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

**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 III, “General Claims Process,” Subpart ii, “Initial Screening and Determining Veterans Status.”  ***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 include   * *VA Form 21-0819, VA/DOD Joint Disability Evaluation Board Claim,* as a prescribed form * 38 CFR references for * how to file a claim * types of claims * M21-1 reference for Integrated Disability Evaluation System claims | M21-1, Part III, Subpart ii, Chapter 2, Section B, Topic 1, Block a (III.ii.2.B.1.a) |
| To create a new block that contains a list of prescribed forms required for compensation and/or pension benefits on or after March 24, 2015 and re-label the proceeding block. | III.ii.2.B.1.b |
| To clarify how to handle original requests for benefits not filed on a prescribed form prior to, and effective March 24, 2015. | III.ii.2.B.3.a |
| To clarify how to handle requests for benefits VA received after processing an original claim prior to, and effective March 24, 2015. | III.ii.2.B.3.d |

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