VHA NOTICE 2024-02

February 22, 2024

RESCISSION OF VHA DIRECTIVE 0320.07, DUAL USE VEHICLE (DUV) PROGRAM

1. By direction of the Office of the Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration (VHA), VHA Directive 0320.07, Dual Use Vehicle (DUV) Program dated June 18, 2018, is rescinded.

2. This policy is obsolete because VHA is shifting its focus from providing a specific asset for patient evacuations to establishing a more organic evacuation capability within each VA medical facility. Maintaining a capability instead of requiring a specific asset enables VA medical facilities and Veteran Integrated Service Networks (VISN) to determine the most appropriate asset to support their unique needs during an evacuation. Every VA medical facility has its own set of internal and external resources, infrastructure, and Veteran needs. A one-size-fits-all asset approach is not the most efficient or effective solution for unique needs during an evacuation. *NOTE: This notice applies to all VA medical facilities and VISNs that manage DUVs as well as any VA medical facility or VISN that may acquire a DUV.*

3. VA medical facilities that continue to maintain their DUVs or decide to acquire new DUVs should follow the asset's manufacturer's information and local Fleet Management policies.

4. More information can be found in VHA Memorandum 2024-01-19, Dual Use Vehicles Transition, at <u>https://vaww.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=11660</u>.

5. All inquiries concerning this action should be addressed to the Office of Emergency Management (15EM) at VHA15EMEmergencyMgmtAction@va.gov.

6. This VHA notice will expire and be archived on February 28, 2025. However, the rescission information will remain in effect.

BY DIRECTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR HEALTH:

/s/ Rima Ann Nelson Assistant Under Secretary for Health for for Operations

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