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General Comment

My concerns relate to the glaring omission of a cross reference to existing rules at 38 CFR 3.153
regarding a claim for Social Security benefits as a claim for VA benefits. Without such a reference their
can be no discussion of the need for this intent to file since existing information would already exist in
the SSA form.
Granted, the new 21-534ez has abandoned the concept of such a claim for one is a claim for both (the
prior form had SSA Form 24 attached and the Adjudication Manual M21-1MR had procedures for
handling these claims).
Stated simply, why would VA need to obtain this information to support an intent to file when the
widow's application for SSA benefits would provide more information and actually constitute a claim
under existing law?
Unless the intent to file in conjunction with the 534ez means the VA will no longer respect the existing
rule at 3.153.
I do not recall seeing any revocation of 3.153 in the applicable regulation (which removed 3.157).
If the information in the SSA claim constitutes a VA claim then there is no reason for VA to collect this

information on an Intent to File a Claim form since such information would have no value to VA and the data would be redundant. A claim has been made.