#### Department of Veterans Affairs M21-1MR, 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 M21-1MR, Part III, “General Claims Process,” Subpart vi, “Special Authorization Issues.”***Notes***: Minor editorial changes have also been made to * update incorrect or obsolete hyperlink references
* include reference to VBMS as a record system to update
* make a distinction, where necessary, between Compensation Service and Pension and Fiduciary (P&F) Service.
* update references to Veterans Service Center Managers (VSCMs) to also include Pension Maintenance Center Managers (PMCMs)
* 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 | Page(s) |
| To update the name of the Compensation Service staff responsible for* reviewing the propriety of establishing service connection, and
* providing guidance when rating schedule provisions are not adequate.
 | M21-1MR, Part III, Subpart vi, Chapter 1, Section A, Topic 1, Block d (III.vi.1.A.1.d) | 1-A-5 |
| To add a new block that consolidates procedures for submitting a request for guidance to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Central Office (CO) into a single block. | III.vi.1.A.1.f | 1-A-7 |
| To delete the following blocks, as the information contained in them has been consolidated into a single block (III.vi.1.A.1.f):* III.vi.1.A.2.b
* III.vi.1.A.3.c, and
* III.vi.1.A.4.d.
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