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

**Veterans Benefits Administration September 22, 2014**

**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.”  ***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 hyperlink references * update obsolete terminology, where appropriate * correct a topic title * clarify block text, and * bring the documents into conformance with M21-1MR standards. |

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| To clarify the policy when considering the competency of a Veteran, including those assigned 100% mental disorders. | M21-1MR, Part III, Subpart iv, Chapter 8, Section A, Topic 2, Block a (III.iv.8.A.2.a) | 8-A-4 & 5 |
| To clarify that when a hearing is requested in connection with proposed incompetency it must be conducted before the final decision is issued. | III.iv.8.A.3.a | 8-A-8 |
| To clarify that when determining the competency of a Veteran, great weight must be given to a court decree of incompetency as well as the inability of the Veteran to manage his/her own financial affairs. | III.iv.8.A.5.a | 8-A-13 |

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