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

**Veterans Benefits Administration June 25, 2015**

**Washington, DC 20420**

#### Transmittal Sheet

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 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.
* Minor editorial changes have also been made to
* remove references to rescinded portions of M21-1
* update incorrect or obsolete hyperlink 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 documents into conformance with M21-1 standards.
 |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation |
| * To delete obsolete information about Benefits Delivery Network (BDN) terminology in.
* To add a reference to the Share User’s Guide.
 | M21-1, Part III, Subpart iii, Chapter 6, Section A, Topic 1, Block b (III.iii.6.A.1.b) |
| To include information on the 800-series work item (800WI) generated when notice of potential eligibility for school age dependent benefits is not properly released. | III.iii.6.A.1.f & g |
| To include language used in letters to be locally generated upon failure to release the system generated letter for a child turning age 13. | III.iii.6.A.1.h |
| To include language used in letters to be locally generated upon failure to release the system generated letter for a child who has turned age 16. | III.iii.6.A.1.i |
| To include language used in letters to be locally generated upon failure to release the system generated letter for a child turning age 18. | III.iii.6.A.1.j |
| To include language used in letters to be locally generated upon failure to release the system generated letter for possible Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors (REPS) benefits. | III.iii.6.A.1.k |
| To clarify information regarding the accreditation of domestic schools by removing regional office of jurisdiction from the list of entities that recognize a school as standard and accredited.  | III.iii.6.A.2.d |
| To add references to the *WEAMS Application User Guide* and *WEAMS Institution Search* web page. | III.iii.6.A.2.e &f |
| To delete note that refers to use an email to request accreditation status. Email is standard communication. | III.iii.6.A.2.h |
| To delete block old Block i, “*Situations that prohibit payment of Benefits*,” and move to a note sublabel in new Block i (old Block j).  | -- |
| To delete note in Block a based on the implementation of Unified Agenda 2900-AO81 *Standard Claims and Appeals Forms* (AO81). | III.iii.6.A.4.a |
| To delete bullet stating, “*A beneficiary may provide the information VA Form 21-674 requests by telephone, fax, or e-mail, in lieu of submitting the actual form*,” based on the implementation of AO81. | III.iii.6.A.4.c |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Rescissions | None |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Authority | By Direction of the Under Secretary for Benefits |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Signature | Thomas J. Murphy, DirectorCompensation Service |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Distribution | LOCAL REPRODUCTION AUTHORIZED |