

4123-5-02 Armed services claims.

(A) It is hereby directed that the Bureau's policy with reference to claims applications that are filed by claimants whose signatures have not been obtained because they have left for the Armed Services of the United States, and wherein a positive allegation over the signature of the employer, or the wife or parents of the claimant, or the next friend, is to the effect that the claimant is in the Armed Services, and provided further that the claim is not contested, such claims applications shall be numbered, docketed, and processed the same as claims that are filed in the regular manner.

(B) This is to further authorize the employees of the Bureau in such claims applications if it appears that the case is compensable, to pay the medical bills that are submitted in connection with such claims. However, compensation payments are not to be made to the claimant until a legal application signed by said claimant, even though he is in the Armed Services, is received. If such claim is contested by the employer, or if it appears from the proof that is placed on file that there is a doubt as to its compensability, an order shall be placed in the claim file reciting the fact that claimant is in the Armed Services and that the matter shall be continued in accordance with the Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Act until such time as the claimant indicates to the Bureau that he is available for the final adjudication of the claim.

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