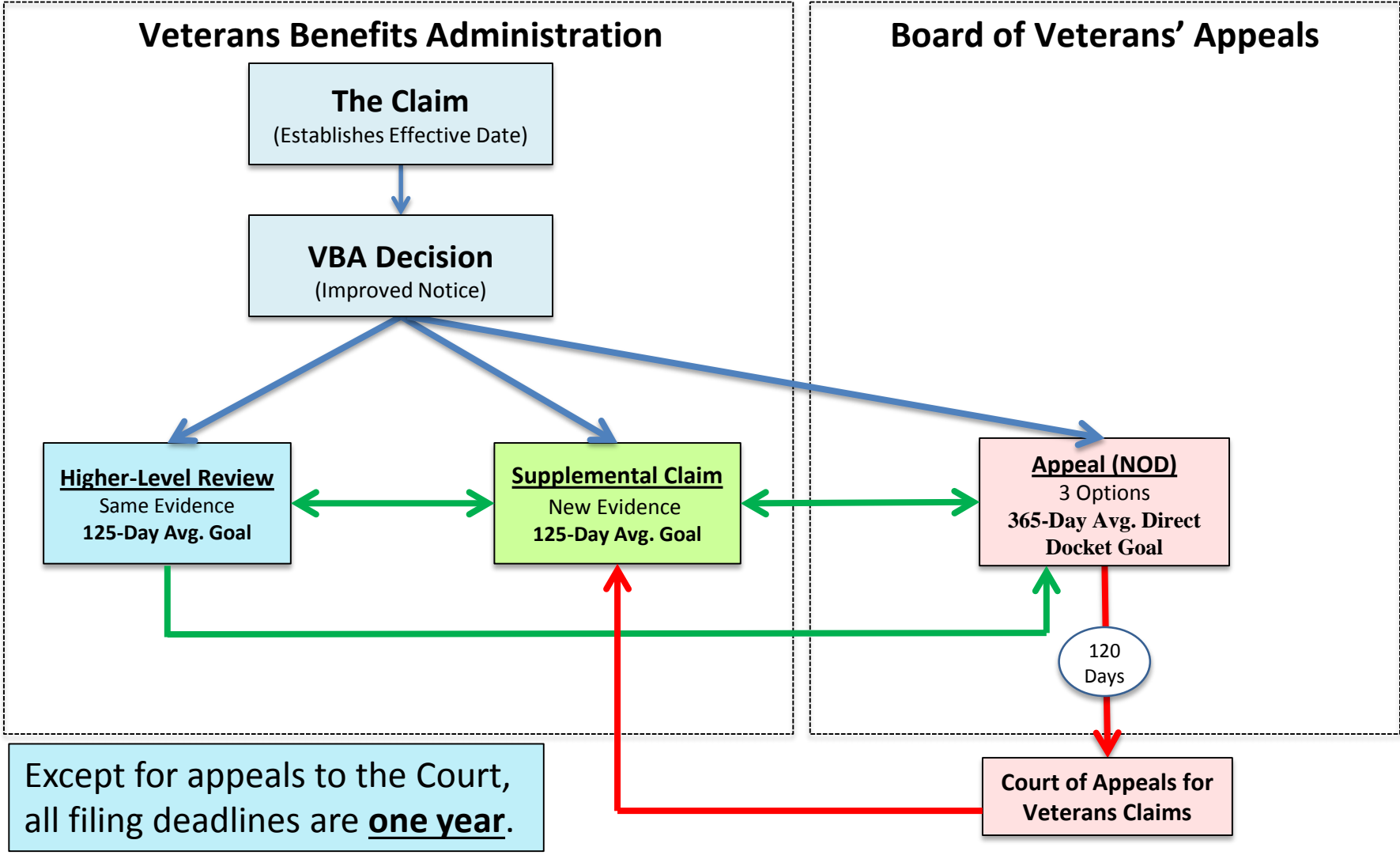


New Decision Review Process



Which VBA lane to choose?

Under Appeals Modernization beginning February 2019

	Supplemental Claim	Higher Level Review
When to choose	If your claim needs new evidence .	If you don't need new evidence, but think a mistake was made.
What will happen	VA will help you gather the evidence. A new decision will be made looking at the new evidence.	A higher-trained VBA employee will review your claim and make a new decision. No new evidence will be added.
How long	125 days (on average)	125 days (on average)



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Which Board docket to choose?

Choose the Board if you have a **legal argument** to make before a Veterans Law Judge.

	Direct	Evidence	Hearing
When to choose	If you think a mistake was made.	If you have new evidence you want a Judge to consider.	If you want a hearing before a Judge.
What will happen	The Judge will review the same record and make a decision. No new evidence will be added.	You will have 90 days from your NOD to submit any new evidence. The Judge will make a decision considering the evidence you provided.	You will be placed on a list for a hearing before a Judge by videoconference (or in DC). After your hearing you will have 90 days to submit new evidence. The Judge will make decision considering the hearing and the evidence you provided.
How long	365 days (on average)	Over 365 days	Based on availability. Currently the Board has 91 Judges. There are 78,000 Veterans waiting for hearings. In FY 17 Judges held an average of 177 hearings per year.

