



VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System  
2215 Fuller Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

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In Reply Refer To: 506/00A  
RE: CHILCUTT, Martin G.  
#8060

The Honorable Carl Levin  
United States Senator  
477 Michigan Avenue, Suite 1860  
Detroit, MI 48226

ATTN: Carrie Smith

Dear Senator Levin:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of Mr. Martin Chilcutt who is inquiring about VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System's policy on medical marijuana.

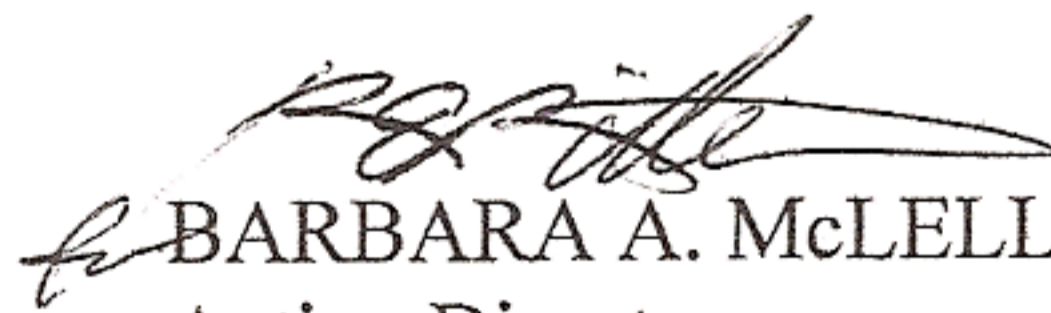
There is no specific policy for the use of medical marijuana at our local facility level. Pursuant to Federal law, VA physicians, nurse practitioners, and other licensed clinicians are not authorized to participate in the recommendation for treatment of, or prescribing, medical marijuana.

It is, however, acknowledged that testing positive for marijuana in a patient, based upon a random drug screening, will not serve as the breach of a current pain management agreement if the patient submits documentation in support of the marijuana being prescribed and dispensed in conformity with Michigan law.

If Mr. Chilcutt has specific questions or concerns regarding the use of medical marijuana, we encourage him to discuss them with his primary care provider.

Your continued concern for our nation's Veterans is appreciated. If additional assistance is needed, please contact Joyce Oberg, Administrative Officer, Ambulatory Care, at (734) 845-3594.

Sincerely,

  
BARBARA A. McLELLAND, FACHE  
Acting Director