VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (VHA) CONTROLLED NATIONAL POLICY OWNERSHIP DURING VA CENTRAL OFFICE REORGANIZATION

1. By direction of the Office of the Under Secretary for Health, this notice establishes policy related to ownership and oversight of controlled national policy (CNP) during the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Central Office reorganization. **NOTE:** This reorganization is currently slated to take place across Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal Year 2021.

2. The VHA Program Office listed on CNP as the Responsible Office must retain ownership over the CNP, including where the Program Office moves under a new chain of authority.

3. Where the VHA Program Office reports to a different VHA Senior Leader, that Senior Leader assumes responsibility, oversight, and authority, for all CNP owned by that Program Office, including signature authority for those new CNP documents already in process when the transition is made.

4. The Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, or succeeding equivalent, the Deputy Under Secretary for Health, is responsible for ensuring that, throughout and after the VA Central Office reorganization process, no CNP is left without a Responsible Office or Senior Leader with oversight.

5. A crosswalk showing the mapping of Program Offices in the reorganization and subsequent movement of CNP can be accessed at [https://dvagov.sharepoint.com/sites/VACOVHACOS/10B4/DMS/SitePages/VHA%20Policy%20Management.aspx](https://dvagov.sharepoint.com/sites/VACOVHACOS/10B4/DMS/SitePages/VHA%20Policy%20Management.aspx). Questions about this notice or CNP ownership can be directed to the Office of Regulatory and Administrative Affairs at [VHACO10B4FormsandPubs@va.gov](mailto:VHACO10B4FormsandPubs@va.gov).

6. This notice VHA Notice will be archived as of April 31, 2021, however the information on CNP ownership will remain in effect.

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**NOTE:** All references herein to VA and VHA documents incorporate by reference subsequent VA and VHA documents on the same or similar subject matter.