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MEMORANDUM FOR Presidents, U.S. Army Physical Evaluation Boards

SUBJECT: VASRD §4.20, Analogous Ratings

1. IAW DTM 14 OCT 2008 and NDAA 2008, after the PEB has determined a Soldier is unfit for a compensable condition not listed within VASRD, the PEB will determine which listed condition, i.e., which VASRD Diagnostic code (DC), is closely related based on functions affected, anatomical localization and symptomatology. See VASRD §4.20, Analogous ratings. Depending on a Soldier's unique presentation, different VASRD DCs may be used for the same (unlisted) injury or condition depending on symptomatology. When faced with a choice of DCs, the PEB must also consider VASRD §4.7, Higher of two evaluations, and assign the higher evaluation "if the disability picture more nearly approximates the criteria required for that rating."
2. When preparing the DA Form 199 disability description for a condition rated on an analogous basis IAW VASRD §4.20, the PEB will explain the relationship between the two conditions in terms of similarity of functions affected, anatomical localization, and symptomatology. See 10 U.S.C. §1222 (a).

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