



VCF Forms and Online Claims System - August 2026 Enhancements

The form updates and claim system enhancements listed below will be available in the online claims system beginning on Monday, August 17, 2026.

General Form Updates:

The following forms have been updated and as of August 17, 2026, will **only** be available through the claimant portal.

1.) Exhibit A - Authorization for Release of Information and Medical Records (previously titled Exhibit A - Authorization for Release of Medical Records):

Major updates include:

- Removed the language requiring the completed form be mailed to the VCF
- Eliminated the “Physician/Other Entity or Program” portion of the form (formerly Section 1)
 - Claimants need not list all doctors and health care providers who were involved in diagnosing and treating an injury
- Reformatted the form fields for easier completion
- Added a new field for the WTC Health Program ID number, if known
- Revised instructions include:
 - Clear handwritten signature requirements
 - Details to clarify that the VCF does not receive medical records directly from the World Trade Center Health Program
 - Steps to complete and upload the form to the on-line claim

2.) Claim Form Signature Page: Added instructions to clarify that claimants must print the form, then initial and sign the form by hand.

Claims System Updates:

1.) *NEW System-generated* Exhibit A and Claim Form Signature Page: The online system will now generate a partially pre-populated PDF version of these forms, similar to the Client Authorization form. The pre-populated data is pulled directly from the claim, so if you identify information on the form that is incorrect, it **must** be corrected in the claims system.

Instructions for both forms have been updated and are included with each form you generate from the system. Sample blank forms with instructions were provided in the email notifying you of the system enhancements, and all members of your team should review the instructions in detail.

When using the system-generated forms, the same rules apply regarding law firm verification of the accuracy of the data, the requirement for a wet signature and signature date, and the need for the firm to maintain a copy of the original document. The forms must be generated, completed, printed, executed, and





uploaded to the claim. Review the [Instructions for Accessing Pre-Populated Forms](#) to learn more.

If the VCF deems a previously submitted Exhibit A or Signature Page insufficient, you must download the new version of the form from the claim system. You cannot use a saved blank version of either form.

The PDF versions of the forms have been removed from our website. You must begin using the pre-populated versions of the forms from the online system for any claim for which you have not already prepared the forms. If the pre-populated information in either form is incorrect, you must complete and submit a [Claim Information Resolution Form](#) to correct the information. Once corrected in the system, you must generate a new form with the corrected information.

We will continue to accept previous versions of the forms that were already completed and are sufficient to process the claim.

2.) Downloadable Forms dropdown now includes the following forms:

- All Claims – Signature Page
- Personal Injury Exhibit A
- Deceased Victim Exhibit A
- Law Firm Payment Authorization (previously labeled “Client Authorization Form”)

3.) Functionality Enhancements:

- Amendment Rules: To [align with longstanding VCF policy](#), functionality has been added that prevents the submission of “Add New Condition” amendments without a corresponding compensation amendment for claims that are approved and have received an award determination. With this update, the “Add New Condition” button on the Amendments page will be disabled until a “Compensation Change” amendment is submitted. The “Add New Condition” button becomes active after the compensation amendment is submitted and the user returns to the Amendments page. Both amendments must be submitted before the VCF will begin reviewing the new information.
- Additional Action Buttons: Action buttons such as “Submit Registration” and “Submit Compensation” have been added at the bottom of the corresponding pages in the claimant portal. These buttons continue to exist at the top of pages, and the additional placement adds visibility to these steps in the process.
- Ability to View Pension Information from Third-Parties: As explained in the email sent to law firms on [August 5, 2026](#), Pension data the VCF receives directly from FDNY, NYCERS, and NYSLRS will be visible in the online claim, similar to what has been in place for several years with SSA information. The information will be visible in “View Documents” and the file name will generally be the claim number followed by the claimant’s last name and first name (ClaimNumber_LastName FirstName). The information will have either





the “Support Data” document type or the “Compensation/Benefits Document” document type.

There will not be any other indication in the system to identify the file as pension data. All members of your team should review the August 5, 2026, email for additional details about the pension information.

- **Conditions:** The “Add Injury” conditions dropdown is now alphabetized, and the secondary Cancer dropdown is categorized by region of the body and alphabetized by condition within each category. See screenshot excerpt below.

NOTE: This update does not include changes to the initial dropdown list of

Add Injury

Choose the name of the condition from the list below. You can find the condition in your WTC Health Program certification letter.

Name of Condition:* Cancer

Name of Cancer Condition:* Please indicate the type of cancer.

When did the victim first begin experiencing...
☐ Do Not Know Month:

What was the victim's first date of diagnosis...
☐ Do Not Know Month:

Please indicate the type of cancer.

- Blood & Lymphoid Tissue - Diffuse non-Hodgkin lymphoma
- Blood & Lymphoid Tissue - Follicular (nodular) non-Hodgkin lymphoma
- Blood & Lymphoid Tissue - Hodgkin's disease
- Blood & Lymphoid Tissue - Leukemia of unspecified cell type
- Blood & Lymphoid Tissue - Lymphoid leukemia
- Blood & Lymphoid Tissue - Malignant immunoproliferative diseases
- Blood & Lymphoid Tissue - Monocytic leukemia
- Blood & Lymphoid Tissue - Multiple myeloma and malignant plasma cell neoplasms

conditions that include Childhood Cancers, Prostate Cancer, Mesothelioma and Rare Cancers.

- 4.) **Text Changes:** Several minor text changes were made throughout the system to improve user experience through plain language and additional guidance. For example, additional next steps at milestone points, a reminder about acceptable browsers, and clarification that account creation is not registration.

Major text changes include:

- Updated the text on the Amendment screens related to the amendment changes listed above.
- Added information for claimants who are starting their claim. This information also links to a new resource: [Before you Begin Your Claim Checklist](#).
- Added clarifying instructions to the Upload Files page, including a link to a new resource: [Document Upload Guide](#). As part of these changes, the list of Document Types has also been updated to remove unnecessary document types. The full list of available Document Types is included in the Document Upload Guide.

