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

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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 v, “General Authorization Issues and Claimant Notifications.”  ***Notes***:   * The term regional office (RO) also includes pension management center (PMC), where appropriate. * Minor editorial changes have also been made to * remove references to rescinded portions of M21-1 * update incorrect or obsolete hyperlink references * update obsolete terminology, where appropriate * renumber each topic based on the standard that the first topic in each section is Topic 1 * reassign alphabetical designations to individual blocks and repaginate, 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 documents into conformance with M21-1MR standards. |

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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation |
| To update topic numbering in the overview table | III.v.6.B |
| To update the topic number | III.v.6.B.1 |
| To add note from P&F FAQ regarding therapeutic residence being considered a domiciliary. Also, to update the term improved pension. | III.v.6.B.1.a |
| To update the term improved pension. Change MR hyperlinks to conform to new topic numbers. | III.v.6.B.1.b |
| To update the term improved pension. | III.v.6.B.1.c |
| To update the term pension maintenance center. To update the CAPRI reference hyperlink. | III.v.6.B.1.d |
| To change MR hyperlink to conform to new topic numbers. | III.v.6.B.1.e |
| To remove block pertaining to obsolete BDN instructions. | III.v.6.B.1.f |
| To update block letter. Also, to update the VETSNET Awards Handbook link. | III.v.6.B.1.f |
| To update block letter. Also, to update the term improved pension. | III.v.6.B.1.g |
| To update block letter. To change MR hyperlink to conform to new topic numbers. | III.v.6.B.1.h |
| To change MR hyperlink to conform to new topic numbers. | III.v.6.B.1.i |
| To change MR hyperlink to conform to new topic numbers. | III.v.6.B.1.j |
| To update the term improved pension. | III.v.6.B.2 |
| To update the term improved pension in the block label. | III.v.6.B.2.b |
| To update the term improved pension. | III.v.6.B.2.c |
| To update the term improved pension. | III.v.6.B.2.e |
| To update the term improved pension. | III.v.6.B.2.f |
| To update the term improved pension. To change MR hyperlink to conform to new topic numbers. | III.v.6.B.2.g |
| To update the term improved pension. | III.v.6.B.2.h |
| To update the term improved pension. | III.v.6.B.2.i |
| To update the term improved pension. | III.v.6.B.3 |
| To update the term improved pension. | III.v.6.B.3.a |
| To change MR hyperlink to conform to new topic numbers. | III.v.6.B.3.d |
| To change MR hyperlink to conform to new topic numbers. | III.v.6.B.4.c |
| To update the term improved pension. To change MR hyperlinks to conform to new topic numbers. | III.v.6.B.4.d |
| To change MR hyperlink to conform to new topic numbers. | III.v.6.B.4.e |
| To update the term improved pension. To include hyperlink to VA Form 21-653. | III.v.6.B.5.b |
| To re-word block to remove references to obsolete BDN processing | III.v.6.B.5.c |
| To re-word block to remove references to obsolete BDN processing | III.v.6.B.5.e |
| To update the term improved pension. | III.v.6.B.5.f |
| To change MR hyperlink to conform to new topic numbers. | III.v.6.B.5.g |
| To change MR hyperlink to conform to new topic numbers. | III.v.6.B.6.c |

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