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

**Veterans Benefits Administration September 23, 2014**

**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.”  ***Notes***:   * Minor editorial changes have also been made to * update incorrect or obsolete hyperlink references * update obsolete terminology, where appropriate * clarify block labels and/or block text, and * bring the documents into conformance with M21-1MR standards. |

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| To add a reminder that all telephone attempts to contact the beneficiary must be documented on *VA Form 21-0820, Report of General Information*. | M21-1MR, Part III, Subpart iii, Chapter 5, Section F, Topic 31, Block b (III.iii.5.F.31.b) | 5-F-4 |
| To add Social Security number to the items that a claimant must provide to add a dependent child to an award. | III.iii.5.F.32.a | 5-F-7 |
| To change “wife” to “spouse.” | III.iii.5.F.34.g | 5-F-14 |
| To add a note with a reminder that all telephone attempts to contact the beneficiary must be documented on *VA Form 21-0820, Report of General Information*. | III.iii.5.F.35.a | 5-F-16 |
| To add one exception that allows an end product (EP) 130 and an original rating EP to run concurrently after three criteria have been met per guidance from the August 2014 Veterans Service Center Manager (VSCM) Conference Call. | III.iii.5.F.35.b | 5-F-17 |
| To incorporate guidance from the Dependency TIP Sheet website, “*Processing Live Compensation Dependency Claims*,” regarding when to establish an EP 130, continue the EP 130, and administratively deny dependency claims. | III.iii.5.F.35.b | 5-F-17 |

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