#### 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***: 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 * reassign alphabetical designations to individual blocks, where necessary, to account for new and/or deleted blocks within a topic * 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| To delete outdated Social Security Administration (SSA) references. | Part IX, Subpart i, Chapter 6, Section C, Topic 3, Block d  (IX.i.6.C.3.d) |
| To add information from VAOPGCPREC 07-98 indicating that if service connection for the Veteran’s death is established based on a presumptive regulation, the effective date of Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors (REPS) benefits is not limited by the effective date of the regulation establishing presumption. | IX.i.6.C.7.a |
| To delete outdated master record information. | IX.i.6.C.8.a |
| * To delete outdated Benefits Delivery Network (BDN) information. * To add to set a control for return of *VA Form 21-8926,* *Certification of School Attendance – REPS*. | IX.i.6.C.8.d |
| To add to set a control for return of *VA Form 21-8926*. | IX.i.6.C.8.e |
| To delete inaccurate information that system automatically changes the certification status code upon issuing *VA Form 21-8938-1*, *Student Beneficiary Report - REPS* . | IX.i.6.C.8.f |
| To delete block e in topic 4 (old 19) entitled “SSA POMS References for Instructions Pertaining to the Earnings Records,” which contained outdated SSA references. | ---------------------- |
| To delete topic 26 entitled “Setting and Removing the REPS Master Record Indicator,” which contained outdated master record information. | ---------------------- |

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| Rescissions | None |

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