#### Department of Veterans Affairs M29-1, Part 6, Chapter 25

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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 25.  ***Notes***:   * **M29-1, Part 6, Chapter 25** 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 25** 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 a claim for disability benefits will be approved without additional development if the evidence of record is sufficiently supportive, and if not, then the claim will be developed by the Insurance staff and a VA Form 29-357 will be forwarded to the applicant | Subchapter 25.01 |
| Eliminates duplicative Subchapter as language already in M29-1, Part 1, Chapter 31 | Prior Subchapter 25.02 |
| Eliminates three medical situations where a claim for waiver of premiums after death of the insured should not be invited as already explained in other subchapters of the section. | Prior Subchapter 25.03/New Subchapter 25.02 |
| Eliminates detailed listing of common chronic conditions that may have resulted in total disability prior to death as outdated and not all inclusive with changing medical science | Subchapter 25.06 |
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