**Department of Veterans Affairs** **Part IV, Subpart ii, Chapter 2, Section D**

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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 2, “Rating,” Section D, “Service Connection for Qualifying Disabilities Associated with 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, and
* bring the documents into conformance with M21-1MR standards.
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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation | Page(s) |
| * Clarify that the presumptive period under 3.317 now ends December 31, 2016.
 | IV.ii.2.D.13.h | 2-D-5 |
| * Parallel changes associated with Simplified Notice Letter (SNL) initiative. Remove reference to *Reasons for Decisions* and add reference to where new guidance on rating decision changes will appear.
 | IV.ii.2.D.15.c | 2-D-17 |
| * Parallel changes associated with SNL initiative. Remove reference to *Reasons for Decisions* and add reference to where new guidance on rating decision changes will appear.
 | IV.ii.2.D.16.a | 2-D-19 |

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| * Parallel changes associated with SNL initiative. Remove reference to *Reasons for Decisions* and add reference to where new guidance on rating decision changes will appear.
 | IV.ii.2.D.16.b-c | 2-D-20 |
| * Parallel changes associated with SNL initiative. Remove reference to *Reasons for Decisions* and add reference to where new guidance on rating decision changes will appear.
 | IV.ii.2.D.17.a | 2-D-25 |
| * Parallel changes associated with SNL initiative. Remove reference to *Reasons for Decisions* and add reference.
 | IV.ii.2.D.17.b-c | 2-D-26 |
| * Parallel changes associated with SNL initiative. Remove reference to *Reasons for Decisions* and add reference.
 | IV.ii.2.D.17.d-f | 2-D-27 |

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| Rescissions | None |

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