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

**Veterans Benefits Administration September 1, 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 iii, “General Rating Process.”***Notes***: * The term “regional office” (RO) also includes pension management center (PMC), where appropriate.
* Minor editorial changes have also been made to
* update incorrect or obsolete references
* update obsolete terminology, where appropriate
* clarify block labels and/or block text, and
* bring the document into conformance with M21-1 standards.
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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation |
| To add a new block containing the policy on changing diagnostic codes (DCs). | M21-1, Part III, Subpart iv, Chapter 6, Section C, Topic 3, Block d (III.iv.6.C.3.d) |
| To add a new block containing the procedure for changes in DCs due to progression of a disability. | III.iv.6.C.3.e |

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