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

**Veterans Benefits Administration July 15, 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 .”  ***Note***:   * Minor editorial changes have also been made to * remove references to rescinded portions of M21-1 * update incorrect or obsolete references * update obsolete terminology, where appropriate * reassign alphabetical designations to individual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 relocate this Section of M21-1, Part III, Subpart ii, Chapter 2 to Section F instead of Section G due to reorganization and relocation of content throughout Chapter 2. | Part III, Subpart ii, Chapter 2, Section F (III.ii.2.F) |
| To indicate a prescribed form is not needed for a request for reconsideration. | Part III, Subpart ii, Chapter 2, Section F, Topic 1, Block a (III.ii.2.F.1.a) |
| To include what action to take when a claimant reports willingness to attend an examination after previously failing to report to the scheduled exam. | III.ii.2.F.1.b |
| To add a new Block c addressing effective dates for claims for increased evaluations received prior to the expiration of the appeal period. | III.ii.2.F.1.c |
| To include instructions on   * properly closing out an End Product (EP) after sending the reconsideration letter, and * notifying the National Service Desk to change an incorrect intent to file status when a rating EP was erroneously established | III.ii.2.F.1.e |

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| Rescissions | FL 98-65, Application of 38 C.F.R. 3.400(q)(1)(i) to Claims for Increase |

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