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

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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,” Subpart iii, “DIC and Death Compensation.”  ***Notes***:   * M21-1MR will retain some information related to the Benefits Delivery Network (BDN) until it is no longer operational, since the Veterans Service Network (VETSNET) does not yet permit processing of all types of benefit transactions.  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 * update incorrect or obsolete hyperlink references * update the term “veteran” to “Veteran” * update the term “VCAA notice” to “section 5103 notice” * update obsolete terminology, where appropriate * clarify block labels and/or block text, and * bring the documents into conformance with M21-1MR standards. |

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| To remove the information on the Benefits Delivery Network (BDN) 401 screen, as DIC awards are now processed in VETSNET. | Part IV, Subpart iii, Chapter 3, Section A, Topic 1, Block b (IV.iii.3.A.1.b) | 3-A-2 |
| To incorporate VETSNET Awards procedures for DIC awards that include the additional monthly allowance payable under 38 U.S.C. 1311(a)(2). | IV.iii.3.A.5.d | 3-A-10 |

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| To change “$250 payment” to “child supplement payment,” as the amount of this payment may change in the future. | IV.ii.3.A.7.b | 3-A-13 |
| * To indicate in the second bulleted item that entitlement to the additional monthly amount for surviving spouses with minor children may terminate at the first of the month *following* the month in which the last minor child reaches the age of 18. * To note that if minor child(ren) are on the surviving spouse’s award, VETSNET Awards will automatically include the child supplement. * To revise Example 3 to illustrate that entitlement is terminated at the first of the month following the month in which the last minor child reaches the age of 18. | IV.iii.3.A.7.d | 3-A-14 |
| To delete Block e, as this information on special law code 28 and end product credit is now obsolete. | IV.iii.3.A.7.e | 3-A-15 |
| To correct the name of Topic 8 and state that the BDN 401 screen is used in processing DIC awards in BDN only and is included here for historical purposes. | IV.iii.3.A.8 | 3-A-15 |

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