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

**Veterans Benefits Administration March 24, 2015**

**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 M21-1, Part III, “General Claims Process,” Subpart iv, “General Rating Process.”  ***Notes***: Minor editorial changes have also been made to   * update incorrect or obsolete hyperlink references * update section and topic titles to more accurately reflect their content * renumber each topic based on the standard that the first topic in each section is Topic 1, and * ring the documents into conformance with M21-1 and Knowledge Management (KM) standards. |

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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation |
| * To state how to identify issues as part of claim submitted on a prescribed form, and how to identify reasonably raised issues. * To remove references to informal claims. | M21-1, Part III, Subpart iv, Chapter 6, Section B, Topic 1, Block a (III.iv.6.B.1.a) |
| To provide instructions for soliciting claims for unclaimed chronic disabilities shown by the evidence of record. | III.iv.6.B.5.a |

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| Rescissions | None |

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