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THREE MARION VAMC CLINICS MOVE TO MAKE ROOM FOR COMPENSATION & PENSION PROVIDERS

Three primary care clinics at Marion VAMC are moving in order to make room for more Compensation and Pension providers to be centrally located on the medical center's main campus.

- Starting August 19, the Peach Clinic will move to the PC Annex located on HWY 13
- Beginning August 23, Compensation & Pension providers will be located on Marion's main campus in building 42 in rooms 120 – 130
- Purple Clinic 2 will stay on the Marion Campus, but will be located in Building 2, Room 102
- The Tan Clinic will be the last to move, relocating to the Carbondale Community Based Outpatient Clinic beginning September 2nd

Letters have been, and are in the process of being sent out to all Veterans, and messaging is being included in all telephone reminders to affected patients with upcoming appointments.

VA Disability Claims processing is big news. The claims backlog runs into the thousands, with some Veterans waiting over two years for answers as to whether or not they are eligible for disability pay which will make their financial lives easier. VA Secretary Eric Shinseki set a goal to erase that backlog by 2015. In an effort to hasten the disability claims process, and assist administrators in the Veterans Benefits Administration, the Marion VAMC has temporarily added more Compensation and Pension providers on their main campus.

Thank you so much for your understanding during our times of transition. Our goal, as healthcare providers for Veterans, is always up front in our minds; we are here to serve those who have served and be the healthcare provider of choice for Veterans. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Primary Care Associate Chief Nurse Deb Bertrand at 618-997-5311 ext. 54139.

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