



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Penny L. Nechanicky
Director, Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service
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Penny Nechanicky is the Department of Veterans Affairs Director for Prosthetics and Sensory Aids Service within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). Prosthetics is an integrated delivery system designed to provide medically prescribed prosthetic and sensory aids, medical devices, assistive aids, repairs and services to eligible Veterans to maximize their independence and enhance their quality of life. As Director, Ms. Nechanicky is responsible for the management of a \$2.8 billion specific purpose fund appropriated to procure prosthetic devices, items, sensory aids and services. In addition to procurement and provision of medical items, her responsibilities include oversight and direction of Orthotic and Prosthetic Services, Automobile Adaptive Equipment, Home Improvement and Structural Alterations (HISA) Grant, Clothing Allowance and Service Dog/Guide Dog.



As a clinician, she has had extensive experience in the field of Blind Rehabilitation with medical/rehabilitation social work emphasis. She served as Chief, Blind Rehabilitation Center in Augusta, GA, where she also successfully researched and activated a new Blind Rehabilitation Center in 1996. In 2000, she was appointed as Chief, Blind Rehabilitation Center at VA Connecticut where she led her team to receive the first ever awarded CARF-accreditation for Blind Rehabilitation. Following this, Ms. Nechanicky served in several progressive leadership roles focused on operations at both the medical center and VISN level. As Network Service Line Director for Sensory and Physical Rehabilitation (2004-2011) in VISN 1, Ms. Nechanicky supervised the integrated service line including Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Kinesiotherapy, Recreation Therapy, Blind Rehabilitation, Audiology, Speech Pathology and Prosthetics.

Ms. Nechanicky received her Bachelor of Social Work from Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA. She went on to receive her Master of Social Work from Temple University in Philadelphia. Penny is a 1997 graduate of Leadership VA and a 2004 graduate of VHA's Executive Career Field.