



RELEASE – REVISION OF DCMWC PROCEDURE MANUAL CHAPTER 2-100, MAJOR CONCEPTS IN CLAIMS PROCESSING

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EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

This transmittal publishes the updated DCMWC Procedure Manual Chapter 2-100, Major Concepts in Claims Processing. This chapter incorporates regulatory and procedural changes effective following the September 1994 release of the prior chapter. The updated chapter replaces the previous version in full and will be posted on the DCWMC website as well as the Black Lung Library. Accordingly, the prior chapter will be removed from the library and archived for historical purposes.

In addition to updates within this chapter, the Procedure Manual title has changed. Previously designated as "Coal Mine (BLBA) Procedure Manual" and abbreviated as "BLBA PM," the Procedure Manual is now titled as "DCMWC Procedure Manual." Beginning with this chapter update, and continuing with all subsequent chapter updates, references to "Coal Mine (BLBA) Procedure Manual" or "BLBA PM" will be replaced with "DCMWC Procedure Manual" or simply "PM."

Also, 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.

Action: Staff should destroy locally-stored paper copies of the previous version of Procedure Manual Chapter 2-100.

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