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

**Veterans Benefits Administration May 20, 2015**

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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 iii, “General Development and Dependency Issues.”***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 references
* update obsolete terminology, where appropriate
* remove previously reserved empty blocks
* renumber each topic Based on the standard that the first topic in each section is Topic 1
* 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 document into conformance with M21-1 standards
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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation |
| To update the guidance on separation reasons entered by the Veterans Assistance Discharge System (VADS) unit reflecting the historical paper process and the new electronic process. | Part III, Subpart iii, Chapter 2, Section F, Topic 2, Block e (III.iii.2.F.2.e) |
| To add a new Block f with the guidance on separation reasons entered by the VADS unit beginning with the electronic transfer of separation documents from the Department of Defense to the VADS unit effective January 1, 2015. | III.iii.2.F.2.f |

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