

Department of
Veterans Affairs

Memorandum

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)).
3. **REFERENCES.** [38 U.S.C. § 7303](#); [VHA Directive 1200.02\(1\)](#), [Research Business Operations](#); [VHA Handbook 1200.17](#), [VA Nonprofit Research and Education Corporations Authorized by Title 38 U.S.C. §§ 7361 through 7366](#); [Memorandum for Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and Other Key Officials Dated February 28, 2023](#).

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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 This delegation will remain in effect for four years unless otherwise rescinded, modified, or superseded.



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