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## RESCISSION OF VHA DIRECTIVE 2002-048, CONSENT FOR HIV TESTING FOR PATIENTS WHO LACK DECISION-MAKING ABILITY

- 1. By direction of the Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Directive 2002-048, Consent for HIV Testing for Patients Who Lack Decision-Making Ability, dated September 6, 2002, is rescinded. The contents of this Directive have been incorporated into VHA Handbook 1004.01, Informed Consent for Clinical Treatments and Procedures, dated August 14, 2009.
- 2. All inquiries concerning this action are to be directed to the VHA Office of Public Health (10P3). Questions may be addressed at 202-461-1040.
- 3. **RESCISSION:** This VHA Notice will be archived May 31, 2013; however, the information will remain in effect.

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