

## **UPDATE REGARDING AUTHENTICATION OF EXPOSURE EVIDENCE AND RELEASES**

### **AUTHENTICATION OF EXPOSURE EVIDENCE**

The Trust will accept exposure evidence that: (i) has been signed utilizing DocuSign or similar Trust-authorized electronic signature program; and (ii) expressly states that it is made under penalty of perjury; and (iii) includes a certificate from the electronic signature program that provides an audit trail summarizing the electronic signature history.

The Trust will also continue to accept either: (i) affidavits in compliance with applicable state law; or (ii) declarations in the format prescribed by 28 U.S.C. § 1746.

In addition, as set forth in the POC instructions, the Trust will accept a signed and witnessed claim form or combination Release and Affirmation as an affidavit.

### **RELEASE REQUIREMENTS**

In lieu of notarization, the Trust will accept the signature of one witness (who may be related to the claimant by blood or marriage) as reliable authentication of the claimant's signature on a release.

The Trust will also accept releases that: (i) have been signed utilizing DocuSign or similar Trust-authorized electronic signature program; and (ii) include a certificate from the electronic signature program that provides an audit trail summarizing the electronic signature history.