



RELEASE – REVISION OF DCMWC PROCEDURE MANUAL CHAPTER 2-1403, OFFSETS

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EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

This transmittal publishes the updated DCMWC Procedure Manual Chapter 2-1403, Offsets. This update incorporates regulatory and procedural changes effective following the September 1994 release of the prior chapter.

Changes in this chapter describe the types of benefits or income subject to offset against benefits paid by DCMWC.

In addition to updates, this chapter contains the procedures for determination of offset amounts related to State and Federal Workers' Compensation programs for pneumoconiosis, received for any month of entitlement. Also, the chapter describes the procedures for earnings offset computations for any miners claim filed on or after January 1, 1982 and possible offsets for survivor's benefits payable to a parent or a sibling entitled to benefits.

In an effort to streamline and consolidate policy and procedural guidance, as each updated chapter is released, the previous chapter and associated guidance in the Black Lung Library will be removed from the library and archived for historical purposes. The updated chapter as well as the related exhibits (exhibit 102) will be posted on the DCMWC website as well as the Black Lung Library.

Action: Staff should destroy locally-stored paper copies of the previous version of Procedure Manual Chapter 2-1403.

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