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

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**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 ii, “Special Benefits”.  ***Notes***: Minor editorial changes have also been made to   * update incorrect or obsolete references * 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 add *VA Form 21-534EZ, Application for DIC, Death Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits*, and *VA Form 21-534a, Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation Compensation by a Surviving Spouse or Child - In-Service Death Only*, as acceptable forms for claims for the special allowance under 38 U.S.C. 1312(a). | M21-1, Part IX, Subpart ii, Chapter 1, Section B, Topic 2, Block a (IX.ii.1.B.2.a) |
| To add *VA Form 21-534EZ* and *VA Form 21-534a* to the *When/Then* table as forms that may be obtained when *VA Form 21-4182, Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation or Death Pension (Including Accrued Benefits and Death Compensation Where Applicable)*, is received from a surviving spouse, child, or parent. | IX.ii.1.B.2.b |

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