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Subject: Demand to Bargain – Implementation VHA Directive 2004-059 “Geriatrics and Extended Care (GEC) Referral” dated October 21, 2004

Dear Ms. Kerber:

In accordance with Article 44, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally demanding to bargain over VHA Directive cited above in the Department. Please provide the above named bargaining committee with any information and/or data concerning the cited subject. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than ten (10) workdays after the management chief negotiator in this matter receives our demand to bargain.

The named bargaining committee may request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. If you have any questions please contact me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

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