#### Department of Veterans Affairs M21-1, Part III, Subpart ii

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**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 III, “General Claims Process,” Subpart ii, “Initial Screening and Determining Veterans Status.”  ***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. |

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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation |
| To incorporate guidance from the *Veterans Claims Intake Program (VCIP) Shipping Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)* and the *Shipping Exception Guidance* from the VCIP Transformation and Initiative Pilot (TIP) Sheet by creating   * new Section F, “Veterans Claims Intake Program (VCIP) Shipping” * new Topic 1, “Overview of VCIP Shipping Procedures for Claims Folders, Service Treatment Records (STRs), and Personnel Records” * new Topic 2, “Record Management Number (RMN)/Document Control Sheet (DCS) Shipping Process,” and * new Topic 3, “Shipping Exceptions and Upload Failure Guidance.” | M21-1, Part III, Subpart ii, Chapter 1, Section F (III.ii.1.F) |

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