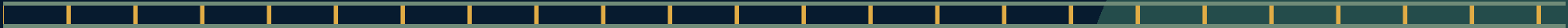




PACT ACT AND TOXIC EXPOSURE

TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING VS DISABILITY CLAIM

A field guide to presumptions, exposure evidence, TERA development, and claim pathways.



FIELD REFERENCE

FOUR POINTS TO UNDERSTAND

SCREEN

TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING

A brief VA health-care conversation about possible exposures and follow-up needs.

REGISTRY

REGISTRY EXAM

A voluntary health evaluation or registry process that supports monitoring and research.

CARE

HEALTH CARE ENROLLMENT

Access to treatment has its own eligibility rules and does not require a compensation award.

CLAIM

DISABILITY COMPENSATION CLAIM

A formal request for benefits that requires a current disability and a valid service-connection path.

Apply the exact current law to the individual record. Exposure, screening, health-care eligibility, and disability compensation are related but distinct.

