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Kimberley D. Moseley, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: VHA Guidance to Reduce Elopements by Mental Health Patients

Dear Ms. Moseley:

In accordance with Article 47 Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53, formally is demanding to bargain on VHA Guidance to Reduce Elopements by Mental Health Patients cited above within the Department. Please provide the NVAC's Title 38 Mid-Term Bargaining Team with any information and/or data concerning the cited subject. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the management chief negotiator in the matter receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The NVAC's Title 38 Mid-Term Bargaining Team may request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. If you have any questions please call me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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