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

**Veterans Benefits Administration May 28, 2015**

#### 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***: * The term “regional office” (RO) also includes pension management center (PMC), where appropriate.
* 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
* reassign alphabetical designations to individual blocks, 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 document into conformance with M21-1 standards.
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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation |
| * To add additional text for verifying if the claimant is receiving pension from the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO).
* To delete an obsolete note requiring ROs to furnish copies of Parents’ DIC awards involving payment of PVAO pension to the Manila RO.
 | M21-1, Part III, Subpart vi, Chapter 4, Section D, Topic 1, Block b.(III.vi.4.D.1.b) |
| To delete old III.vi.4.D.2.c containing instructions for computing the amount due at the half-dollar rate using the Benefits Delivery Network (BDN). | -- |
| * To add text clarifying how to determine amount payable to the Veteran.
* To combine blocks (old e and f) on the two methods of computing a combination of half-dollar and full-dollar rates by creating one table showing the two methods side by side in block c.
 | III.vi.4.D.2.c |
| To delete old III.vi.4.D.2.e containing first method of determining basis for half-dollar rate, which was incorporated into table in Block c. | -- |
| To delete old III.vi.4.D.2.f containing first method of determining basis for half-dollar rate, which was incorporated into table in Block c. | -- |
| To add the dollar amount payable to the Veteran for the first example based on current rates. | III.vi.4.D.2.d |
| To add the dollar amount payable to the Veteran for the second example based on current rates. | III.vi.4.D.2.e |
| To add a new Block f for processing awards at the half-dollar rate to the end of the topic, after the blocks discussing computation of rates. | III.vi.4.D.2.f |
| * To delete a note referring to a BDN “SL code” when processing awards.
* To add a reference to III.vi.4.A.2 for half-dollar or full-dollar rate eligibility.
 | III.vi.4.D.4.a |
| * To delete a note referring to a BDN “SL code” when processing awards.
* To add a reference to III.vi.4.A.2 for half-dollar or full-dollar rate eligibility.
 | III.vi.4.D.4.b |
| To add a reference to I.2 for due process. | III.vi.4.D.4.j |

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| Rescissions | None |

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