#### 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***:   * The term “regional office” (RO) also includes pension management center (PMC), where appropriate. * 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 survivors file with VA. * 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 * clarify block labels and/or block text, and * bring the document into conformance with M21-1 standards. |

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| To move the note about Manila Regional Office from the main block to a note block beneath the table. | M21-1, Part III, Subpart vi, Chapter 5, Section B, Topic 2, Block a (III.vi.B.2.a) |
| To update procedures for electronic claims folders processing. | III.vi.5.B.2.b |

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