**Department of Veterans Affairs** **Part III, Subpart iv, Chapter 4**

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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 iv, “General Rating Process,” Chapter 4, “Rating Specific Disabilities,” Section A, “Musculoskeletal Conditions.”  ***Notes***:   * M21-1MR will retain some information related to the Benefits Delivery Network (BDN) until all master records are converted to VETSNET.  For information on VETSNET applications and input, consult the [VETSNET User Guides](http://vbaw.vba.va.gov/bl/21/Systems/awards.htm) on the Compensation Service Intranet. * The term regional office (RO) also includes pension management center (PMC), where appropriate. * The term Veterans Service Center Manager (VSCM) also includes Pension Management Center Manager (PMCM), where appropriate. * Minor editorial changes have also been made to * correct or update links and form prefixes * correct typographical errors * clarify Block labels and/or Block text, * remove outdated terminology and * bring the documents into conformance with M21-1MR standards. |
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| * To add a note about *Yonek v. Shinseki*, which held that multiple evaluations for limitation of motion in different planes under DC 5201 are not permitted. | M21-1MR, Part III, Subpart iv, Chapter 4, Section A, Topic 1, Block g (III.iv.4.A.1.g) | 4-A-5 |
| * To clarify guidance on separate evaluations based on knee instability. * To add guidance on not assigning an evaluation for knee instability under DC 5257 in addition to an evaluation for total knee replacement under DC 5055. * To incorporate guidance on separate evaluations for DC 5258 or 5259 and a DC based on limitation of motion. * To add cross references. | III.iv.4.A.1.l | 4-A-10 |

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| * To add a new block addressing service connection for claimed residuals of a fracture. | III.iv.4.A.1.m | 4-A-9 |

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