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

**Veterans Benefits Administration April 23, 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
* update the term “veteran” to “Veteran”
* 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, 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 |
| Too combine blocks a and b into a single block with a table describing eligibility and level of treatment for class I dental conditions. | Part III, Subpart v, Chapter 7, Section B, Topic 1, Block a (III.v.7.B.1.a) |
| * To clarify the information on exceptions to the 180-day application limitation for dental treatment by limiting this block to information on Veterans discharged after August 12, 1981 and creating separate blocks for the other exceptions.
* To remove the table in this block for inclusion of the content in a new table associated with a new block created for the discussion of exceptions based on whether the Veteran received information about dental treatment eligibility at separation.
 | III.v.7.B.2.e |
| To add a new block discussing the exception to the 180-day application limitation for dental treatment for Veterans with corrected discharges. | III.v.7.B.2.f |
| * To add a new block discussing the exception based on notification of eligibility criteria at separation to the 180-day application limitation for dental treatment.
* To reformat and clarify the content of the table previously located in III.v.7.B.2.e containing procedures to determine whether service records indicate the Veteran was provided dental treatment eligibility information.
 | III.v.7.B.2.g |

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| Rescissions | None |

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