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

**Veterans Benefits Administration June 3, 2015**

**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 M21-1, Part III, “General Claims Process,” Subpart iii, “General Development and Dependency Issues.”***Notes***: Minor editorial changes have also been made to* update incorrect or obsolete references
* update the term “veteran” to “Veteran”
* renumber each topic based on the standard that the first topic in each section is Topic 1
* update section and topic titles to more accurately reflect their content
* 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 replace the definition of “foster parent” with a reference to M21-1, Part III, Subpart iii, Chapter 5, Section I, Topic 6, Block a (III.iii.5.I.6.a). | M21-1 Part III, Subpart iii, Chapter 5, Section I, Topic 1, Block a(III.iii.5.I.1.a) |
| To replace instructions (in old III.iii.5.I.45.e) for requesting clarification of a claimant’s intent to file a claim for benefits as the parent of a Veteran with the new policy that claimant’s must submit claims on a prescribed form. | III.iii.5.I.1.e - g |
| To remove the statement that only one father and only one mother may be recognized for benefit payment purposes.  | III.iii.5.I.6.e |
| To remove outdated instructions for using the Benefits Delivery Network (BDN) to generate a letter to the claimant. | III.iii.5.I.6.h |
| To remove outdated instructions for using BDN. | III.iii.5.I.8.g |

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| Rescissions | None |

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