



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

October 2, 2017

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING UNDER SECRETARY FOR HEALTH**

**SUBJECT:** Delegation of Selection of Solicitation and Acceptance of Gifts under 38 U.S.C Sections 8103(a) and 8104(e)

- 1. DELEGATION.** This memorandum delegates to the Acting Under Secretary for Health (AUSH) the authority to solicit and accept gifts or donations under 38 U.S.C. sections 8103(a) and 8104(e) for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, or altering Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities and acquiring sites for such facilities, but only for gifts or donations valued at \$100,000 or less.
- 2. AUTHORITY.** Title 38, U.S.C., sections 512, 8103, and 8104.
- 3. RESCTRICTIONS.** This delegation is limited to gifts or donations valued at \$100,000 or less as described in paragraph one of this memorandum. A gift cannot be separated or divided for the sole purpose of not exceeding the \$100,000 threshold limit. When soliciting gifts, the AUSH shall comply with all laws and regulations which govern the solicitation of such gifts. In addition, the AUSH shall comply with the attached governing principles. This delegation cancels and supersedes all previous delegations of authority that may conflict with this delegation.
- 4. REDELEGATION.** The AUSH may not further redelegate this authority.
- 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This delegation of authority is effective upon signature of the Secretary and will expire 2 years after the date delegated.

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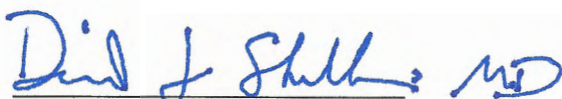
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**Governing Principles for Solicitation of Gifts under 38 U.S.C Sections 8103(a) and 8104 (e)**

- Gifts will be solicited for purposes that benefit Veterans; this includes enhancing the delivery of services and benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and their dependents.
- Gifts will not be solicited to enrich employees. Where a benefit to employees results, it must be clearly incidental or secondary to the favorable impact on Veterans and their dependents.
- No gift will be solicited on condition of, or with the expectation of, the donor receiving a favor, endorsement or other special treatment. This principle is not intended to prohibit suitable acknowledgment of gifts.
- Gifts solicited with a commitment to use them as the donor specifies will be accepted and administered in fulfillment of the donor's specified wishes.
- Government business shall be conducted in a manner above reproach and except as authorized by statute or regulation, with the complete impartiality and with preferential treatment for none. Transactions relating to the expenditure of public funds require the highest degree of public trust and an impeccable standard of conduct. The general rule is to avoid strictly any conflict of interest or even the appearance of a conflict of interest in Government-contractor relationships as stated in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 3.101.-1.

APPROVED:

  
David J. Shulkin, M.D.

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