#### Department of Veterans Affairs M21-1MR, 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 M21-1MR, Part III, “General Claims Process,” Subpart ii, “Initial Screening and Determining Veterans Status.”***Notes***: Minor editorial changes have also been made to * remove references to rescinded portions of M21-1
* update incorrect or obsolete hyperlink references
* update obsolete terminology, where appropriate
* clarify block labels and/or block text, and
* bring the documents into conformance with M21-1MR standards.
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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation | Page(s) |
| To replace “initiate” with “complete” in the “Note” discussing development prior to sending a claim to the rating activity.  | M21-1MR, Part III, Subpart ii, Chapter 7, Topic 1, Block a (III.ii.7.1.a) | 7-1 |
| To provide clarification and references directing authorization activity when to deny a claim without a rating decision. | III.ii.7.3.b | 7-7 |
| To remove Discharge of Liability for Education Loan Under 38 U.S.C. 3698 from the chart, because 38 U.S.C. 3698 was repealed.  | III.ii.7.4.a | 7-8 |
| To move references and manual hyperlinks from within bulleted block text and place them together under the “References” section in the block for consistency.  | III.ii.7.5.c | 7-12 |

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