#### 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***: * 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
* 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| * To remove outdated Benefits Delivery Network (BDN) instructions related to special law, dependency and entitlement codes.
* To clarify what payee numbers to use when establishing an award for the special allowance payable under 38 U.S.C. 1312(a).
 | Part IX, Subpart ii, Chapter 1, Section D, Topic 1, Block a(IX.ii.1.D.1.a) |
| To add a block to provide instructions for new awards for the special allowance payable under 38 U.S.C. 1312(a). | IX.ii.1.D.1.c |
| To add a block to provide instructions for amending running awards for the special allowance payable under 38 U.S.C. 1312(a). | IX.ii.1.D.1.d |
| To update language in the award letter, including the addresses of where to send statements and returned checks. | IX.ii.1.D.2.c |
| To remove outdated BDN information, and replace with Veterans Service Network (VETSNET) information.  | IX.ii.1.D.5.c |

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| Rescissions | None |

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