#### Department of Veterans Affairs M29-1, Part 6, Chapter 15

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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 6, Chapter 15.  ***Notes***:   * **M29-1, Part 6, 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 6, 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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| Explains that employees should follow standard operating procedures for proof of death and provides an overview of those procedures; clarifies that additional development is not required for cause of death except in homicide cases | Subchapter 15.01 |
| Explains how a presumptive date of death should be calculated for matured contracts payable for contracts both greater and less than the amount of $25,000; explains how the Insurance staff should handle a claim in which a death certificate cannot be provided | Subchapter 15.02 |
| Eliminates prior language of subchapter as no longer applicable to the insurance programs and replaces with language explaining how the staff should suspend a TDIP payment if the insured was receiving a TDIP payment at the time of death | Subchapter 15.03 |
| Eliminate entire subchapter as no longer applicable to the insurance programs | Subchapter 15.04 |
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