



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

April 16, 2020

**MEMORANDUM FOR HEALTH CARE FACILITY DIRECTORS AND NETWORK DIRECTORS**

**SUBJECT:** Delegation of Authority to Return Donated Vans to Donor(s)

**1. DELEGATION.** Authority is delegated to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care facility directors to return donated van(s) to donors when the vehicles are no longer serviceable or needed for use in the facility's Volunteer Transportation Network.

**2. AUTHORITY AND POLICY.**

- a. Secretary's ability to delegate authority: 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 512.
- b. Secretary's ability to accept gifts and donations: 38 U.S.C. § 8301.
- c. Secretary's ability to assign, convey, sell, or transfer property received as a gift upon terms the Secretary deems advantageous: 38 U.S.C. § 8304.
- d. Health care facility directors may use the Secretary's delegated authority to return donated vans to their original donors: VHA Handbook 1620.02, paragraph 6.

**4. RESTRICTIONS.** A van may only be returned to the donor if the donor agrees to accept it.

**5. REDELEGATION.** None; this authority may not be re-delegated.

**6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This delegation of authority is effective upon signature and will expire 2 years after its effective date.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert L. Wilkie", is positioned above the printed name.

Robert L. Wilkie