#### Department of Veterans Affairs M21-1, 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 M21-1, Part IV, “Compensation, DIC, and Death Compensation Benefits” Subpart ii, “Compensation.”  ***Notes***:   * 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. * 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 obsolete terminology, where appropriate * remove references to specific claims-processing systems, where doing so does not affect the clarity of the instructions or information provided * 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 * 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| To remove outdated guidance about the shipping of paper claims folders. | M21-1, Part IV, Subpart ii, Chapter 3, Section D, Topic 2, Block d  (IV.ii.3.D.2.d) |
| To add a block to clarify the effect of state laws on offset decisions to include information on damages recovered under a state survival statute and a wrongful death statue. | IV.ii.3.D.3.b |
| To add a block to clarify that the full amount of damages recovered by an individual under the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) is subject to offset against benefits payable to that individual under section 38 U.S.C. 1151, regardless of whether those damages compensate for economic or noneconomic loss. | IV.ii.3.D.3.c |
| To remove outdated BDN based processing language and procedures | IV.ii.3.D.3.f |
| To remove block IV.ii.3.D.4(old 14).b that referenced outdated BDN based processing language and procedures. | IV.ii.3.D.4.b |
| To remove block IV.ii.3.D.4(old 14).c that referenced outdated BDN based processing language and procedures. | IV.ii.3.D.4.c |
| To remove block IV.ii.3.D.4(old 14).d that referenced outdated BDN based processing language and procedures. | IV.ii.3.D.4.d |
| To remove block IV.ii.3.D.4(old 14).e that referenced outdated BDN based processing language and procedures. | IV.ii.3.D.4.e |
| To remove block IV.ii.3.D.4(old 14).f that referenced outdated BDN based processing language and procedures. | IV.ii.3.D.4.f |
| To remove outdated BDN based processing language and procedures. | IV.ii.3.D.5.a |
| To remove block IV.ii.3.D.5(old 15).c because information was merged with IV.ii.3.D.5.a. | IV.ii.3.D.5.c |

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| Rescissions | None |

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