RESCISSION OF VHA MANUAL M-2 PART 1 MEDICAL REVIEW OF TORT CLAIMS

1. By direction of the Office of the Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration (VHA), VHA Manual M-2, Clinical Affairs, Part 1, General, Chapter 28.01-04, Medical Review of Tort Claims, dated August 15, 1986, is rescinded.

2. This VHA manual outlines the duty for VA health care personnel to furnish information and testify freely through interviews or formal depositions upon request by authorized VA representatives. Authorized representatives include Office of General Counsel and approved representatives from other government agencies (e.g., Department of Justice or outside Counsel).

3. Information regarding testimonies has been updated and can be found in VHA Directive 1083(1), Notification of Medical Malpractice (Tort) Claims to Involved Practitioners, dated June 14, 2017.

4. All inquiries concerning this action should be addressed to the Office of Clinical Risk Management (17QM7) at VHA17QM7ClinicalRiskMgmtAction@va.gov.

5. This VHA notice will expire and be archived on [DATE]. However, the rescission information will remain in effect.

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

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