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

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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 M21-1MR, Part III, “General Claims Process,” Subpart ii, “Initial Screening and Determining Veteran Status.”  ***Notes***: Minor editorial changes have also been made to   * update incorrect or obsolete hyperlink references, and * include reference to VBMS as a record system to update. |

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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation | Page(s) |
| To add hyperlinks to references in M21-1MR on forms that must be used when filing a claim for original disability compensation, pension, or death benefits. | M21-1MR, Part III, Subpart ii, Chapter 1, Section A, Topic 3, Block a (III.ii.1.A.3.a) | 1-A-5 |
| * To incorporate the provisions of Section 502 of the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012. * To remove links to M21-1MR references about accepting faxed and photocopied signatures and replace with a direct statement. | III.ii.1.A.3.b | 1-A-6 |
| To update the procedure language to include electronic claims development. | III.ii.1.A.3.c | 1-A-7 |
| To add a hyperlink to III.iii.5. | III.ii.1.A.3.h | 1-A-10 |
| To update obsolete reference to Claims Processing Initiative (CPI) model “Triage Team.” | III.ii.1.A.4.b | 1-A-11 |

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