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

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**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 Veteran Status.”  ***Notes***:   * 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 hyperlink references * update obsolete terminology, where appropriate * renumber each topic based on the standard that the first topic in each section is Topic 1 * update section and topic titles to more accurately reflect their content * 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 clarify the location where employee Veteran Counseling/Evaluation/ Rehabilitation (CER) folders are maintained to locked files at the station with jurisdiction over the area in which he/she resides, per M28R, Part II, Section A, 2.04. | Part III, Subpart ii, Chapter 5, Section C, 1.c.  (III.ii.5.C.1.c) |

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