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

**Veterans Benefits Administration Date**

**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. * The term “Veterans Service Center Manager” (VSCM) also includes Pension Management Center Manager (PMCM), 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 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 * 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 reflect that the Pension Management Center (PMC) has jurisdiction of accrued clothing allowance. | M21-1, Part IX, Subpart I, Chapter 7, Topic 1, Block b  (IX.i.7.1.b) |
| To remove all references that deal with master record data or codes because the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and PMC process all Annual Clothing Allowance Payment (ACAP) claims. | IX.i.7.2.b |
| • To include the word “military” before the word “retired pay.”  • To remove language related to old computer processing codes. | IX.i.7.2.c |
| To remove block on “Reduction of the 1997 Clothing Allowance”. This topic references a Veteran incarcerated between October 8, 1996 and August 1, 1997. | IX.i.7.3.e |
| To delete Exception paragraph on topic “Responsibility for Furnishing Statement of Cases (SOCs) and Certifying Appeals”. This paragraph references regional office decisions promulgated prior to VHA processing ACAP claims. | IX.i.7.4.a |
| To delete Topic 4, *Computer Processing of the Annual Clothing Allowance Payment (ACAP)*, because the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) handles all processing for ACAP. | -- |
| To delete Topic 5, *Computer Processing of the ACAP for Incarcarated Veterans*, because the VHA handles all processing for ACAP. | -- |

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