

## **Is the Exam Sufficient?**

- Is the exam signed?
  - If the exam was performed by a non-VA provider, we also need a phone number and their medical license number.
- Was the exam performed by the appropriate physician?
  - Mental Health
    - certified or eligible psychiatrists
    - licensed doctorate-level psychologists
    - the following mental health professionals under the close supervision of one of the above:
      - doctorate-level mental health providers
      - clinical or counseling psychologist completing an internship or residency
      - nurse practitioners
      - physician assistants
      - psychiatry residents
      - licensed clinical social workers
      - clinical nurse specialists
  - Audio
    - Hearing Loss: state-licensed audiologist
    - Tinnitus: anyone (as long as a hearing loss examination is of record)
  - Dental
    - Dental Claims: dentist
    - TMJ: anyone
  - Eye
    - licensed optometrist
    - licensed ophthalmologist
- Do(es) the exam(s) address all the claimed issues?
- Did the examiner answer all questions?
- Is any pertinent information missing?
- Was a condition diagnosed?
  - If a new diagnosis was provided, did the examiner provide rationale for the new diagnosis?