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January 22, 2014

Michael W. Fisher, Acting Director
VA Medical Center Portland
3710 Southwest US Veterans Hospital Road
Portland, OR 97239-2964

Subject: VISN 20 – Portland VA Medical Center Electronic Prescribing of Medication by
Prescribing Officials (AFGE Local 2157 and AFGE Local 2583)

Dear Mr. Fisher:

In accordance with Article 47 Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on PVAMC Electronic Prescribing of Medication by prescribing officials cited above in Portland VAMC in VISN 20 within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee, President of the National VA Council#53, will be naming the Union's Chief Negotiator and team members. Please provide the named bargaining team with all information and/or data related to the cited subject. The negotiation of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the Management's Chief Negotiator receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The above named bargaining team my request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. If you have any questions please contact me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee
2nd Executive Vice President
National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
Tammy Schuyler, 11th District Representative NVAC

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January 14, 2014

To: Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
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From: David M. Douglas, Chief
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Subject: **Electronic Notification of Information**
Re: **Prescribing Officials**

Mr. Williams,

In accordance with Article 47 Section A, of the Master Agreement between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the American Federation of Government Employees dated 2011, this serves as notice that Northwest Innovation/Health Infomatics Center is submitting a notice to be sent to prescribing officials.

Reason:

Mr. Williams, it has been brought to my attention that we have several employees at PVAMC who prescribe medications that currently have not utilized the electronic prescribing system. The notice to these officials is to ascertain what is preventing them from utilizing this tool. The following is to be sent regarding this:

Dear Prescriber,

As you know, CPRS v 29 enabled the electronic prescribing of controlled substances although paper prescriptions are still allowed as a back-up. You are receiving this e-mail because you submitted one or more paper prescriptions for controlled substances in December.

I am writing to inquire if the reason you submitted a paper prescription was because of a technical problem with your PIV card. Please respond to let me know the reason you used paper prescriptions in December.

Possible reasons to still submit paper prescriptions include but are not limited to

1. *I forgot my PIN*
2. *I am waiting for a new or replacement PIV card*
3. *I am having technical problems with my existing PIV card*
4. *I have a lack of training/knowledge on how to e-prescribe*
5. *I prefer a paper prescription*
6. *Others?*


I am proposing to send out as a blind cc via email due to the number of employees on the listing (**See Attachment #1**). Since it is a blind cc, the recipient's won't see the other replies and won't see who else got the message. I would be happy to share the replies with anyone who is interested.

The intent is not to chastise but, instead to try to identify any ways we assist them for fully utilized tools available.


DAVID M. DOUGLAS, MD
Facility Chief, Health Informatics Officer

Attachment : BUE Prescribing Officials

Cc: President Local 2157
President Local 2583

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