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

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**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 iii, “General Development and Dependency Issues.” |

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| To explain that the dependent should be removed from the award effective the first of the month following the month for which the Department of Veterans Affairs last paid the beneficiary in situations where a change in dependency status is noted, but the date of change is unknown. | M21-1MR, Part III, Subpart iii, Chapter 5, Section K, Topic 64, Block d (III.iii.5.K.64.d) | 5-K-10 |
| * To clarify that the only dependents that are subject to certification are dependents on the Veteran’s award at the time the *VA Form 21-0538, Status of Dependents Questionnaire,* was sent to the Veteran. * To clarify that the suspension of benefits should be processed under the pending end product 600 if a discontinuance is in order under Step 7. * To explain that the diary at issue in Step 8 is the diary that was established as part of Step 7. | III.iii.5.K.65.a | 5-K-11 and 5-K14 |
| To remove Topic 70 which describes reporting requirements that are no longer applicable. | -- | -- |

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| Rescissions | None |

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