



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

September 4, 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR HEALTH

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority for Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Professionals Educational Assistance Program, Employee Incentive Scholarship Program, Education Debt Reduction Program, Health Professional Scholarship Program, and Visual Impairment and Orientation and Mobility Professional Scholarship Program (VIEWS #00048424)

1. **DELEGATION.** This memorandum delegates to the Under Secretary for Health, or Executive in Charge in the absence of such an individual, the authority to administer the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA):

- a. Health Professionals Educational Assistance Program, chapter 76, part V of title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.), specifically the:
 - i. Employee Incentive Scholarship Program, subchapter VI, chapter 76, part V of 38 U.S.C. § 7671 et seq.;
 - ii. Education Debt Reduction Program, subchapter VII, chapter 76, part V of 38 U.S.C. § 7681 et seq.; and
 - iii. Health Professional Scholarship Program, subchapter II, chapter 76, part V of 38 U.S.C. § 7611 et seq.; and
- b. Visual Impairment and Orientation and Mobility Professional Scholarship Program, chapter 75, part V of 38 U.S.C. § 7501 et seq.

2. **AUTHORITY.** 38 U.S.C. § 512 and VA Directive 0000.

3. **RESTRICTIONS.** None. This delegation cancels and supersedes all previous delegations of authority that may conflict with this delegation.

4. **REDELEGATION.** The Under Secretary for Health, or Executive in Charge in the absence of such an individual, may redelegate the authority to administer these programs to the Veterans Health Administration's (VHA) Office of Workforce Management and Consulting (WMC). WMC's Chief Officer may redelegate this authority to WMC Directors and/or Program Managers, as necessary, to expedite the hiring or retention of qualified VHA health care professionals.

5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This delegation of authority is effective upon signature and until otherwise rescinded. I waive the 2-year time limit, prescribed in VA Directive 0000, for this delegation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Wilkie", is positioned above the printed name.

Robert L. Wilkie