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

**Veterans Benefits Administration May 12, 2015**

**Washington, DC 20420**

#### 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 IV, “Compensation, DIC, and Death Compensation Benefits,” Subpart ii, “Compensation.”***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 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
* 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 effective date information per *Public Law (PL) 111-275*, effective October 1, 2011, to overview table of the history of Special Monthly Compensation (SMC) changes from July 1, 1933, to the present. | Part IV, Subpart ii, Chapter 2, Section I, Topic 1, Block d (IV.ii.2.I.1.d) |
| To add new Block c with effective date information under *PL 111-275*, effective October 1, 2011, which authorized payment of new SMC (t) rate under 38 U.S.C. 1114 (t) equal to the rate of SMC (r)(2) to Veterans who need aid and attendance as the result of residuals of traumatic brain injury. | IV.ii.2.I.11.c |

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| Rescissions | None |

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