#### Department of Veterans Affairs M29-1, Part 1, Chapter 24

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#### 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 24.  ***Notes***:   * **M29-1, Part 1, Chapter 24** 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 24** 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 |
| Clarifies that other VA systems must be checked prior to making a name change; if those systems report the change in name, then that change is considered as having been verified | Subchapter 24.02 |
| Clarifies that if other VA systems do not report the name change, then those systems must also be updated to reflect the change in addition to contact being made with the insured’s Regional Office of jurisdiction | Subchapter 24.02 |
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| **Reason(s) for Change** | **Citation** |
| Clarifies the circumstances under which an insured who wishes to change his name in official insurance records will be required to submit documentation that supports the change; some examples include a name change due to marriage/divorce, or a name change from a foreign spelling to its English equivalent | Subchapter 24.02 |
| Clarifies that VA and military records should be checked if an insured who served under an alias now wishes to update his records to reflect his correct name | Subchapter 24.02 |

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