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CARES Commission  
Veterans Administration  
Washington, DC

Dear Commissioners:

The American Federation of Government Employees, Local 2250, as the exclusive representative for the Bargaining Unit at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Muskogee, OK., is in full support of Alternative A in the CARES Initiative as described and accepted by VISN Director Dr. Robert Lynch, VISN 16 SCVAHCN.

All employees at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Muskogee, are dedicated to the service of our Veterans and their families, as shown by our receiving a score of 94 out of 100 with no Type 1 recommendations from the last Joint Commission Hospital Accreditation survey. It is an honor and privilege to serve our Nation's Veterans both past, present and future.

No Capital Investment is needed for the Muskogee VAMC to continue its current Mission to serve our Nation's Veterans. Enhancing the Muskogee VAMC's Mission to include a 20 bed Short Term Rehabilitation Program and a 15 bed Inpatient Psychiatric Unit will be done with minimal investment. The American Federation of Government Employees, Local 2250, fully supports this option.

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