#### Department of Veterans Affairs M29-1, Part 1, Chapter 15

**Veterans Benefits Administration May 20, 2019**

**Washington, DC 20420**

#### Key Changes

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| Changes Included in This Revision | The table below describes the changes included in this revision of Veterans Benefits Insurance Manual M29-1, Part 1, Chapter 15.  ***Notes***:   * **M29-1, Part 1, Chapter 15** has been rewritten in its entirety for the purpose of improving clarity and readability. Any substantive changes are itemized in the table below. * Minor editorial changes have also been made to * improve clarity and readability * add references * update incorrect or obsolete references * update obsolete terminology, where appropriate * reorganize/relocate content within **M29-1, Part 1, Chapter 15** so that it flows more logically * reassign alphabetical designations to individual blocks, where necessary, to account for new and/or deleted blocks within a topic * update the labels of individual blocks and the titles of sections and topics to more accurately reflect their content, and * bring the document into conformance with M29-1 standards. |

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| Reason(s) for Notable Change | Citation |
| Updates the time period that is allowed to submit an application from 1 year to 2 years due to change in the law | Subchapter 15.01 |
| Adds note explaining that ARH insurance beneficiaries are not eligible for any additional insurance benefits from the Supplemental S-DVI program | Subchapter 15.01 |
| Eliminates a note regarding time limits for family members to file claims for ARH insurance as no longer applicable to the insurance programs | Subchapter 15.02 |
| Explains that ARH insurance beneficiaries are not eligible for any additional insurance benefits from the Supplemental S-DVI program | Subchapter 15.03 |
| Clarifies that the insurance will only be paid in one lump sum | Subchapter 15.05 |
| Eliminates the note regarding payment of the insurance benefit if all legally entitled survivors are deceased as already addressed within the limits of who can be paid | Subchapter 15.05 |
| Clarifies that decisions on insurance eligibility will be made by the Veterans Service Center; clarifies the procedures to be followed by the Insurance Claims Division after the ARH insurance benefit is granted | Subchapter 15.06 |
| Eliminates the subchapter on prior payments as no longer applicable to the insurance programs | Subchapter 15.07 |

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| Rescissions | None |

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