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Subject: Consolidation of Income Codes for Veteran's Administration Codes

Will the use of two separate Veteran's Administration (VA) income codes cause system problems when information from COMPASS applications is integrated to the CIS database?

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Historically CIS has allowed the use of both income codes 15 (Veteran's Compensation) and 16 (Veteran's Pension) to designate VA Benefits. On June 14, 2008 COMPASS applications will begin being integrated to CIS. With this integration, Income Maintenance Caseworkers (IMCWs) will need to accept VA income coded as a 15 and delete previously entered VA income coded as a 16. IMCWs should immediately begin using income code 15 and stop using income code 16 when entering new VA income into the system. By immediately starting to exclusively use income code 15 to designate VA Benefits the number of cases that will later need to be converted will be reduced.

With the release of Database 40 scheduled for Fall 2008, income code 15 will be described as 'Veterans Administration Benefits' in the system and the option to use income code 16 will be eliminated.

NOTE: Income coded as 16 must be **finalized** or **terminated** in order for systems to work properly. Please see Chapter 25.15 in Using CIS for how to terminate or finalize income.