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### 8.01 STATEMENT OF POLICY

RMS (Rehabilitation Medicine Service) research is one of the processes used to validate and improve the treatment of veterans patients. RMS will promote a climate receptive to rehabilitation research activities and the applications of research findings in the clinical setting.

### 8.02 GENERAL PROVISIONS

a. RMS staff will be encouraged to initiate research activities directed toward development of relevant, reliable data in all veteran rehabilitation facilities.

b. RMS research will be conducted under the auspices of the Research and Development Committee at VA (Department of Veterans Affairs) medical centers, subject to pertinent regulations and guidelines.

c. RMS research, including the preparation and publication of professional papers, will be accomplished in accordance with policies and procedures prescribed in M-3, part I.

### 8.03 SCOPE

The scope of RMS research includes:

a. Clinical research that studies patient needs, care, or aspects of illness.

b. Studies relating to priority aspects of the VA mission or objectives critical to RMS.

c. Studies by RMS affiliated students in conjunction with their clinical experience or by graduate students who have obtained permission to use the VA setting.

d. Cooperative or individual studies that have been funded by VA Central Office or its subdivisions. Sources include:

- (1) RAG (Research Advisory Group) program,
- (2) Merit Review Program, and
- (3) Rehabilitation Research and Development Program.