



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

October 18, 2017

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

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority to Determine 38 U.S.C. § 7422 Requests

1. DELEGATION: Through this memorandum, I hereby designate the Under Secretary of Health the authority to decide, under 38 U.S.C. § 7422(d), whether a matter or question concerns or arises out of professional conduct or competence (direct patient care, clinical competence), peer review or employee compensation within the meaning of 38 U.S.C. § 7422 and issue determinations based on those decisions. This authority may not be redelegated.

2. AUTHORITY: 38 U.S.C. § 512(a).

3. RESTRICTIONS: None.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE. The delegation of authority is effective upon signature and will remain in place indefinitely unless otherwise rescinded.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David J. Shulkin, M.D." in a cursive style.

David J. Shulkin, M.D.