#### Department of Veterans Affairs M29-1, Part 6, 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 6, Chapter 24.  ***Notes***:   * **M29-1, Part 6, 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 6, 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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| Explains that Insurance staff should request a rating form the Philadelphia Rating Activity on Form 2105 if they receive information that a beneficiary may be incompetent | Subchapter 24.02 |
| Explains that all correspondence and development pertaining to the determination of whether an insurance beneficiary is incompetent should be directed to the attention of the Philadelphia Rating Activity | Subchapter 24.03 |
| Explains that if a beneficiary has already been rated incompetent by the Rating Activity, then a VA Form 21-592 should be forwarded to the Fiduciary Hub of jurisdiction | Subchapter 24.04 |
| Eliminates language related to squandering of proceeds by a beneficiary that is no longer applicable to the insurance programs | Subchapter 24.05 |
| Eliminates language related to the format of requests for incompetency ratings from the Philadelphia Rating activity as no longer applicable; Subchapter 24.02 includes the new prescribed format of Form 2105. | Subchapter 24.06 |

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