RESCISSION OF VHA DIRECTIVE 1185, TRANSFUSION UTILIZATION COMMITTEE AND PROGRAM

1. By direction of the Office of the Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration (VHA), VHA Directive 1185, Transfusion Utilization Committee and Program, dated September 11, 2015, is rescinded.

2. All the requirements for the Transfusion Utilization Committee and Program are outlined by accreditation agencies, to include Joint Commission, College of American Pathologists and AABB (formerly known as AABB, Advancing Transfusion and Cellular Therapies Worldwide, and the American Association of Blood Banking).

3. Current information regarding the requirements for the Transfusion Utilization Committee and Program is also detailed in VHA Handbook 1106.01, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Services (P&LMS) Procedures, dated January 29, 2016. The Director of Clinical Services or Chief of Staff of the VA medical facility is responsible to the VA medical center Director for overall establishment and management of Transfusion Utilization Committee and Program, as outlined in applicable accreditation requirements and as described VHA Handbook 1106.01 paragraph 14. Immunohematology, Blood Transfusions, and Transfusion Medicine Testing.

4. All inquiries concerning this action should be addressed to P&LMS National Director or P&LMS Program (10P11) at 202-632-8418 or VHALabReengineeringProject@va.gov.

5. This VHA notice will be archived as of February 28, 2021. However, the rescission information will remain in effect.

BY DIRECTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR HEALTH:

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