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Subject: Update to VCF Disabling Condition Matching Policy re: Sarcoidosis
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Good afternoon,

The VCF has updated [Policies and Procedures Section 2.2\(c\)](#) with regard to whether the disabling sarcoidosis identified in a disability determination is the same as the VCF-eligible sarcoidosis condition.

Historically, because the WTC Health Program only certifies Sarcoidosis of Lung, the VCF has only accepted the disabling condition of pulmonary sarcoidosis as a basis for awarding lost earnings. Recognizing that sarcoidosis can be a systemic disease and can involve multiple organs over the course of time, we have updated this policy.

Effective August 19, 2026, if an individual is certified or verified for Sarcoidosis of Lung **and** the WTC Health Program is covering the treatment for sarcoidosis affecting any other part of the body (“extrapulmonary sarcoidosis”), the VCF will treat a disability determination based on the extrapulmonary sarcoidosis as equivalent to the VCF-eligible Sarcoidosis of Lung for purposes of evaluating lost earnings.

What if I think this change impacts a decided claim?

If you have a client whose claim for lost earnings was denied due to a disability based on extrapulmonary sarcoidosis, and the individual was found eligible based on a certified or verified Sarcoidosis of the Lung, you should **submit an amendment** to re-open the claim and note the specific reason for the amendment. **You must also notify our law firm liaisons** so we can prioritize review of the amendment. Our goal is to review these amendments as soon as possible after they are identified and either make a revised decision or send a Missing Information letter, if needed.

Thank you.

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