#### 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.”  ***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 * update obsolete terminology, where appropriate * reassign alphabetical designations to individual blocks, where necessary, to account for new and/or deleted blocks within a topic * update section and topic titles to more accurately reflect their content * 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 references previously contained in (old) M21-1, Part III, Subpart iv, Chapter 7, Section B, Topic 2, Blocks d and e (III.iv.7.B.2.d and e). | III.iv.7.B.2.a |
| To delete (old) III.iv.7.B.2.d, which only contained a cross reference to another section of the manual. | -- |
| To delete (old) III.iv.7.B.2.e, which only contained a cross reference to another section of the manual. | -- |
| * To relocate the note box from (old) III.iv.7.B.4.c. * To add a cross reference for handling changes in diagnostic codes (DCs) | III.iv.7.B.4.b |
| To delete (old) III.iv.7.B.4.c containing guidance on changes in DCs, as this information has been updated and relocated to III.iv.6.C.3. | -- |

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