

April 25, 2017

**RESCISSION OF VHA DIRECTIVE 2008-065, PERFORMANCE OF TRAUMATIC
BRAIN INJURY SPECIFIC OCULAR HEALTH AND VISUAL FUNCTIONING
EXAMINATIONS FOR POLYTRAUMA REHABILITATION CENTER PATIENTS**

1. By direction of the Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Directive 2008-065, Performance of Traumatic Brain Injury Specific Ocular Health and Visual Functioning Examinations for Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center Patients, dated October 20, 2008, is rescinded.
2. This directive is no longer necessary. Current clinical guidance can be found on the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Optometry Internet Webpage at https://www.va.gov/OPTOMETRY/Low_Vision_Rehabilitation.asp. Specifically, in the Vision Centers of Excellence (VCE), Clinical Recommendation for the Eye Care Provider, Eye and Vision Care Following Blast Exposure and/or Possible Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). The Clinical Recommendation for the Eye Care Provider on Eye and Vision Care Following Blast Exposure and/or Possible TBI was developed by the VCE with the Department of Defense and VA Optometry & Ophthalmology and other subject matter experts. This VCE document was reviewed and approved by the appropriate DoD and VA program offices and leadership prior to publication and provides current clinical guidance. Additional policy on Polytrauma System of Care requirements for TBI screening and referral is located in VHA Handbook 1172.01, Polytrauma System of Care.
3. All inquiries concerning this action should be addressed to the Office of Rehabilitation and Prosthetics Services (10P4R) at VHA10P4RAction@va.gov.
4. This VHA notice will be archived as of April 30, 2018. However, the rescission information will remain in effect.

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