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

**Veterans Benefits Administration June 17, 2014**

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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 iii, “General Development and Dependency Issues.”***Notes***: * The term Veterans Service Center (VSC) also includes Pension Management Center (PMC), where appropriate.
* Minor editorial changes have also been made to
* reassign alphabetical designations to blocks, when necessary, to account for deleted or consolidated blocks
* 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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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation | Page(s) |
| To incorporate new instructions from Fast Letter (FL) 13-22 for requesting disability records from the Social Security Administration (SSA). | M21-1MR, Part III, Subpart iii, Chapter 3, Section A, Topic 2 (III.iii.3.A.2) | 3-A-3 through 3-A-7 |
| To consolidate (old) III.iii.3.A.6.b and c into a single block. | III.iii.3.A.6.b | 3-A-14 |
| To consolidate (old) III.iii.3.A.7.c and d into a single block. | III.iii.3.A.7.c | 3-A-16 |
| To relocate the instructions for faxing requests for disability records to SSA (from old III.iii.3.A.2). | III.iii.3.A.8 | 3-A-18 through 3-A-21 |
| To remove the now-obsolete requirement to mail requests for disability records to SSA if the claimant has a foreign address. | III.iii.3.A.8.b | 3-A-18 |
| To incorporate the new policy for requesting records from a Federal entity.  | III.iii.3.A.8.c | 3-A-19 |
| To delete (old) III.iii.3.A.1.c, as it contains response times that are no longer correct. (Updated response times are discussed in III.iii.3.A.2.) | --- | --- |
| To delete (old) III.iii.3.A.4.b because it contains essentially the same information as III.iii.3.A.4.a. | --- | --- |

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