#### Department of Veterans Affairs M21-1MR, 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 M21-1MR, Part III, “General Claims Process,” Subpart iv, “General Rating Process.”  ***Notes***:   * Minor editorial changes have also been made to * update the term “veteran” to “Veteran” * reassign alphabetical designations to individual blocks, where necessary, to account for new and/or deleted blocks within a topic * repaginate a section or chapter, and * bring the documents into conformance with M21-1MR standards. |

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| To add (new) Block i with information and an example about when an evaluation is protected and a change in diagnostic code is being considered. (*Murray v. Shinseki*) | M21-1MR Part III, Subpart iv, Chapter 8, Section C, Topic 8, block i  (M21-1MR III.iv.8.C.8.i) | 8-C-4 through 8-C-5 |

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