

Department of
Veterans Affairs

Memorandum

Date **MAY 16 2017**

From Acting Under Secretary for Health (10)

Subj Delegations of Appointment Authority Renewal for Four Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Research Review Advisory Committees – VAIQ # 7788789

To Secretary (00)

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend renewal of the delegations of appointment authority to the Under Secretary for Health (USH) for the appointment of members to four existing research review advisory committees. The four committees, all of which provide expert assistance in reviewing individual research proposals, are as follows:

- a. Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee.
- b. Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board.
- c. Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board.
- d. Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board.

2. The prior delegations of appointment authority will expire on August 5, 2017. The recommended delegations of authority are for the appointment of members only, and the authority cannot be redelegated by the USH. In accordance with VA Directive 0000, Delegations of Authority, the delegations expire after 2 years.

3. The four research review advisory committees are discretionary committees established by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). These committees review intramural scientific research proposals and make recommendations to VA on their funding and administration. The members of the committees possess highly specialized scientific and medical expertise related to the research proposals they review on behalf of their respective committees.

4. The delegations of appointment authority would ease the burden of administering these committees by allowing the USH to directly appoint and replace members as the committees' business dictates. This renewal would significantly enhance the committees' efficiency, given that there are 300+ total members on these four committees. This recommendation is strongly supported by those who directly manage these committees, as well as VHA's senior leadership.

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5. I recommend that you sign the attached delegations of appointment authority.

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Attachments

Approved/Disapproved

David J. Shulkin, MD 5/24/17
David J. Shulkin, M.D. Date

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Date: **MAY 24 2017**
From: Secretary (00)
Subj: Delegation of Authority Renewal for Appointments to Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee – VAIQ # 7788789
To: Acting Under Secretary for Health (10)

1. DELEGATION: Authority is hereby delegated to the Under Secretary for Health to appoint members to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee.

2. AUTHORITY: The authority to delegate is contained in title 38 U.S.C. § 512.

3. RESTRICTIONS: This delegation is restricted to the appointment of Committee members. The VA Advisory Committee Management Officer (ACMO) will retain responsibility for ensuring that the Committee functions in compliance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and its implementing regulations. The Secretary and ACMO shall be kept informed of all appointments to the Committee. This delegation cancels and supersedes all previous delegations of authority that may conflict with this delegation.

4. REDELEGATION: The Under Secretary for Health may not further delegate this authority.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE: This delegation of authority is effective upon signature and will expire 2 years after the date delegated.



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Date: **MAY 24 2017**

From: Secretary (00)

Subj: Delegation of Authority Renewal for Appointments to Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board – VAIQ # 7788789

To: Acting Under Secretary for Health (10)

1. DELEGATION: Authority is hereby delegated to the Under Secretary for Health to appoint members to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board.
2. AUTHORITY: The authority to delegate is contained in title 38 U.S.C. § 512.
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From Secretary (00)

Subj Delegation of Authority Renewal for Appointments to Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board – VAIQ # 7788789

To Acting Under Secretary for Health (10)

1. DELEGATION: Authority is hereby delegated to the Under Secretary for Health to appoint members to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board.
2. AUTHORITY: The authority to delegate is contained in title 38 U.S.C. § 512.
3. RESTRICTIONS: This delegation is restricted to the appointment of Committee members. The VA Advisory Committee Management Officer (ACMO) will retain responsibility for ensuring that the Committee functions in compliance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and its implementing regulations. The Secretary and ACMO shall be kept informed of all appointments to the Committee. This delegation cancels and supersedes all previous delegations of authority that may conflict with this delegation.
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To Acting Under Secretary for Health (10)

1. DELEGATION: Authority is hereby delegated to the Under Secretary for Health to appoint members to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board.
2. AUTHORITY: The authority to delegate is contained in title 38 U.S.C. § 512.
3. RESTRICTIONS: This delegation is restricted to the appointment of Committee members. The VA Advisory Committee Management Officer (ACMO) will retain responsibility for ensuring that the Committee functions in compliance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and its implementing regulations. The Secretary and ACMO shall be kept informed of all appointments to the Committee. This delegation cancels and supersedes all previous delegations of authority that may conflict with this delegation.
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