

PROPOSAL VERSUS FINAL REDUCTION



These are different decisions with different jobs, deadlines, and response paths.

PROPOSAL	FINAL ACTION	REVIEW RIGHTS
Advance notice and response window	Decision after considering the record	Attach to the final decision

RULE FILE

A proposal tells the beneficiary what VA is considering. A final rating action tells the beneficiary what VA decided after the proposal process.

SPLIT 01 | SIDE-BY-SIDE

KNOW WHICH DOCUMENT YOU HAVE

PROPOSED

Advance notice

Sets out the contemplated lower evaluation or severance, the material facts and reasons, and the time to respond.

FINAL

Completed action

Explains the final determination, evidence considered, reasons, effective date, payment effect, and review rights.

SPLIT 02 | WHAT TO DO NEXT

USE THE CORRECT RESPONSE PATH

30D

Proposal: consider a hearing

A predetermination hearing request must reach VA within 30 days to receive the related payment-continuation protection.

60D

Proposal: submit evidence

Use the 60-day period to answer the contemplated action before VA makes the final determination.

REVIEW

Final: read review rights

After final action, choose the review option that fits the error, evidence need, and deadline.

SPLIT 03 | DOCUMENT CONTROL

KEEP THE FULL SEQUENCE TOGETHER

A

Proposal notice

Preserve the notice date, proposed percentage, stated reasons, and cited evidence.

Starts proposal clocks

B

Response record

Keep hearing requests, delivery proof, exhibits, testimony, and VA acknowledgments.

Shows what VA had to consider

C

Final decision and codesheet

Compare the final reasons, effective date, payment amount, and review instructions with the proposal and response.

Starts decision-review clock

DO NOT SKIP THE PROPOSAL

A proposal is the best point to stop an adverse action before payment changes. A final decision is the point at which ordinary decision-review options attach.

