#### Department of Veterans Affairs M21-1MR, Part IV, Subpart ii

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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 Compensaiton Benefits,” Subpart ii, “Compensation.”***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
* to update “Compensation and Pension (C&P) Service” to “Compensation Service,” where appropriate.
* update the term “VCAA notice” to “section 5103 notice”
* revise incorrect reference citations
* update obsolete terminology
* reflect the repagination of topics
* clarify block labels and/or block text, and
* bring the documents into conformance with M21-1MR standards.
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| To update the address to use to obtain Air Force records of occupational exposure to radiation. | Part IV, Subpart ii. Chapter 1, Section C, Topic 9, Block e (IV.ii.1.C.9.e) | 1-C-14 |
| To update the telephone number and ZIP code to use to obtain Coast Guard records of occupational exposure to radiation. | IV.ii.1.C.9.e | 1-C-15 |
| To update the possible selections to use in the Modern Awards Processing-Development (MAP-D) application when developing a claim based on personal trauma. | IV.ii.1.D.17.k | 1-D-41 |
| To correct the text of the first stub sentence to read “All claims for service connection for disabilities resulting from exposure to mustard agents or Lewisite must be controlled concurrently with …” | IV.ii.1.F.22.a | 1-F-7 |

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| To discuss the use of the PIES O39 code to verify service when a Veteran claims temporary duty to the Republic of Vietnam (RVN) during the early period of the Southeast Asian conflict. | IV.ii.1.H.28.d | 1-H-9 |
| To add a block to discuss verifying naval aviation service in the RVN.***Note***: The subsequent blocks in this topic are re-lettered. | IV.ii.1.H.28.k | 1-H-15 |
| To clarify the references for claims based on exposure to contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune from 1957 to 1987. | IV.ii.1.H.32.a | 1-H-26 |
| To discuss claims based on exposure to environmental hazards that are not substantially complete and how to handle these cases. | IV.ii.1.H.32.b | 1-H-27 |
| To add a block to discuss the centralized processing of Camp Lejeune claims at the Louisville Regional Office. | IV.ii.1.H.32.f | 1-H-30 |
| To add a block to discuss the actions taken by the office of original jurisdiction upon receipt of a Camp Lejeune claim. | IV.ii.1.H.32.g | 1-H-30 |
| To add a block to provide a sample letter notifying a claimant of transfer of a Camp Lejeune claim to the Louisville RO. | IV.ii.1.H.32.h | 1-H-31 |
| To add a block to provide a sample FLASH notice for Camp Lejeune claims folders. | IV.ii.1.H.32.i | 1-H-32 |
| To add a block to discuss the actions taken by the Louisville RO upon receipt of a Camp Lejeune claim. | IV.ii.1.H.32.j | 1-H-32 |
| To add a block to discuss verification of Camp Lejeune service. | IV.ii.1.H.32.k | 1-H-33 |
| To clarify when to send a request to the U.S. Army and Joint Services Records Research Center for verification of exposure to herbicides in Korea. | IV.ii.2.C.10.p | 2-C-24 |
| To add a block to discuss diseases associated with exposure to the contaminated water supply at Camp Lejeune. | IV.ii.2.C.12.f | 2-C-44 |
| To delete Block b, as it is not consistent with current VA case law.***Note***: The subsequent blocks in this topic are re-lettered. | IV.ii.2.F.24.b | 2-F-2 |

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| To correct the regulatory reference citation for informed consent to 38 CFR 17.32. | IV.ii.2.G.34.b | 2-G-10 |
| To add a block to discuss the mandatory use of the SMC Calculator on the Rating Job Aids web page | IV.ii.2.H.36.h | 2-H-4 |
| To note that per *Bradley v. Peake*, the definition of “single disability” in 38 CFR 4.16 applies only to total evaluations based on unemployability. | IV.ii.2.H.41.b | 2-H-24 |
| To revise Example 1 in accordance with *Bradley v. Peake* and current rating schedule provisions. | IV.ii.2.H.41.d | 2-H-25 |
| To revise Example 2 in accordance with *Bradley v. Peake.* | IV.ii.2.H.41.e | * 2-H-26
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| To change the title of Topic 43 to better reflect its content. | IV.ii.2.H.43 | 2-H-31 |
| To note that per *Bradley v. Peake*, the definition of “single disability” in 38 CFR 4.16 applies only to total evaluations based on unemployability. | IV.ii.2.H.44.b | 2-H-32 |
| To note that competency should not be put at issue when a 100 percent evaluation for a mental disorder is assigned under 38 CFR 4.29 unless the issue is otherwise raised by the evidence in the case. | IV.ii.2.J.60.a | 2-J-6 |
| To change the authorized Internet address locator service from ChoicePoint to Accurint for Government, in accordance with Fast Letter 09-44, *Accurint for Government – Nationwide Access to Internet Application to Obtain Current Addresses for Veterans.*  | IV.ii.3.B.5.c | 3-B-3 |
| To correct the text of the first stub sentence to read “If a claimant furnishes a good cause for not having reported for a required examination …” | IV.ii.3.B.6.h | 3-B-9 |

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