



RELEASE – REVISION OF DCMWC PROCEDURE MANUAL CHAPTER 2-1100, TRUST FUND ENTITLEMENTS

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EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

This transmittal publishes the updated DCMWC Procedure Manual Chapter 2-1100, Trust Fund Entitlements. This update incorporates regulatory and procedural changes effective following the September 1994 release of the prior chapter.

Changes in this chapter provide guidelines and procedures followed by DCMWC for claims in which liability for payment of benefits to eligible claimants is assigned to the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund.

In addition to updates within this chapter, are the standards for the administration of cases where no responsible operator was identified, contained in subpart H of the 725 portion of the regulations, applicable to payment of benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act.

In an effort to streamline and consolidate policy and procedural guidance, as each updated chapter is released, the previous chapter and associated guidance in the Black Lung Library will be removed from the library and archived for historical purposes. The updated chapter as well as the related exhibits (exhibit 615 and 616) will be posted on the DCMWC website as well as the Black Lung Library.

Action: Staff should destroy locally stored paper copies of the previous version of Procedure Manual Chapter 2-1100 and exhibits.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Chance".

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