recent medical documentation showing that the condition is imminently terminal.
- The VCF defines imminent financial hardship as active foreclosure or eviction proceedings, or homelessness.

Additionally, the VCF created the [VCF Expedite Claim Process and Expedited Request Checklist](#). This is a new combined resource that will provide you with all the information you need to submit a complete expedite request and ensure it meets VCF standards. The first section is a guide that provides comprehensive information regarding the procedural and substantive requirements of an expedite request. It also provides clear standards regarding what must be submitted to have a request for expedited processing of a claim approved, and what to expect if the request is approved. The second section provides a detailed checklist to ensure that every expedite request is complete and meets the standards to have the request approved. Please use this resource for all expedite requests you submit to ensure they can be considered and processed in a timely and efficient manner.

For additional details on the updates to the Expedite Claim Process, please review [VCF Policies and Procedures Section 8: Expedited Claim Process](#). The new combined guide and checklist is linked there and can also be found under [Forms and Resources](#) on the VCF website.

Please remember to use the VCF website as your definitive source for the most up-to-date Policies and Procedures, forms, and resources, rather than using materials saved to your local files or desktop.

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