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

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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 M21-1, Part III, “General Claims Process,” Subpart vi, “Special Authorization Issues.” ***Notes***: * The term “regional office” (RO) also includes pension management center (PMC), where appropriate.
* 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 obsolete terminology, where appropriate
* renumber each topic based on the standard that the first topic in each section is Topic 1
* bring the document into conformance with M21-1 standards.
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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation |
| To update procedures for paperless claims processing. | M21-1, Part III, Subpart vi, Chapter 1, Section B, Topic 1, Block f (III.vi.1.B.1.f) |
| To update procedures for paperless claims processing. | III.vi.1.B.2.a |
| To remove outdated procedures for transferring paper claims folders. | III.vi.1.B.2.b |

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