

**RELEASE – REVISION OF DCMWC PROCEDURE MANUAL CHAPTER 2-1301, INITIAL DETERMINATION**

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EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

This transmittal publishes the updated DCMWC Procedure Manual Chapter 2-1301, Initial Determination. 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 DCMWC website as well as the Black Lung Library. Accordingly, the prior chapter and associated policy guidance in the Black Lung Library will be removed from the library and archived for historical purposes. The following documents will be included in the archive:

1. Memo – Re: Signature/Mailing Instructions for CM-971b and Initial Determination – New 1/11/02
2. Memo - Initial Determination 12/19/01 Peterson
3. Memo – Initial Determination Letters 1/14/02 Peterson
4. Memo - RO Hearing Request 9/17/02
5. Memo - Report of Telephone Call or Office Visit - Interim Benefits 3/1/02
6. Memo - Data Entry 10/11/01
7. Memo – RO Hearing Request – 09/17/02
8. Memo - Interim Benefits Under Revised Regulations 1/23/03
9. Memo - Report of Telephone or Office Call - Start Date for Interim Benefits 7/6/93
10. Memo - Report of Telephone or Office Call - Start of Coverage 5/9/91
11. BLBA Bulletin No. 81-19 Interim Benefit Notification
12. BLBA Bulletin No. 81-13 Interim Benefit Notification

Action: Staff should destroy locally-stored paper copies of the previous version of Procedure Manual Chapter 2-1301 as well as the listed documents.

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