

SMC-P INTERMEDIATE RATES

Subsection (p) authorizes intermediate and next-higher rates, capped at the O amount.

741 BVA DECISIONS CITING 1114(P)	3 NAMED HALF STEPS	2 INDEPENDENT-RATING MECHANISMS	SMC-O MAXIMUM RATE UNDER P
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STATUTORY REVIEW

HALF	Intermediate steps SMC-L 1/2, SMC-M 1/2, and SMC-N 1/2 sit between adjacent statutory rates. SMC-P is the mechanism, not a separate tier.	50%	Independent 50 percent disability Section 3.350(f)(3) can support the next intermediate or statutory rate when the additional disability is separate and independently ratable.
100%	Independent total disability Section 3.350(f)(4) contains a separate next-higher-rate mechanism for a single permanent disability independently rated 100 percent.	CAP	No higher than SMC-O under P The maximum payable through subsection (p) is the SMC-O amount. SMC-R requires SMC-O or the maximum-P rate plus the applicable care need.

The 741-decision count is citation volume, not a grant count or a rate. Confirm the precise starting level, separate disability, step, and cap in every case.