



June 6, 2017

The Honorable David Shulkin
Secretary of Veterans Affairs
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Ave NW
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: Late Payments for Surgical Implants

Dear Secretary Shulkin,

On behalf of the Coalition for Government Procurement (the Coalition), we are requesting that the VA revisit the issues that were raised in our previous letter to you, which is dated May 4.

We would like to commend the VA on the efforts that have been taken to date to solve this issue. However after meeting with our members yesterday, we regret to inform you that the situation surrounding late payments continues to deteriorate. Industry reports that unpaid invoices are increasing, despite the ongoing efforts of the VA's acquisition workforce. The consensus from industry is that the volume of outstanding payments is a significant concern and detracts from the ability of VA contractors to provide their products to veterans.

We request a meeting with you and our members, so that we can discuss this issue in greater detail.

Thank you for considering the Coalition's letter concerning late and outstanding payments in the acquisition of surgical implants. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and actions toward resolving this matter. If there are any questions, please contact me at (202) 331-0975 or rwaldron@thecgp.org.

Sincerely,

Roger Waldron
President

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Chairman