



MSPV Transition Principles

1. Develop a streamlined acquisition strategy for the procurement of medical/surgical supplies that:
 - Provides veterans and VA clinicians with the most innovative medical/surgical products available in the commercial market for the best value to taxpayers
 - Drives data management across the VA's procurement, logistics, and financial systems to improve support for requirements development, inventory management, and contract execution
 - Supports cost-effective and efficient VA small business programs, including the Veterans First Contracting Program
2. Provide a single point of contact with clinical experience with whom industry may share the latest healthcare technologies for the VA
3. Ensure clinician-led sourcing with regard to the selection of items for the MSPV Supply BPAs; ensure that the process pursuant to which commercial products are evaluated by clinicians is transparent; and ensure that both of the foregoing provide advance notice to industry about upcoming reviews
4. Continue robust engagement with industry (small, medium, and large businesses) throughout the development and implementation of the new prime vendor program so that VA suppliers across the supply chain can provide constructive feedback on the transition plan and are better prepared to meet VHA's requirements for MSPV-Z and beyond
5. Maximize the ability of MSPV Supply BPAs to meet clinical needs by allowing suppliers to provide full portfolios of products (*e.g.*, sizes) and establish a product addition process for suppliers to add new technology items (that have been launched to the market) to their BPAs moving forward
6. Promote the MSPV program as a mandatory source of supply; monitor whether the program is meeting its usage objectives; and update the MSPV product list accordingly
7. Track and reduce Government Purchase Card use for the procurement of medical/surgical supplies outside the VA's established contracting programs
8. Require that any decision by the VA to transfer the MSPV program to DLA include:
 - A sound, streamlined management and acquisition plan to transition from VA sources of supply to DLA sources of supply, including accommodating VA-specific requirements
 - A roadmap to reduce unnecessary duplication and costs through the consolidation of prime vendor programs across DLA, DHA, and the VA
 - Efficient and effective integration of the VA's IT systems with DLA systems, including the appropriate training of the VA acquisition workforce
 - A communications plan that addresses all stakeholders (and businesses of all sizes); that provides updates on any new systems implementation (*e.g.*, timeline, target locations, and implications for VHA operations); and that facilitates continued dialogue between the VA and its suppliers on success of the program