

**UPTAKE LIST**  
**DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION**

To support a claim for **DIC benefits based on a service-connected disability** established during the Veteran's lifetime, the evidence must show:

- The Veteran died while on active service; **OR**
- The Veteran had a service-connected disability(ies) that was either the principle or contributory cause of the Veteran's death; **OR**
- The Veteran died from non-service-connected injury or disease **AND** was receiving, or entitled to receive VA compensation for a service-connected disability rated 100% permanent and totally disabling:
  1. For at least 10 years immediately before death; **OR**
  2. For at least 5 years after the Veteran's release from active duty preceding death; **OR**
  3. For at least 1 year before death, if the Veteran was a former prisoner of war who died after September 30, 1999

To support a claim for **DIC on a disability that was not service-connected** or for which the Veteran did not file a claim during his or her lifetime, the evidence must show:

- An injury or disease that was incurred or aggravated during active service, or an event in service that caused an injury or disease; **AND**
- A physical or mental disability that was either the principle or contributing cause of death. This may be shown by medical evidence or by lay evidence of persistent and recurrent symptoms of disability (ies) that were visible or observable; **AND**
- A relationship between the disability(ies) associated with the cause of death and an injury, disease, or event in service. This may be shown by medical records or medical opinion or, in certain cases, by lay evidence.

**Information needed to file Claim:**

- DD-214 or military separation papers
- Death Certificate of Veteran
- Marriage Certificate
- Prior Marriage Information
- Prior Divorce Decree
- Prior Death Certificates—for previous spouses
- Birth Certificate—for dependents
- Social Security Card(s)—for surviving spouse and/or dependents
- VA Form 21-2680 for Aid & Attendance—if applicable
- POA of family member filing on behalf of surviving spouse
- Voided check/direct deposit information
- Itemized Paid Statement of Burial/Funeral Expenses—only if Veteran was receiving benefits from VA and has passed within the last year