#### Department of Veterans Affairs M29-1, Part 6, Chapter 20

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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 20, Determinations Relating To Homicide And Survivorship in Claims for Insurance.  ***Notes***:   * **M29-1, Part 6, Chapter 20** 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 20** 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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| Clarifies that in cases where beneficiary involvement in the death of the insured is at issue, claims payment will be delayed until the completion of legal proceedings | Subchapter 20.03 |
| Clarifies that if a beneficiary who was found to have caused the death of an insured would receive the proceeds through payment to the insured’s estate, Insurance will request the Rating Activity to make a determination on payment of the proceeds. | Subchapter 20.03 |
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