**Department of Veterans Affairs** **Part IV, Subpart ii, Chapter 1, Section E**

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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 IV, “Compensation, DIC, and Death Compensation Benefits,” Subpart ii, “Compensation,” Chapter 1, “Development,” Section E, “Claims Based on Service in Southwest Asia.”  ***Notes***:   * M21-1MR will retain some information related to the Benefits Delivery Network (BDN) until all master records are converted to VETSNET.  For information on VETSNET applications and input, consult the [VETSNET User Guides](http://vbaw.vba.va.gov/bl/21/Systems/awards.htm) on the Compensation Service Intranet. * The term regional office (RO) also includes pension management center (PMC), where appropriate. * The term Veterans Service Center Manager (VSCM) also includes Pension Management Center Manager (PMCM), where appropriate. * Minor editorial changes have also been made to * clarify Block labels and/or Block text, * update links and form prefixes, and * bring the documents into conformance with M21-1MR standards. |

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| * Update block content to reflect use of DBQs and that some information from the Notice to Examiners is now incorporated in the Gulf War General Medical Examination DBQ. * Clarify the block label to reflect that the guidance pertains to requesting opinions as well as examination results. | M21-1MR, Part IV, Subpart II, Chapter 1, Section E, Topic 19, Block f. (IV.ii.1.E.19.f) | 1-E-6 |
| * Delete existing block g that is incorporated in the Gulf War General Medical DBQ. * Redesignate block h content as new block g. * Remove unclear wording from new block g. | IV.ii.1.E.19.g | 1-E-7 to  1-E-8 |

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