**Budget Justification Blurb**

Dr. (Named Investigator) receives financial support from the VA. The portion of his effort expended on this project reflects that portion of his/her University of Pennsylvania time. The University portion of his/her salary is listed, and the dollar amounts reflect the calendar months of his University salary to be devoted to this project. Signature by the institutional official on the application certifies that: [1] Dr. (Named Investigator) is applying as part of a joint appointment specified by a formal Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Pennsylvania and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA); and

[2] There is no possibility of dual compensation for the same work, or of an actual or apparent conflict of interest regarding such work.

**Real Life Examples**

Dr. X receives support through the University of Pennsylvania (Penn) and through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This joint effort is specified by a formal Memorandum of Understanding between Penn and the VA; there is no possibility of dual compensation for the same work or of an actual or apparent conflict of interest regarding such work. Dr. X receives “4/8ths” support from the VA. Dr. X will devote 6.0 calendar months of Penn (non-VA) effort to this project in all years of this project, which is equivalent to 3.6 calendar months of her total effort (VA and Penn effort combined).

Or

Dr. XX receives support through the University of Pennsylvania (Penn) and through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This joint effort is specified by a formal Memorandum of Understanding between Penn and the VA; there is no possibility of dual compensation for the same work, or of an actual or apparent conflict of interest regarding such work. Dr. XX receives “5/8ths” support from the VA. Dr. XX will devote 2.4 calendar months of Penn (non-VA) effort to this project in all years of this project, which is equivalent to 1.2 calendar months of her total effort (VA and Penn effort combined).

**Important to Note:**

**\*1/8th is the same as saying 5 hours at VA based on a 40hr work week. So, 4/8ths is equivalent to 50% or 20hours at the VA.**

**Let’s say Dr. X works 30 hours at Penn for a total of 50 hours (20 hours VA plus 30 hours**

**Penn). 50% (6CM) of her Penn only time would be 15 hours. 15 hours /50 hours is 30% or 3.6CM.**

**Having two appointments causes there to be 12 CM at Penn and 12 CM at VA so that’s why % of Penn only time has a bigger %.**

**Other Support**

If they have a joint appointment, they are bound to identify it on their Other Support Document. There should be two separating sections, one for Penn and one for VA.