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VA Southeast Network (VISN 7)  
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Duluth, GA 30096-5585

Subject: VISN 7 Tele-ICU Inter-Facility Telehealth Service Agreement

Dear Mr. Sepich:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally is demanding to bargain on VISN 7 Tele-ICU Telehealth Service Agreement cited subject above within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee will be naming the Union's Chief Negotiator and negotiating team members. Please provide the named union negotiating team members with any information and/or data concerning the cited subject. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the management chief negotiator in this matter receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The named union negotiating team may 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  
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
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