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

**Veterans Benefits Administration July 8, 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 v, “General Authorization Issues and Claimant Notifications.”  ***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 * include reference to the Veterans Benefits Management System (VBMS), where appropriate, whenever reference to the Veterans Service Network (VETSNET) is made * renumber each topic based on the standard that the first topic in each section is Topic 1 * reassign alphabetical designations to individual blocks, where necessary, to account for new and/or deleted blocks within a topic * 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 delete old M21-1, Part III, Subpart v, Chapter 3, Section B, Topic 5, Block e (III.v.3.B.5.e) as it contained instructions that applied only to claims processing in the Benefits Delivery Network (BDN). | --- |
| To add reference to education benefits under 38 U.S.C. 3311. | III.v.3.B.1.f |
| To delete old III.v.3.B.5.k as it contained instructions that applied only to claims processing in BDN. | -- |
| To add a reference for requesting a legal opinion from Regional Counsel. | III.v.3.B.2.d |
| To revise instructions for discontinuing an apportionment due to the death of an apportionee after removing instructions that apply only to claims-processing in BDN. | III.v.3.B.3.b |
| To delete old III.v.3.B.8.d as it contained instructions that applied only to claims processing in BDN. | -- |
| To delete a note that made a comparison between BDN and VETSNET. | III.v.3.B.4.f |
| To add a new Block g and a Block h that describe the actions to take upon receipt of evidence indicating that a child apportionee cannot be recognized as a Veteran’s child under 38 CFR 3.57. | III.v.3.B.4.g and h |

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