



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Benefit Administration
VBA FOIA Office (20M3)
810 Vermont Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20420

In Reply Refer To: **FOIA Request 23-03774-F**

March 8, 2023

Sonny Fleeman
[REDACTED]
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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Fleeman:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your January 30, 2023, request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) Central Office FOIA Office requesting the following records:

The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Reasonable Accommodation Centralized Program (RACP) reported receiving a total of 845 Reasonable Accommodation (medical) vaccine exemption requests since September 2021.

1. Provide the total number of reasonable Accommodation (medical) vaccine exemptions approved since September 2021.
2. Provide the total number of reasonable Accommodation (medical) vaccine exemptions denied since September 2021.

Your request was received in this office on January 31, 2023.

The Privacy Officer of the Centralized Support Division conducted a search for documents responsive to your request. At the conclusion of the search, one document was provided to be responsive to your request. All information is provided in its entirety. No portions of the requested records have been withheld either in whole or in part. This concludes VBA's response to your FOIA request.

RESPONSE:

This chart reflects Reasonable Accommodation (Medical) requests for Vaccine exemption only – it is NOT for religious accommodations. Any approvals related to this request were made prior to the injunction to EO 14043.

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Count of Vaccine Exemption Accommodation Requests	Adjudication Status						
	Date	Approved Alternate	Approved As Is	Denied	Withdraw	Withdrawn	(Pending) Grand Total
	2021	1	152		2	116	367 638
	Qtr3					10	8 18
	Qtr4	1	152		2	106	359 620
	2022	3	50	1	4	140	9 207
	Qtr1	2	45	1	2	73	5 128
	Qtr2		1		2	6	2 11
	Qtr3	1	2			31	2 36
	Qtr4		2			30	32
	Grand Total	4	202	1	6	256	376 845

Please be advised you may appeal this full grant response to:

Office of the General Counsel (024)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20420
Fax: (202) 273-6388
Email: ogcfoiaappeals@va.gov

If you should choose to file an appeal, your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted no later than ninety (90) calendar days from the date of this letter. Please include a copy of this letter with your written appeal and clearly state why you disagree with the determinations set forth in this response.

You may also seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services for any other aspect of your FOIA request from VBA's FOIA Public Liaison and/or Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) as provided below:

VHA FOIA Public Liaison:
Email Address: FOIA.VBACO@va.gov
Phone Number: (202) 461-9516

Office of Government Information Services (OGIS)
Email: ogis@nara.gov
Fax: (202) 741-5769

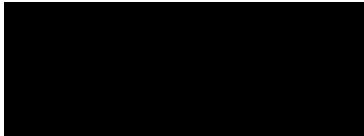
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Mailing address:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001

If you have questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact me via email at FOIA.VBACO@va.gov .

Sincerely,



VBACO FOIA Officer