

JUNE 7, 2024

**RESCISSION OF VHA DIRECTIVE 1058.04, DEBARMENTS AND SUSPENSIONS
BASED ON IMPROPRIETY IN VA RESEARCH**

1. By direction of the Office of the Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration (VHA), VHA Directive 1058.04, Debarments and Suspensions Based on Impropriety in VA Research, dated November 14, 2019, is rescinded.
2. As the policy owner of VHA Directive 1058.04, the Office of Research Oversight (ORO) has determined that the policy and procedures in that directive no longer serve their original purpose, and that alternate procedures (as described in paragraph 3 below) exist for addressing the potential (but historically rare) situation in which a Governmentwide debarment or suspension based on impropriety in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) research may be an appropriate course of action.
3. Since the initial implementation of VHA Directive 1058.04 on January 16, 2008, no Governmentwide debarment or suspension has ever been recommended by VA based on findings of VA research impropriety, including but not limited to, research misconduct that would invoke the requirements set forth in VHA Directive 1058.04. If any such situation were to arise after the rescission of this directive, the Executive Director, VA Office of Acquisition and Logistics (OAL), has been delegated the authority to impose non-procurement suspensions and debarments as a VA Non-Procurement Suspension and Debarment Official (SDO) under 2 C.F.R. § 180.930 and 2 C.F.R. § 180.1010 for purposes of 2 C.F.R. Part 180, subparts G and H (VA Secretary Memorandum, Designation of Authority for the Department of Veterans Affairs Non-procurement Suspension and Debarment Official (VIEWS 8927913), dated February 21, 2023).
4. All inquiries concerning this action should be addressed to the Office of Research Oversight (10R) at VHA10RResearchOversightAction@va.gov.
5. This VHA notice will expire and be archived on June 30, 2025. However, the rescission information will remain in effect.

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

/s/ Shereef Elnahal, MD, MBA
Under Secretary for Health

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