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

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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.
* Unless otherwise noted, the term “claims folder” refers to the folder – either paper or electronic – in which the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) stores all documentation relevant to a claimant’s claim(s).
* Minor editorial changes have also been made to
* update incorrect or obsolete references
* update obsolete terminology, where appropriate
* reassign alphabetical designations to individual blocks to account for new and/or deleted blocks within a topic
* clarify block labels and/or block text, and
* bring the document into conformance with M21-1 standards.
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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation |
| To delete M21-1, Part III, Subpart iii, Chapter 4, Topic 3 (III.iii.4.3) on Requests to VA From the Department of Labor (DoL) Concerning Ex-Servicemembers’ Unemployment Compensation. | -- |
| To add a newTopic 3 with the provisions of *Fast Letter (FL) 98-34, Limited Eligibility of Qualified Aliens for Certain Federal Programs.* | III.iii.4.3 |
| To amend Block c on responding to a request from the Environmental Epidemiology Service (EES) when the claims folder is under the jurisdiction of another RO; the request should be uploaded to VBMS and the VSCM of the other RO notified accordingly. The request should also be uploaded to VBMS when the claims folder is located at a Federal Records Center (FRC) | III.iii.4.5.c |
| To update the fax number for sending information to the Office of Environmental Epidemiology Service. | III.iii.4.5.d |
| To delete old Block d and e on information to request from the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB), and combine all related information into Block c. | III.iii.4.7.c |
| To delete old Block c and d on what unemployment or sickness insurance information to request from RRB, and combine all related information into Block b. | III.iii.4.8.b |
| To delete old Block d on handling concurrent death compensation payments from VA and the Office of Worker’s Compensation Programs (OWCP), and combine with similar content in Block c. | III.iii.4.10.c |

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