Date: April 20, 2023
From: Under Secretary for Health (10)
Subj: Delegation of Authority to Approve an Employee’s Receipt of Compensation under the Joseph Maxwell Cleland and Robert Joseph Dole Memorial Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2022
To: Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) Directors (10N1-23)
Medical Center Directors (00)
Chiefs of Staff (11)
Thru: Chief, Human Capital Management (106) and Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Operations (15)

1. **DELEGATION.** This memorandum delegates to Medical Center Directors the authority to agree in writing to the terms of an employee's receipt of compensation from an affiliated university or a VA Non-Profit Research and Education Corporation.

2. **AUTHORITY.**
   a. [VA Directive 0000](#), Delegation of Authority.
   b. [38 U.S.C. § 303](#), Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
   c. [38 U.S.C. § 512](#), Delegations of Authority.
   d. 38 U.S.C. 7382(b), Outside Earned Income for Research for the Department (created by [The Joseph Maxwell Cleland and Robert Joseph Dole Memorial Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2022 § 182 (2022)](#), which is part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 117-328)).

4. **RESTRICTIONS.** In making such agreements, the Medical Center Director and other officials who redelegated this authority in writing must follow guidance issued by the Veterans Health Administration’s Office of Research and Development.

5. **REDELEGATION.** The Medical Center Director may redelegate this authority in writing to the Chief of Staff. No further redelegations are permitted.

6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This delegation of authority is effective upon signature. This delegation will remain in effect for four years unless otherwise rescinded, modified, or superseded.

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