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Subject: Demand to Bargain - VHA Bar Code Administration (BCMA) Managing Scanning Failures (MSF) Software Requirements Specification (SRS) Version 3

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 the update VHA BCMA Managing Scanning Failures Version 2 in the Department. Please provide the named Title 38 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.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. 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,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee
2nd Executive Vice President
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed is an updated document titled, Bar Code Medication Administration Managing Scanning Failures Software Requirements Specification, Version 3.0, dated March 2007. Also enclosed is a summary of the updates. The proposed implementation date is April 2008. If you are interested in a briefing or would like to bargain on this subject, please contact Doug Katcher not later than Friday, May 18, 2007. He can be reached at (828) 298-7911, ext. 15323 or douglas.katcher@va.gov. Questions on the document can also be addressed to Richard Singer at (205) 943-2401 or richard.singer2@va.gov.

Sincerely yours,


Meghan Flanz
Deputy Assistant Secretary
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Enclosure