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

**Veterans Benefits Administration September 22, 2014**

**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 M21-1MR, Part III, “General Claims Process,” Subpart ii, “Initial Screening and Determining Veteran Status.”***Notes***: * The term regional office (RO) also includes pension management center (PMC), where appropriate.
* Minor editorial changes have also been made to
* update incorrect or obsolete hyperlink references
* update the term “veteran” to “Veteran”
* update obsolete terminology, where appropriate
* reassign alphabetical designations to individual blocks, where necessary, to account for new and/or deleted blocks within a topic
* 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 M21-1MR standards.
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| * To relocate information in (old) M21-1MR, Part III, Subpart ii, Chapter 8, Section A, Topic 6, Block c (III.ii.8.A.6.c) about the effect of First Notice of Death (FNOD) processing on a running apportionment.
* To replace “date last paid” (DLP) with “the first day of the month following the month for which the Veteran was last paid.”
* To show that *VA Form 20-6560, Notice of Benefit Payment Transaction*, with message code 623, has been replaced with work item 605.
* To note that the Compensation and Pension Records Interchange (CAPRI) and/or the SSA INQUIRY function in Share may be used to obtain a Veteran’s date of death.
* To add instructions for processing a notice of death when a Veteran’s award is in suspense.
 | III.ii.8.A.1.c | 8-A-3 |
| * To show that *VA Form 20-6560* has been replaced with work items 607 and 611.
* To note that CAPRI and/or the SSA INQUIRY function in Share may be used to obtain a Veteran’s date of death.
 | III.ii.8.A.3.a | 8-A-7 |
| To consolidate into a single block the information in III.ii.8.A.6.a, b, and d that was not deleted because it was outdated. | III.ii.8.A.6.a | 8-A-10 |

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| To delete (old) III.ii.8.A.1.c and III.ii.8.A.5.b, as these blocks contain text that only states the obvious. | --- | --- |
| To delete (old) III.ii.8.A.2.b, as it contains only duplicate information that already exists in Topic 1 of this section. | --- | --- |
| To delete information in (old) III.ii.8.A.6.c and d regarding the outdated requirement to manually issue contemporaneous notice of the processing of an FNOD. (The process of providing contemporaneous notice, when necessary, is now completely automated.) | --- | --- |

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| Rescissions | None |

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