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

**Veterans Benefits Administration March 24, 2015**

**Washington, DC 20420**

#### 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.”***Notes***: Minor editorial changes have also been made to * update incorrect or obsolete hyperlink references
* update section and topic titles to more accurately reflect their content
* renumber each topic based on the standard that the first topic in each section is Topic 1, and
* bring the documents into conformance with M21-1 and Knowledge Management (KM) standards.
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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation |
| To state that an earlier effective date can be established based on a Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC) decision if the benefit granted had a corresponding Intent to File of record. | M21-1, Part I, Chapter 5, Section I, Topic 3, Block e (I.5.I.3.e) |
| To clarify that an earlier effective date based on liberalizing legislation can be applied if benefit granted had a corresponding Intent to File of record within a year of the liberalizing law or VA issue. | I.5.I.3.f |

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| Rescissions | None |

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