**Department of Veterans Affairs** **Part IX, 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 IX “Ancillary and Special Benefits,” Subpart ii “Special Benefits.”***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.
* Minor editorial changes have also been made to
* clarify Block labels and/or Block text,
* correct links, references, station names and form prefixes
* bring the documents into conformance with M21-1 standards.
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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation |
| To create a block defining the concept of Dependent’s Educational Assistance (DEA) under 38 U.S.C. Chapter 35.  | Part IX, Subpart ii, Chapter 1, Topic 1 (IX.ii.2.1.a) |
| To create a separate block listing the types of potentially eligible recipients of DEA.  | IX.ii.2.1.b |
| To create a separate block listing the regulatory definitions for type of potentially eligible recipients of DEA. | IX.ii.2.1.c |
| To create a separate block listing the criteria for a qualifying Veteran for DEA purposes. | IX.ii.2.1.d |
| To create a separate block listing the criteria for a qualifying servicemember for DEA purposes. | IX.ii.2.1.e |
| To create a separate block defining total disability  | IX.ii.2.1.f |
| To create a separate block defining permanent disability | IX.ii.2.1.g |
| To create a separate block discussing concepts and policies regarding temporary total ratings and DEA | IX.ii.2.1.h |
| To create a separate block discussing when permanent and total disability exists for DEA purposes.  | IX.ii.2.1.i |
| To create a separate block clarifying the role of the regional office (RO) in making determinations for DEA purposes specifying that the RO does not determine the effective date of the DEA benefit; it makes a determination on the date of commencement of permanent and total disability for DEA purposes.  | IX.ii.2.1.j |
| To create a separate block discussing when DEA is a rating issue. | IX.ii.2.1.k |
| To create a separate block providing guidance on determining the date of permanent and total disability in the procedural posture of a claim for DEA or DEA granted as a subordinate issue.  | IX.ii.2.1.l |
| To create a separate block providing guidance on determining the date of permanent and total disability in the procedural posture of DEA granted as a result of cancellation of a review examination.  | IX.ii.2.1.m |
| To re-letter the block on regaining entitlement to DEA to reflect new placement in the topic. | IX.ii.2.1.n |
| * To rename the topic to improve clarity about the relationship between content in topics 2 and 3.
* To reorder blocks to improve flow of material and comprehension.
 | IX.ii.2.2 |
| To create a separate block providing guidance on interpreting claims raising dental issues and incorporating Fast Letter (FL) 12-18, *Dental Treatment Procedures (1)* | IX.ii.2.2.a |
| * To change some block text on outpatient dental treatment classifications for accuracy, clarity and consistency with FL 12-18 and 38 CFR 3.381.
 | IX.ii.2.2.b |
| * To change some block text on VBA and VHA roles in dental treatment eligibility determinations for accuracy, clarity and consistency with FL12-18 and 38 CFR 3.381.
* To add references.
 | IX.ii.2.2.c |
| * To improve block content on dental-treatment-related determinations that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) may request from the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), to incorporate FL 12-18, and to add references.
* To change block label to more accurately reflect block content.
 | IX.ii.2.2.d |
| * To incorporate a regulation change and FL 12-18 on preparing a rating for dental treatment purposes.
* To reword block label for accuracy and clarity.
 | IX.ii.2.2.e |
| * To revise block content on service trauma for treatment purposes to improve comprehension, to incorporate a court definition, and to add references.
* To reword the block label for accuracy and clarity.
 | IX.ii.2.2.f |
| * To clarify the regulatory basis for the content on conditions that can be service-connected (SC) only for treatment purposes, track guidance from FL 12-18, and provide a cross reference.
* To change the block label for accuracy and clarity.
 | IX.ii.2.2.g |
| * To incorporate material on conditions that cannot be SC (even for treatment purposes), and to add notes and regulatory citations for clarity.
* To change the block label for accuracy and clarity.
 | IX.ii.2.2.h |
| * To incorporate material from another topic and provide regulatory cites and enhanced block content to improve comprehension.
* To change the block label for accuracy and to better reflect block content.
 | IX.ii.2.2.i |
| * To incorporate material from another topic and provide a regulatory citation.
* To change the block label for accuracy and to better reflect block content.
 | IX.ii.2.2.j |
| * To incorporate material from another topic, revise the table and clarify the regulatory citation.
* To change the block label for accuracy and to better reflect block content.
 | IX.ii.2.2.k |
| * To incorporate material from another topic and clarify the regulatory basis for the block.
* To change the block label for clarity and to better reflect block content.
 | IX.ii.2.2.l |
| * To incorporate material from another topic.
* To change the block label for clarity
 | IX.ii.2.2.m |
| * To change the block label for accuracy and clarity.
* To removed unnecessary and redundant information.
 | IX.ii.2.2.q |
| * To rename the topic to improve clarity about the relationship between content in topics 2 and 3.
* To move material to topic 2.
* To reorder blocks to improve flow of material and comprehension.
 | IX.ii.2.3 |
| To add a new block with information on service connection of dental/oral claims for compensation purposes generally.  | IX.ii.2.3.a |
| To add a new block cross referencing provisions on when an examination is necessary.  | IX.ii.2.3.b |
| To incorporate material previously in another topic clarifying that specific claims for SC compensation for conditions listed in 38 CFR 3.381 must be denied. | IX.ii.2.3.c |
| To reorder blocks to improve flow of material and comprehension. | IX.ii.2.5 |
| * To add new content providing a summary of the Section 1702 provisions, a description of the roles of VHA and VBA in medical care eligibility, and a reference.
* To change the block label to better reflect block content.
 | IX.ii.2.5.a |
| To add a new content clarifying when VBA will make a determination on Section 1702 as stated in the December 2012 Veterans Service Center Manager (VSCM) call and to add references.  | IX.ii.2.5.b |
| * To shorten and clarify the statement of the Section 1702 standard, remove a typographical error inconsistent with the statute, and add explanation of the significance of the conjunctive standard for when the mental disorder must develop for the presumption to arise.
* To change the block label for clarity and to better reflect block content.
 | IX.ii.2.5.c |
| * To clarify the block content, changing an incorrect reference.
* To change the block label for clarity and to better reflect block content.
 | IX.ii.2.5.d |
| To rewrite the block content to focus on addressing VHA-requested determinations in the rating decision.  | IX.ii.2.5.e |
| To create new block content on addressing the subordinate issue of service connection for treatment purposes under 38 U.S.C. 1702 consistent with the VSCM call item from December 2012.  | IX.ii.2.5.f |

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| Rescissions | FL 12-18 |

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