

Office of Disability & Medical Assessment (10NC8)

Camp Lejeune Contaminated Water Project (CLCW)
VISN Participation

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Increase in Request for CLCW Medical Opinions

- [REDACTED]
The evaluation of Compensation and Pension claims for disabilities related to [REDACTED] water at Camp Lejeune between 1957 and 1987 continues to be a major VA effort.
- The number of CLCW claims has increased exponentially during this fiscal year. Since the second quarter of FY 14, we have noted a 100% increase in request for medical opinions.
- With the increase in workload, DMA needs to increase capacity of the consultation service to ensure timely and accurate medical opinion is provided.
- There are currently twenty-three physicians participating as subject matter experts [REDACTED]
5, 10, 12, 22

CLCW: Medical Opinion Workload FY 14



Way Forward

- [REDACTED] DMA is requesting each VISN identify two board certified or board eligible [REDACTED] occupational physicians to receive training on completing these complex medical opinions.
- DMA will be conducting the next training session Sept 2-5, 2014 at the Louisville, KY Regional Office. During the training program the physicians will learn the development of a defensible medical opinion using current available scientific literature.
- Each medical opinion requires [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to review available medical and s [REDACTED] [REDACTED] complete the medical opinions.

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