#### 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***:   * 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 dependent(s) file with VA. * Minor editorial changes have also been made to * update the term “veteran” to “Veteran” * renumber each topic based on the standard that the first topic in each section is Topic 1, * clarify block text, including through cross references, and * bring the document into conformance with M21-1 standards. |

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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation |
| To expand discussion on eligibility, listing the four groups of Philippine service with potential eligibility, per Fact Sheet dated April 2008 on VA Benefits for Filipino Veterans. | M21-1, Part III, Subpart vi, Chapter 4, Section B, Topic 1, Block a  (III.vi.4.B.1.a) |
| To add Topic 5 on Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation (FVEC) | III.vi.4.B.5 |

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