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

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**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 6, Chapter 1.  ***Notes***:   * **M29-1, Part 6, Chapter 1** has been rewritten in its entirety for 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 1** 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 |
| Eliminates duplicative historical information regarding the insurance programs that is already in Part 1 of the insurance manual; moves additional historical information to Part1 of the insurance manual | Prior Subchapter 1.01 |
| Eliminates outdated references to the St. Paul Regional Office and the USGLI program as no longer applicable to the insurance programs | New Subchapter 1.01 |
| Eliminates reference to line of duty as being a factor in determining an award of insurance benefits as no longer applicable to the insurance programs | New Subchapter 1.03 |
| Revises the definitions of supplemental, amended, and adjustment awards | New Subchapter 1.05 |
| Eliminates definition of a total and permanent disability installment continued award on USGLI as no longer applicable to insurance programs | New Subchapter 1.05 |
| Revises the definition of a contingent award for gratuitous insurance to explain that a remarried spouse is no longer eligible for the award payment | New Subchapter 1.05 |
| Eliminates references to how to process returned original paper records as no longer applicable to the insurance programs | Old Subchapter 1.08 |

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| **Reason(s) for Change** | **Citation** |
| Explains the type of action (name and number of claim form or an informal claim) that is required to initiate an award for insurance benerfits | New Subchapter 1.04 |
| Explains that the procedures for disclosing confidential information from insurance records can be located in M-29-1, Part 1, Chapter 26.01 and Standard Operating Procedures | New Subchapter 1.06 |
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