#### Department of Veterans Affairs M21-1, Part VI

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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 VI, “Chapter 18 Benefits”  ***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 dependent(s) file with VA. * Minor editorial changes have also been made to * update incorrect or obsolete references * update the term “veteran” to “Veteran” * update the term “notification letter” to “decision notice” * 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 * 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 reformat block text into an If/Then table and add a reference on the effective date for resumption of discontinued benefits under 38 U.S.C. Chapter 18. | M21-1, Part VI, Chapter 2, Section D, Topic 1, Block a.  (VI.2.D.1.a) |
| To add new Block a with the text formerly located in the introduction to the Section. | VI.2.D.2.a |
| To reformat and clarify the text regarding the award and denial process for Chapter 18 claims. | VI.2.D.2.c |

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| Rescissions | None |

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