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

**Veterans Benefits Administration May 18, 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 VIII, “Accrued Benefits.” ***Notes***: Minor editorial changes have also been made to * remove references to rescinded portions of M21-1
* update incorrect or obsolete hyperlink references
* clarify block labels and/or block text
* update obsolete terminology, where appropriate, and
* bring the documents into conformance with M21-1 standards.
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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation |
| To clarify when accrued rating decisions are made for substitution purposes. | Part VIII, Chapter 3, Topic 1, Block a(VIII.3.1.a) |
| To delete a block entitled “Definition: Claim Pending on the Date of Death” because the information is already located in VIII.1. | ---------------------- |
| To add a block to describe how to address the issue of accrued or substitution in the rating decision. | VIII.3.2.b |
| To update the table to remove phrasing of reviewing only evidence in hand at the time of death, and to identify the accrued grant template to be used in the rating decision. | VIII.3.2.d |

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| Rescissions | Fast Letter (FL) 10-30, *Substitution of Party in Case of Claimant’s Death* |

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