#### Department of Veterans Affairs M29-1, Part 6, Chapter 2

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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 2.  ***Notes***:   * **M29-1, Part 6, Chapter 2** 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 2** 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| Eliminates references to Section 724 waiver and two VA forms as obsolete and no longer applicable to the insurance programs | Subchapter 2.02 |
| Clarifies how deductions made after the insured’s death are processed for deductions from benefits (DFB), allotments, VAMATIC, and accounts in force due to Section 1912 or 1948 waiver | Subchapter 2.03 |
| Eliminates reference to Section 724 waiver as no longer applicable to the insurance programs | Subchapter 2.03 |
| Eliminates explanation of how to process USGLI (total and permanent disability) death claims using Form 29-368d Form as no longer applicable to the insurance programs | Prior Subchapter 2.06 |
| Eliminates references to Section 713 and 724 waivers as well as outdated VA forms and input cards in the preparation of death aware input documents as no longer applicable to the insurance programs | New Subchapter 2.06 |

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| Eliminates reference to notification to St. Paul Insurance Office as no longer applicable to the insurance programs | Subchapter 2.01 |
| Clarifies that automated system processing of a death claim will not occur if the insured’s date of death occurred more than two years ago and there is a dividend credit segment on the record, except for RH or H policies. | Subchapter 2.02 |
| Clarifies the process for handling a premium overpayment postmarked after the insured’s date of death | Subchapter 2.03 |
| Clarifies the processing of Form 29-368d, removing outdated paper-based processes. | Subchapter 2.04 |
| Clarifies the definition and content of key fields that must be completed Form 29-368d, if manual processing is required, including what type of information should be included in the Notes section of the form. | Subchapter 2.05 |
| Removes fields which are no longer part of Form 29-368d and references to off-tape liens and Section 713 waiver which are no longer applicable to the insurance program. | Subchapter 2.05 |
| Updates the steps that should be taken on a death award after completion of the Form 29-368d, eliminating paper-based process references | New Subchapter 2.07 |
| Updates the process for handling supplemental and amended Forms 29-368d, eliminating paper-based process references. | New Subchapter 2.08 |

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