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

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**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 Notification.”***Notes***: * Minor editorial changes have also been made to
* update incorrect or obsolete 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, 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 add instructions to attach *VA Form 21-0788, Information Regarding Apportionment of Beneficiary’s Award*, to notices to incarcerated Veterans and their dependents. | M21-1, Part III, Subpart v, Chapter 8, Section B, Topic 1, Block a (III.v.8.B.1.a) |
| To create a new Block 1.b in order to* add the requirement that requests for the payment of an incarcerated Veteran’s pension to his/her dependen(s) must be submitted on *VA Form 21-0788*, and
* relocate a note from III.v.8.B.1.a (that indicates the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will accept a *VA Form 21-0788* from either a Veteran or his/her dependents) to a more logical location.
 | III.v.8.B.1.b |
| To clarify that a request for payment of an incarcerated Veteran’s pension to his/her dependents must be submitted on *VA Form 21-0788*. | III.v.8.B.1.e |
| To update example with dates after March 24, 2015 and change “request” to *VA Form 21-0788*. | III.v.8.B.1.g |
| To delete old Block 4.h regarding effective date for resuming the payment of pension after incarceration ends, which is being relocated to III.v.8.A.4 | III.v.8.B.4.h (old) |
| * To add the requirement to send a *VA Form 21-0788* to a Veteran’s dependent(s) when discontinuing the payment of pension to the Veteran’s dependent(s) after incarceration ends.
* To add a note clarifying that VA does not require a specific form to
* report that incarceration has ended, or
* request a resumption of benefits after incarceration ends.
 | III.v.8.B.1.i |
| To add instructions to attach *VA Form 21-0788* to notices to incarcerated Veterans and their dependents. | III.v.8.B.2.a |
| To create a new Block 2.b in order to* add the requirement that claims for apportionment of an incarcerated Veteran’s compensation must be filed on *VA Form 21-0788*, and
* relocate a note from III.v.8.B.2.a (that indicates VA will accept a *VA Form 21-0788* from either a Veteran or his/her dependents) to a more logical location.
 | III.v.8.B.2.b |
| To clarify that a request for apportionment of an incarcerated Veteran’s compensation to his/her dependents must be submitted on *VA Form 21-0788*. | III.v.8.B.2.c |
| To update example with dates after March 24, 2015 and change “claim” to *VA Form 21-0788*. | III.v.8.B.2.e |
| * To remove instructions to send *VA Form 21-0788* to an incarcerated Veteran’s dependent(s), because the dependent(s) would have already completed and returned the form to VA.
* To add instructions for determining the amount of compensation that may be apportioned to an incarcerated Veteran’s dependent(s).
 | III.v.8.B.2.g |
| To delete old Block 5.g regarding effective date for resuming benefits, which is being relocated to III.v.8.A.4 | III.v.8.B.5.g (old) |
| To add a note clarifying that VA does not require a specific form to* report that incarceration has ended, or
* request a restoration of benefits to which the Veteran is otherwise entitled after incarceration ends.
 | III.v.8.B.3.b |

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| Rescissions | None |

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