RESCISSION OF VHA MANUAL M-8, PART V, CHAPTER 5, ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS IN CASH OR IN KIND BY VHS&RA EMPLOYEES IN CONNECTION WITH OFFICIAL TRAVEL OR BY NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PRINCIPAL RESEARCH INVESTIGATORS

1. By direction of the Office of the Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Manual M-8, Part V, Chapter 5, Acceptance of Gifts and Donations in Cash or in Kind by VHS&RA Employees in Connection with Official Travel or by Nationally Recognized Principal Research Investigators (M-8, Part V), dated February 28, 1990, is rescinded.


3. Current information on gifts and donations is located at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of General Counsel (OGC) Ethics Specialty Team Web site at: https://vaww.ogc.vaco.portal.va.gov/law/ethics/SitePages/Topics.aspx. Questions from VA Central Office regarding the receipt of donations or gifts or other government ethics should be directed to GovernmentEthics@va.gov or 202-461-7637. Questions relating to government ethics from locations outside of VA Central Office see the contact list located at http://www.va.gov/OGC/docs/Ethics/VA_Ethics_Officials_Contacts.pdf.

4. All inquiries concerning this action should be addressed to the Office of Regulatory and Administrative Affairs (10B4) at VHACO10B4Actions@va.gov.

5. This VHA notice will be archived as of March 31, 2020. However, the rescission information will remain in effect.

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