#### Department of Veterans Affairs M21-1, Part X,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 X, “Matching Programs” Chapter 5, “Social Security (SS) Death Match.  ***Notes***:   * The term regional office (RO) also includes pension management center (PMC), where appropriate. * Minor editorial changes have also been made to * update incorrect or obsolete hyperlink references * update the term “veteran” to “Veteran” * update the term “VCAA notice” to “section 5103 notice” * update the term “notification letter” to “decision notice” * update obsolete terminology, where appropriate * reassign alphabetical designations to individual blocks and repaginate, where necessary, to account for new and/or deleted blocks within a topic * clarify block labels and/or block text, and * bring the documents into conformance with M21-1 standards. |

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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation |
| To update the block label names in the introduction section | Part X, Chapter 5, Topic 1 |
| To update Topic 1 to “Overview of the Death Master File (DMF) Match” | X.5.1 |
| To update the block label and clarify what is in the DMF | X.5.1.a |
| To update the block label and update the terminology | X.5.1.b |
| To add a new block describing the automated process | X.5.1.c |
| To remove old block m | X.5.1.m |
| To add a new topic (2), “Processing Cases Identified by the Match.” | X.5.2 |
| To relocate topic 1.c and update block label and obsolete processes | X.5.2.a |
| To relocate topic 1.d and update block label | X.5.2.b |
| To relocate topic 1.e and update block label and hyperlink within the block | X.5.2.c |
| To relocate topic 1.f and update block label | X.5.2.d |
| To relocate topic 1.g, consolidate information from block 1.h, and update block label | X.5.2.e |
| To relocate topic 1.i, update block label, and update new terminology | X.5.2.f |
| To relocate topic 1.j and update block label and hyperlink | X.5.2.g |
| To relocate topic 1.k and update new terminology | X.5.2.h |
| To relocate topick 1.l and update new terminology | X.5.2.i |
| To relocate topic 1.n and update block label and hyperlink | X.5.2.j |
| To relocate topic 1.o and update block label | X.5.2.k |
| To relocate topic 2.a | X.5.2.l |
| To relocate topic 2.b, c, d, e, f | X.5.3 |
| To update new block labels in introduction section | X.5.3 |
| To update block labels AND Added note to incorporate information from FL 08-05, 08-09 and corresponding FAQ | X.5.3.a, b, c, d, e, f |
| To relocate topic 3 to topic 4. | X.5.4 |
| To update obsolete terminology | X.5.4.a, b |
| To relocate Topic 1.p and update block label and obsolete terminology | X.5.4.c |

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