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

**Veterans Benefits Administration May 28, 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 vi, “Special Authorization Issues.”***Notes***: 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
* update section and topic titles to more accurately reflect their content
* 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 delete M21-1, Part III, Subpart vi, Chapter 3, Section B, Topic 1, Block e, because Veterans Benefits Management System-Awards (VBMS-A), or Veterans Network (VETSNET), doesn’t provide an option for discontinuance. | M21-1, Part III, Subpart vi, Chapter 3, Section B, Topic 1, Block e(III.vi.3.B.1.e.) |
| To delete Note in Topic 4, Block b, on use of *reason code 29*, “*Payee residing in a listed country*”. | III.vi.3.B.4.b |
| To add instructions to annotate on the award, “*Payee residing in a listed country*”.  | III.vi.3.B.4.c |
| To delete bullet to request *VA Form 21-508 (372), Certificate of Identification,* based on guidance from the Pittsburgh RO that the form is no longer in use. | III.vi.3.B.5.e |

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| Rescissions | None |

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