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Scott Holliday, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: Demand to Bargain – VHA Directive 2009-031 “Improving Safety in the Use of Reusable Medical Equipment through Standardization of Organizational Structure and Reprocessing Requirements”

Dear Mr. Holliday:

In accordance with Article 44, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally demanding to bargain over the cited VHA Directive 2009-031 in VHA facilities within the Department. Please provide the above named 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. Any questions please contact 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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