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

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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 iv, “General Rating Process .”  ***Note***: Minor editorial changes have also been made to   * update incorrect or obsolete references * clarify block labels and/or block text, and * bring the documents into conformance with M21-1 standards. |

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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation |
| To add new Block d with guidance for presumptive service connection of diseases categorized as “other organic diseases of the nervous system.” | M21-1, Part III, Subpart iv, Chapter 4, Section G, Topic 1, Block d  (III.iv.4.G.1.d) |
| To add new Block e with guidance about evaluating vertigo as a separate diagnostic entity versus a symptom of a parent disability such as traumatic brain injury (TBI). | III.iv.4.G.1.e |
| To add guidance that vertigo should not be evaluated separately from TBI when it is a symptom of TBI. The facets of TBI evaluation criteria already include vertigo as a subjective symptom. | III.iv.4.G.2.h |
| To add a note that primary lateral sclerosis (PLS) is different from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS); and therefore, PLS is *not* eligibile for presumptive service connection under 38 CFR 3.318. | III.iv.4.G.6.b |

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