#### 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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| 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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