RESCISSION OF VHA MANUAL M-1, PART I, CHAPTER 13, RELEASES FROM INPATIENT CARE

1. By direction of the Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Manual M-1, Part I, Chapter 13, Releases from Inpatient Care, dated April 8, 1993, is rescinded.

2. The content of this VHA manual is outdated or irrelevant. Current policy can be found in the following:
   
   a. **Patient Absences.**
      
      (1) VHA Directive 1149, Criteria for Authorized Absence, Passes, and Campus Privileges for Residents in VA Community Living Centers, dated June 1, 2017;
      
      (2) VHA Directive 2010-052, Management of Wandering and Missing Patients, dated December 3, 2010; and
      
      (3) VHA Handbook 1162.02, Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (MH RRTP), dated December 22, 2010.
   
   b. **Patient Transfers.**
      
      (1) VHA Directive 1010, Transition and Care Management of Ill or Injured Servicemembers and New Veterans, dated November 21, 2016;
      
      (2) VHA Directive 1094, Inter-Facility Transfer Policy, dated January 11, 2017; and
      
      (3) VHA Directive 1140.11, Uniform Geriatrics and Extended Care Services in VA Medical Centers and Clinics, dated October 11, 2016.
   
   c. **Patient Discharge.**
      
      (1) VHA Directive 1160.01, Uniform Mental Health Services in VA Medical Centers and Clinics, dated September 11, 2008;
      
      (2) VHA Directive 1411, Home-Based Primary Care Special Population Patient Aligned Care Team Program, dated June 5, 2017;
      
      (3) VHA Handbook 1101.10(1), Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) Handbook, dated February 5, 2014; and
      
      (4) VHA Handbook 1142.02, Admission Criteria, Service Codes, and Discharge Criteria for Department of Veterans Affairs Community Living Centers, dated September 2, 2012.
3. General inquiries concerning this action should be addressed to the VHA Office of Regulatory and Administrative Affairs (10B4) at 202-461-0500.

   a. Inquiries regarding VHA Directive 2010-052, Management of Wandering and Missing Patients, should be addressed to The Office of the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Quality, Safety, and Value (10E2) at 202-461-1994.

   b. Inquiries regarding VHA Handbook 1101.10(1), Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) Handbook, should be addressed the Office of Primary Care (10NC3) at VHA10NC3Staff@va.gov.

   c. Inquiries regarding VHA Directive 1149, Criteria for Authorized Absence, Passes, and Campus Privileges for Residents in VA Community Living Centers; VHA Directive 1140.11, Uniform Geriatrics and Extended Care Services in VA Medical Centers and Clinics; VHA Directive 1411, Home-Based Primary Care Special Population Patient Aligned Care Team Program; and VHA Handbook 1142.02, Admission Criteria, Service Codes, and Discharge Criteria for Department of Veterans Affairs Community Living Centers; should be addressed to the Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care Operations (10NC4) at 202-461-6751.

   d. Inquiries regarding VHA Directive 1160.01, Uniform Mental Health Services in VA Medical Centers and Clinics, and VHA Handbook 1162.02, Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (MH RRTP), should be addressed to The Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention (10NC5) at VHA10NC5Action@va.gov.

   e. Inquiries regarding VHA Directive 1010, Transition and Care Management of Ill or Injured Servicemembers and New Veterans, should be addressed to the Office of Patient Care Services, Care Management and Social Work Services (10P4C), National Transition and Care Management Program Manager, at 202-461-5147.

   f. Inquiries regarding VHA Directive 1094, Inter-Facility Transfer Policy, should be addressed to the Office of Patient Care Services, Specialty Care Services (10P11) at 202-461-7120.

4. This VHA notice will be archived as of July 31, 2019. However, the rescission information will remain in effect.

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