Service members are referred within 1 year of being diagnosed with a medical condition that does not appear to meet medical retention standards.

Service member becomes wounded, ill or injured

Physician assesses and treats Service member

Medical Evaluation Board Phase (MEB)

Referral
- AC: 10 days
- RC: 30 days

Claim Development
- AC: 10 days
- RC: 30 days

Medical Evaluation
- AC: 45 days
- RC: 45 days

MEB Stage
- AC: 35 days
- RC: 35 days

Service member can appeal MEB decision

Active Component (AC)
- 100 calendar days

Reserve Component (RC)
- 140 calendar days

Physical Evaluation Board Phase (PEB)

Informal Physical Evaluation Board (IPEB)
- 15 days

Service member rebutts IPEB decision

Medical Evaluation Board (FPEB)
- 15 days

Service member requests rating reconsideration

Rating Reconsideration
- 15 days

FPEB Appeal
- 30 days

Administrative and record transit 15 days

VA

Preliminary Rating Board
- 15 days

Service member request rating reconsideration

Rating Reconsideration
- 15 days

Finalize DES Disposition

Return to Duty

Separate
- VA benefits letter one month following separation

Service member appeals VA benefits

VA Appeals

The 45 day goal may be exceeded to allow the Service member to take authorized leave and permissive temporary duty (TDY)

Transition Phase

Assign to unit or process for separation

Reintegration

OR

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