#### Department of Veterans Affairs M21-1, Part IX, Subpart i

**Veterans Benefits Administration July 23, 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 IX, “Ancillary and Special Benefits,” Subpart i, “Ancillary Benefits.”  ***Notes***:   * The term “regional office” (RO) also includes pension management center (PMC), 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 the term “veteran” to “Veteran” * update obsolete terminology, where appropriate * renumber each topic based on the standard that the first topic in each section is Topic 1 * update section and topic titles to more accurately reflect their content * 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| * To remove outdated Benefits Delivery Network (BDN) information regarding claims establishment. * To remove the requirement of providing a signed copy of a Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors (REPS) rating decision to the St. Louis Special Processing Unit because the rating decisions are available for viewing in the Veterans Benefits Management System (VBMS). | Part IX, Subpart i, Chapter 6, Section B, Topic 1, Block a  (IX.i.6.B.1.a) |
| To add that the signed REPS memorandum should be uploaded to the Veteran’s electronic folder (eFolder). | IX.i.6.B.2.c |
| To remove the requirement of providing a signed copy of the rating decision because it is available for viewing in VBMS. | IX.i.6.B.3.c |
| * To remove outdated master record data information. * To add that the St. Louis Regional Office (RO) should review information in the eFolder when processing REPS claims. | IX.i.6.B.4.c |
| To add that the St. Louis RO should upload the original REPS application to the eFolder. | IX.i.6.B.5.b |
| * To add that the completed REPS application and memorandum should be uploaded to the Veteran’s eFolder. * To add to e-mail the REPS mailbox indicating that the completed application is in the eFolder. | IX.i.6.B.6.a |
| To add an exception that is not necessary to fax additional evidence to the St. Louis Special Processing Unit if the evidence is already located in the eFolder. | IX.i.6.B.6.b |

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