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Medical Advisor's Review

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SBCERA Board

Disability Applications are presented to the board for consideration and determination on the issues of disability retirement.

Reconsideration

Applicant has 30 days to appeal the Board's decision and 6 months to submit additional information for the Board to reconsider its initial decision. (180 days + 30 days = 210 days)

Expedited Review

Applicant has 30 days to appeal the Board's decision and have a hearing officer review the records and submit a recommendation to the Board. (60 days)

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