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|  | **Schedule B Authority** | **Title 38 Medical Support Authority** |
| Can be used for excepted appointments | Yes | Yes |
| Required GS level | GS11 or greater | Any GS level |
| Individuals must have specialized technical, scientific, or professional skills | Yes | Yes |
| Can be used for administrative positions | No | No |
| Must be linked to a specific research project | Yes | Yes |
| Can be used for full-time appointments | Technically yes, but due to limited number of slots, this authority is reserved for part-time and intermittent appointees | Yes, with benefits and can be renewed every three years based on funding |
| For part-time or intermittent appointments | Yes, can appoint for the period of award with multiple renewals based on funding. Can pay benefits | Yes, but can only appoint for one year with no renewals and no benefits |
| Total number of appointees is capped nationwide | Yes | No |
| Requires approval from ORD for initial appointment | Yes | No |
| Required ORD approval for renewal | No | No |