#### Department of Veterans Affairs M21-1, 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 M21-1, 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. * Minor editorial changes have also been made to * update incorrect or obsolete references * clarify block labels and/or block text, and * bring the document into conformance with M21-1 standards. |

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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation |
| To add notes directing the reader to guidance on requesting folders from the   * Records Management Center (RMC) * Federal Records Center(s) (FRCs), and * VA Records Center and Vault (VA RC&V). | M21-1, Part III, Subpart ii, Chapter 3, Section B, Topic 1, Block f (III.ii.3.B.1.f) |
| To remove an outdated reference. | III.ii.3.B.1.l |

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