

PROVISIONAL

To be discussed at the September 19-20, 2007 Board meeting

SC2: Subcommittee on VA Claims Adjudication Procedures

Purpose:

This Subcommittee will perform random audits of the VA claims evaluation procedures and decisions on claims for radiogenic and nonradiogenic diseases. The audit procedures will include evaluation of the methods used for adjudication of claims and the scientific validity of decisions made on a suitably large number of randomly selected claims. This activity will meet a requirement of item (3) (A) in Section 601 of Public Law 108-183.

Membership:

The Subcommittee for VA claims adjudication procedures will consist of a chair (Ronald Blanck) and four other members of the VBDR (Patricia Fleming, Thomas Pamperin (VA liaison), R.J. Ritter, and James Zimble).

Function:

The subcommittee will perform the following tasks related to the VA's claims adjudication procedures:

1. Audit VA claims processing procedures, including interactions with VA Regional Offices, with the veterans filing claims, and with NTPR on dose reconstruction requirements and results. The Subcommittee will also review the use of probability of cancer causation tables in the decision process.
2. Prepare a summary of the Subcommittee's findings and recommendations for Board consideration and approval.