#### Department of Veterans Affairs M29-1, Part 3, Chapter 4

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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 3, Chapter 4.  ***Notes***:   * **M29-1, Part 3, Chapter 4** 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 3, Chapter 4** 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 |
| Removes this subchapter in its entirety as it is no longer applicable to the insurance programs | Prior Subchapter 4.01 |
| Removes outdated requirements for the format of waiver decisions; explains the procedural steps by which the staff processes a waiver of premiums application; explains how correspondence is generated to the insured via use of the 1565 screen in the Insurance system; explains that in the case of a denial of waiver, the insured must be granted appeal rights; | New Subchapter 4.01/Prior Subchapter 4.02 |
| Explains the role of the veteran claims examiner in evaluating medical and employment evidence regarding a waiver of premium claim; explains when a claim will be classified as untimely, and what circumstances will enable the clam to still be evaluated: explains that the appointment of a guardian will not impact the timeliness standard for filing a claim | New Subchapter 4.02/Prior Subchapter 4.03 |
| Explains how to complete the Waiver Decision 1565 screen in VA Insurance systems | New Subchapter 4.03/Prior Subchapter 4.04 |
| Explains the circumstances under which the Insurance staff will issue a partial denial of waiver of premium benefits; clarifies that a partial denial is subject to appellate review | New Subchapter 4.04/Prior Subchapter 4.05 |
| Explains the circumstances that require an award to be amended; explains the use of Waiver Decision 1565 screen to complete an amended award | New Subchapter 4.05/Prior Subchapter 4.06 |
| Explains that resumption of a Temporary Disability Insurance Payment (TDIP) award will require the use of the VA Insurance systems and the authorization of the Internal Controls staff; | New Subchapter 4.06 |
| Removed entire subchapter on paper process control of waiver of premiums awards as now covered under electronic process in 4.03 | Prior Subchapter 4.07 |

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