VALIDITY OF VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION POLICY DOCUMENTS

1. Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is amending VHA Directive 6330(3), Controlled National Policy/Directives Management System, dated June 24, 2016, paragraph 2.j. as follows:

   A recertification date is clearly identified on all controlled national policy (CNP) and is the date on or before which the CNP must be recertified or extended (see Appendix B of this directive). CNP that is overdue for recertification must be followed until superseded by more recent CNP or has been rescinded.

2. These changes reflect existing practice, are consistent with Under Secretary for Health Memo 10-2016-01, Validity of VHA Policy Documents, dated June 29, 2016, found here https://vaww.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=3215, and clarify the requirement that CNP must be followed until superseded or rescinded, regardless of the fact that it is overdue for recertification.

3. The amendment has been incorporated into VHA Directive 6330(4), Controlled National Policy/Directives Management System, amended June 29, 2018 and can be found at https://vaww.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=4310, specifically paragraph 2.j.

4. Of note, no change is made to paragraph 2.j.(1). It remains VHA’s standard that:

   All national policy, including published policies that no longer meet the definition of CNP (i.e., handbooks, memoranda), remain policy until rescinded, recertified, or August 31, 2021, whichever is later.

5. Questions regarding this memo may be directed to Mr. Brian McCarthy, Chief of Policy, VHA Office of Regulatory and Administrative Affairs by email at Brian.McCarthy4@va.gov, or VHA CO 10B4 Actions VHACO10B4Actions@va.gov.

6. This VHA notice will be archived as of June 30, 2019.

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