

AMENDING VA DIRECTIVE 6500 TO INCORPORATE M-24-15

1. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this notice is to amend language in [Department of Veterans Affairs \(VA\) Directive 6500, VA Cybersecurity Program, dated February 24, 2021](#) to align with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-24-15 *Modernizing the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP)* requirements, dated July 25, 2024.
2. **POLICY:** VA Directive 6500 is amended as follows:
 - a. Page 3, section 2 – Policy, as a new second paragraph: Insert “All cloud computing products and services undergoing VA Authorization to Operate (ATO) are to comply with Federal Risk and Authorization Management (FedRAMP) requirements and guidance, as defined by the FedRAMP Board. Cloud computing, as defined by NIST SP 800-145, *The NIST Definition of Cloud Computing*, are considered within the scope of FedRAMP if:
 - (1) They create, collect, process, transmit, store, or maintain federal information on behalf of a federal agency;
 - (2) They process only unclassified information and are not designated as National Security Systems as defined in 44 U.S.C. § 3552; and
 - (3) Not otherwise specified as out of scope by FedRAMP as defined in OMB M-24-15.”
 - b. Page 32, Section 4 Reference, c. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Insert “NIST SP 800-145, *The NIST Definition of Cloud Computing*.”
 - c. Page 33, Section 4 References, e. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Publications Insert “OMB M-24-15, *Modernizing the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP)*.”
 - d. Page 34, Section 5 Definitions Insert “Cloud Computing: See NIST SP 800-145, *The NIST Definition of Cloud Computing*.”
3. **RESPONSIBLE OFFICE:** Office of Information and Technology (005), Office of Information Security (005R).
4. **RELATED DIRECTIVE:** VA Directive 6500, VA Cybersecurity Program dated February 24, 2021.
5. **RESCISSION:** This notice will be rescinded, and guidance incorporated into the appropriate directive and/or handbook no later than one year after the date of publication.

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Washington, DC 20420**

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CERTIFIED BY:

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