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Food and Drug Administration
The Office of Regional Operations (HFC-100)
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Sirs,

Pursuant to Section 11.100 of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations, this is to certify that Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans (VA) Integrated System Architecture (VistA) intends that all electronic signatures executed by our employees, agents, or representatives are the legally binding equivalent of traditional handwritten signatures.

Please note that VistA that encompasses the Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS) and IMED Consent, nationally procured commercial software for recording of patient consents, and is operated at all Department of Veterans Affairs health care facilities are in compliance with Section 11.100 of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations. If you have any further questions please contact me at 202-273-9220 or gail.graham@va.gov.

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