#### Department of Veterans Affairs M21-1, Part I, Chapter 5

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#### Transmittal Sheet

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| Changes Included in This Revision | The table below describes the changes included in this revision of Veterans Benefits Manual M21-1, Part I, “Claimants Rights and Responsibilities,” Chapter 5, “Appeals.”  ***Notes***:   * The term “regional office” (RO) also includes pension management center (PMC), where appropriate. * Unless otherwise noted, the term “claims folder” refers to the official, numbered, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) repository – whether paper or electronic – for all documentation relating to claims that a Veteran and/or his/her survivors file with VA. * Minor editorial changes have also been made to * add Appeals Management Center (AMC), where applicable * update incorrect or obsolete references * update the term “veteran” to “Veteran” * update obsolete terminology, where appropriate * reassign alphabetical designations to individual blocks, where necessary, to account for new and/or deleted blocks within a topic * update section and topic titles to more accurately reflect their content * clarify block labels and/or block text, and * bring the document into conformance with M21-1 standards. |

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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation |
| * To add a reference for jurisdiction of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC). * To remove discussion of panel CAVC decisions, which is relocated to new Block e. | M21-1, Part I, Chapter 5, Section I, Topic 1, Block b (I.5.I.1.b) |
| * To add a reference for expedited handling of remanded appeals. * To remove discussion of repealed Public Law provisions. | I.5.I.1.d |
| To add new Block e discussing the precedential effect of CAVC decisions. | I.5.I.1.e |
| To add new Block a providing a definition of CAVC remand. | I.5.I.2.a |
| * To update procedures for tracking CAVC remanded appeals. * To add relevant references. | I.5.I.2.d |
| To remove duplicate procedures for requesting exams in support of a CAVC remanded appeal, and reference the relevant procedures contained in I.5.G. | I.5.I.2.e |
| To remove duplicate procedures for certifying CAVC remanded appeals, and reference the relevant procedures contained in I.5.G. | I.5.I.2.f |
| To add relevant references. | I.5.I.4.b |

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