



RELEASE – REVISION TO FECA PROCEDURE MANUAL

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EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

The Division of Federal Employees' Compensation (DFEC), with this issuance, announces a revision to the manner in which the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA) Procedure Manual (PM) will be displayed. The PM previously consisted of nine parts and 89 chapters that were displayed separately. With this revision, all parts and chapters will be displayed within a single document. Effective the date of the publication of this transmittal, this single document, FECA PM Version 1.0, replaces the prior version of the PM.

DFEC also administers claims filed under the War Hazards Compensation Act (WHCA). The WHCA affords coverage for the injury/death of an employee within the meaning of the Defense Base Act, if the injury or death proximately results from a war risk hazard as defined by the WHCA. Currently, procedures for these cases are housed in the FECA PM, Chapter 4-0300. Because these claims are separate and distinct from those filed under the FECA, DFEC has removed those procedures from its FECA PM and created a separate single document containing only those procedures. Effective the date of the publication of this transmittal, this single document, WHCA PM Version 1.0, replaces the prior WHCA procedures housed in the FECA PM.

Neither FECA PM Version 1.0 nor WHCA PM Version 1.0 contain substantive changes to technical procedure, and the overall content of the PM remains the same.

Additionally:

- No changes were made to part numbers or chapter numbers. This includes Part 4 of the FECA PM, in which chapter 4-0300 was left vacant; subsequent chapters were not renumbered.
- Full tables of contents were added at the beginning of FECA PM Version 1.0 and WHCA PM Version 1.0.

When changes to technical procedures are made in the future, new version numbers will be assigned and prior versions will be archived.

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