



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

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

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority to Approve an Employee's Receipt of Compensation under the Joseph Maxwell Cleland and Robert Joseph Dole Memorial Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2022.

1. DELEGATION. This memorandum delegates to the Under Secretary for Health the authority to agree in writing to the terms of an employee's receipt of compensation from an affiliated university or a VA Non-Profit Research and Education Corporation.

2. AUTHORITY.

- a. [VA Directive 0000](#), Delegation of Authority.
- b. [38 U.S.C. § 303](#), Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
- c. [38 U.S.C. § 512](#), Delegations of Authority.
- d. 38 U.S.C. 7382(b), Outside Earned Income for Research for the Department (created by [The Joseph Maxwell Cleland and Robert Joseph Dole Memorial Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2022 § 182 \(2022\)](#), which is part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 117-328)).

3. REFERENCES.

- a. [38 U.S.C. § 7303, Functions of Veterans Health Administration \(VHA\): Research Programs.](#)
- b. [VHA Directive 1200.02\(1\), Research Business Operations.](#)
- c. [VHA Handbook 1200.17, VA Nonprofit Research and Education Corporations Authorized by 38 U.S.C. §§ 7361 through 7366.](#)

4. RESTRICTIONS. In making such agreements, the Under Secretary for Health and other officials redelegated this authority in writing must follow [guidance](#) issued by VHA's Office of Research and Development.

5. REDELEGATION. The Under Secretary for Health may redelegate this authority in writing to the Medical Center Director level, who may in turn redelegate no further than their Medical Center Chief of Staff. No further redelegations are permitted.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This delegation of authority is effective upon signature. This delegation will remain in effect for 4 years unless otherwise rescinded, modified or superseded.


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