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

**Veterans Benefits Administration August 24, 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 iv, “General Rating Process.”***Notes***: * Unless otherwise noted, the term “claims folder” refers to the official, numbered, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) repository – whether paper or electronic – for all documentation relating to claims that a Veteran and/or his/her survivors file with VA.
* Minor editorial changes have also been made to
* update incorrect or obsolete references
* clarify block labels and/or block text, and
* bring the document into conformance with M21-1 standards.
 |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation |
| To add an additional reference for initial mental health examiner qualifications. | M21-1, Part III, Subpart iv, Chapter 4, Section H, Topic 3, Block a (III.iv.4.H.3.a) |
| To add examiner qualifications as a reason for posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) exam insufficiency. | III.iv.4.H.5.c |

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

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

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

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