

Possible PTSD Reviews!

In December 2020 (last year) the VA Office of Inspector General issued a report that the VBA (Benefits) needs to do a better job at PTSD claims. This is not the better for us!

"The OIG estimated that errors in processing veterans' compensation claims resulted in approximately \$90.6 million in improper payments. In addition, the OIG estimated approximately \$271.9 million in improper payments could occur over the next three years unless VBA takes corrective action."

In the last few weeks a few Veterans have told me they are being reviewed for their PTSD ratings out of the blue. One has already had a proposed reduction based on this review even though the Veteran was P&T (Permanent & Total).

Make sure you continue to seek treatment or therapy of some type, even if it is counseling by clergy...whatever works for you. You need to keep your providers (medical, mental health ... VA or otherwise) updated on your conditions. Even if you are P&T!

Make sure your current diagnoses are kept updated in ALL medical records!

This is the report link:

<https://www.va.gov/oig/pubs/VAOIG-20-00608-29.pdf#:~:text=A%20VA%20Office%20of%20Inspector%20General%20%28OIG%29%20report%2C,associated%20with%20military%20sexual%20trauma%20stressor%20types.%203>