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

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#### 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 M21-1MR, Part IX, “Ancillary and Special Benefits,” Subpart ii, “Special 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. * Minor editorial changes have also been made to * update the term “veteran” to “Veteran” * clarify block labels and/or block text, and * bring the documents into conformance with M21-1MR standards. |

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| To make this section consistent with Part III, Subpart ii, Chapter 5, Section B, Topic 6 (III.ii.5.B.6) by clarifying in the block text that the Philadelphia PMC has sole authority to make awards and payments of the special allowance under 38 U.S.C. 1312(a). | IX.ii.1.A.2.a | 1-A-3 |
| To update the block label and block text to reflect that folders are transferred to the Philadelphia PMC. | IX.ii.1.A.2.b | 1-A-3 |

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