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1:30pm Overview of VA Benefits

eligibility for VA benefits • disability compensation (38 U.S.C. Chapter 11) • dependency and indemnity compensation • (38 U.S.C. Chapter 13) • health services, home health, and long-term care options for veterans in Michigan

2:30pm Claims Procedures, Right to Appeal, and Representation before the VA

filing the claim • gathering evidence to support the claim • the appellate process and advocacy tips along the way

• attorney fee agreements and payment for services

3:25pm Networking Break

3:40pm Special Monthly Pension

38 U.S.C. Chapter 15 aid and attendance • eligibility

• divestment • trusts and their status • "getting paid" • adding VA benefits to your practice • proposed federal regulatory changes

4:40pm VA Hot Topics and Practice Pointers

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