#### 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 references of ‘claim for reconsideration’ to the more accurate term ‘request for reconsideration‘
* 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 provide guidance for proper end product (EP) establishment for reconsideration requests. | M21-1, Part III, Subpart ii, Chapter 2, Section G, Topic 1, Block b (III.ii.2.G.1.b) |
| To provide updated notice language when a claimant submits a reconsideration but does not provide or identify new evidence. | III.ii.2.G.1.d |

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| Rescissions | None |

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