

## THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WASHINGTON

August 5, 2024

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

**SUBJECT:** Delegation of Authority for Written Authorization of Signature of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VIEWS 11910186)

**1. DELEGATION.** This memorandum authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Chief of Staff, Margaret B. Kabat, LCSW-C, CCM, to apply the Secretary's signature and the Deputy Secretary's signature, such as with the use of autopen, in the same fashion identified in VA Directive 0002, Authorization of Signature of the Secretary of Veterans of Affairs and Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The authorization is allowed upon conference with the Secretary or Deputy Secretary before autopen can be applied.

## 2. AUTHORITIES.

- a. <u>38 U.S.C. §§ 303, 304</u> (https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=granuleid%3AUSC-2000-title38chapter3&saved=%7CZ3JhbnVsZWlkOlVTQy0yMDAwLXRpdGxlMzgtc2VjdGlvbj MwMw%3D%3D%7C%7C%7C0%7Cfalse%7C2000&edition=2000)
- b. <u>38 U.S.C. § 501(a) (https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCODE-2022-title38/pdf/USCODE-2022-title38-partl-chap5-subchap1-sec501.pdf)</u>
- c. <u>38 U.S.C. § 512; (https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCODE-2011-title38/pdf/USCODE-2011-title38-partl-chap5-subchap1-sec512.pdf)</u>
- d. <u>VA Directive 0002</u>, (https://vaww.va.gov/vapubs/search\_action.cfm?dType=1) Authorization of Signature of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
- e. <u>VA Directive 0000</u>, (https://vaww.va.gov/vapubs/search\_action.cfm?dType=1) Delegations of Authority.

## 3. REFERENCES. Not applicable.

**4. RESTRICTIONS.** The same restrictions identified in VA Directive 0002 apply to this written authorization. This authorization refers only to the use of the identified officials' signatures. It does not delegate decision-making authority or authority to act as the Secretary or Deputy Secretary.

5. **REDELEGATION.** This authority may not be re-delegated.

6. RESCISSION. None.

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7. EFFECTIVE AND EXPIRATION DATE. This delegation of authority is effective upon signature. I waive the 2-year expiration date required by VA Directive 0000. This delegation will remain in effect for 4 years until otherwise rescinded, modified, or superseded.

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Denis McDonough