

THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WASHINGTON

February 8, 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARIES, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES, AND OTHER KEY OFFICIALS

Subject: Delegation of Authority to Waive the Federal Travel Regulations within the Continental United States (WebCIMS #396045)

- 1. DELEGATION. Pursuant to the authority granted the Department of Veterans Affairs under 41 CFR 302-2.106, I hereby delegate to the Assistant Secretary for Management the authority to waive statutory or regulatory limitations associated with employees relocating to or from a remote or isolated location when determining that failure to waive the limitation would cause an undue hardship on the employee. The Assistant Secretary for Management is authorized to approve such requests for Staff Offices and all Administrations.
- **2. AUTHORITY.** 41 CFR 302-2.106 provides the head of the agency, or their designee, the ability to waive the statutory and regulatory limitations set forth in the Federal Travel Regulations relating to permanent change of station for employees relocating to or from a remote or isolated location. Current VA policy contained in MP-1, part II, chapter 2, does not address this circumstance.
- **3. RESTRICTIONS**. Waiver authority provided by 41 CFR 302-2.106 is limited to requests from employees relocating to or from a remote or isolated location within the Continental United States.
- 4. REDELEGATION. There are no redelegations.
- **5. EFFECTIVE DATE**. This delegation of authority is effective upon signature and remains in effect until superseded.

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