



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

October 20, 2017

**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 the 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.**

- a. Secretary's ability to delegate authority: 38 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 if the gift(s) would no longer be needed: 38 U.S.C. § 8304.
- d. Veterans Health Administration Handbook 1620.02, § 6 medical center directors may use the Secretary's delegated authority to return donated vans to their original donors.

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

**4. RE-DELEGATION.** None; this authority may not be re-delegated.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David J. Shulkin, M.D.".

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