### Executive Summary

The Labor Department released guidance, in the form of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), on the new claims and appeals procedure regulations. In Q&A 9, the Labor Department has clarified the claims procedure that must be followed for disability benefits under pension plans. If the finding of disability is made by the plan (or its agent), the procedure must meet the standards for health plans and is subject to the special rules and deadlines for claims and appeals related to health plans. If the existence of a disability is based solely on a decision by a third party such as Social Security, the pension rules govern.

### Purpose

Informational - Clarification of Regulations

### Category

Disability Pensions

### Issuer

U.S. Labor Department

### Target Audience

Pension and Health & Welfare Fund Counsel and Administrators

### Input Requested

NA

### Official Comment Period Ends

NA

### NCCMP Deadline

NA

### Forward Comments To

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### Reference

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### For Additional Background See

The complete set of FAQs may be found on the Labor Department’s website, at: