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SUBJECT: SPECIAL AGREEMENT CHECKS REQUIREMENTS

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1. PURPOSE: To modify the requirements for a Special Agreement Check.

BACKGROUND: Since October 17, 2011, upon PIV card issuance, reissuance and renewal, VA-wide policy required a new Special Agreement Check (SAC) fingerprints. On October 5, 2017, the Assistant Secretary for Operations, Security, and Preparedness approved changing this and removing the requirement for a SAC upon PIV card replacement/reissuance and renewal. This policy change will reduce costs and enable efficient PIV card reissuance while remaining in compliance with Federal Information Processing Standards, Personal Identity Verification of Federal Employees and Contractors (FIPS 201-2).

Initial PIV issuance will still require a new SAC

2. GUIDANCE:

The table below details when a SAC is and is not required.

SAC required for	SAC not required
Initial background investigations	PIV and Non-PIV replacement/reissuance and/or renewal
Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4 reinvestigations	
Initial PIV and Non-PIV card issuance	

3. CONTENT: Send questions regarding this Advisory to the VAPERSEC mailbox at vacovapers@va.gov.