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Mr. Martin H. Chilcutt  
Executive Director  
Veterans for Medical Marijuana Access  
1414 Low Road  
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Dear Mr. Chilcutt:

This is in response to your correspondence dated June 11, 2009, regarding medical marijuana protocols at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Battle Creek.

The Office of the General Counsel has determined that no VA physician shall complete any forms for the State of Michigan for medical marijuana. However, for patients whose treatment plan from a non-VA physician includes use of medical marijuana, presence of marijuana in a urine drug screen is acceptable.

It is the goal of the Battle Creek VA Medical Center and its Community Based Outpatient Clinics to provide Veterans with the best possible medical care along with high satisfaction. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read "Suzanne M. Klinker", is written over the typed name.

SUZANNE M. KLINKER  
Medical Center Director