



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

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

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority for Appointments to Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board (VIEWS 4808705)

1. DELEGATION: Authority is hereby delegated to the Under Secretary for Health (USH) to appoint members to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board.

2. AUTHORITY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and the U.S. General Service Administration Federal Advisory Committee Management, Final Rule, 41 C.F.R. Parts 101-6 and 102-3, authority to delegate is contained in [38 U.S.C. § 512\(a\)](#), Delegation of Authority; assignment of functions and duties.

3. RESTRICTIONS: This delegation is restricted to appointing Committee members. VA's Advisory Committee Management Officer (ACMO) will retain responsibility for ensuring that the Committee functions in compliance with FACA requirements and its implementing regulations. The Secretary and ACMO shall be kept informed of all appointments to the Committee. This delegation cancels and supersedes all previous Delegations of Authority that may conflict with this delegation.

4. REDELEGATION: USH may not further delegate this authority.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Delegation of Authority is effective upon signature. I waive the two-year expiration date required by [VA Directive 0000](#). This delegation will remain in effect for four years unless otherwise rescinded, modified or superseded.


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