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**RESCISSION OF VHA MANUAL M-8, PART V, CHAPTER 5, ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS IN CASH OR IN KIND BY VHS&RA EMPLOYEES IN CONNECTION WITH OFFICIAL TRAVEL OR BY NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PRINCIPAL RESEARCH INVESTIGATORS**

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2. The information contained in this manual is outdated and the acceptance of gifts and donations is authorized by Title 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) 8301, 5 U.S.C. 7342, 20 U.S.C. 1141(a), and Title 5 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 2635.
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4. All inquiries concerning this action should be addressed to the Office of Regulatory and Administrative Affairs (10B4) at [VHACO10B4Actions@va.gov](mailto:VHACO10B4Actions@va.gov).
5. This VHA notice will be archived as of March 31, 2020. However, the rescission information will remain in effect.

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