#### Department of Veterans Affairs M29-1, Part 6, Chapter 7

**Veterans Benefits Administration March 19, 2020**

**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 7.  ***Notes***:   * **M29-1, Part 6, Chapter 7** 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 7** 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 |
| Explains the requirements for insurance to process a federal tax levy requested by the IRS | Subchapter 7.01 |
| Explains how the staff should process a federal tax levy requested by the IRS and have it applied against either a lump sum award or an installment payment | Subchapter 7.01 |
| Explains to whom the Insurance Form 712 should be released, and how it is generated by the VA system; eliminates outdated paper process for preparing this form | Subchapter 7.02 |
| Eliminates references to interest rates on specific insurance programs as already referenced in M29-1, Part 1 | Subchapter 7.02 |
| Provides updated language to the template letter that is released by the Insurance Center to the IRS regarding a federal tax levy applied to an insurance policy | Subchapter 7.03 |
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| Explains that the staff will advise that tax questions regarding the insurance programs should be directed to either a certified accountant or the appropriate federal or state tax authorities | Subchapter 7.01 |
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