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

**Veterans Benefits Administration March 24, 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***: Minor editorial changes have also been made to * update incorrect or obsolete hyperlink references
* update section and topic titles to more accurately reflect their content
* renumber each topic based on the standard that the first topic in each section is Topic 1, and
* bring the documents into conformance with M21-1 and Knowledge Management (KM) standards.
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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation |
| To update instructions for processing hospitalization reports to include* removing instructions to establish a future diary date for end product (EP) 320, and
* adding instruction to establish a diary code 30, “Hospitalization Report.”
 | M21-1, Part III, Subpart v, Chapter 6, Section D, Topic 1 Block b (III.v.6.D.1.b) |
| To remove block containing obsolete instructions for processing an award adjustment without rating board review. | III.v.6.D.2.a |
| To update reasons for referring hospital summaries to the rating activity after *Standard Claims and Appeals Forms* rule implementation. | III.v.6.D.4.a |
| To indicate prehospital evaluations will be increased or restored based on adjudication of a claim for increase in service-connected disability *after Standard Claims and Appeals Forms* rule implementation. | III.v.6.D.4.b |

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