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MR GEORGE P OJALA  
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Dear Mr. Ojala:

We are required to periodically review the files of those veterans in possession of a VA Fee Basis Outpatient Medical Care Authorization card (VA Form 10-1174).

Provisions of the law require all veterans who seek care at VA expense to obtain such care at a VA facility.

Fee Basis authorization cards are issued when the veteran has an ongoing need for treatment and VA services are unavailable or cannot be economically provided due to geographical inaccessibility.

If the veteran's condition changes, or if VA facilities' capability is expanded, constraints of the law require that the authorization for Fee Basis care be cancelled and that the veteran be requested to report to the VA facility for needed medical services.

Fee Basis authorization for non-VA care will not be considered a permanent status for any veteran.

After reviewing your file, we find that you meet the criteria for treatment of the medical condition(s) listed on your VA Fee Basis Outpatient Medical Care Authorization card; therefore, your card has been renewed.

Please note that although your card carries no expiration date, the validity period for it will expire on October 18, 2006. Approximately 90 days prior to this expiration date, you will be asked to furnish a medical report to justify your continued need for the Fee Basis card.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorraine H. Cruz".

Lorraine H. Cruz  
Supervisor, Fee Services