The following constitutes agreement between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the American Federation of Government Employees, National VA Council (NVAC)concerning the VHA Manual M-2 "Clinical Programs" Part III "Dietetic Service" Chapter 4 "Human Resources Management."

- 1. Add as second sentence in 4.02a:

 Changes in personnel policies, practices and working conditions shall be addressed preferably in compliance with E.O. 12871, Labor-Management Partnerships or in traditional labor-management bargaining.
- 2. Delete 4.07d. and replace with the following: If a beard, long mustache or wide sideburns are worn, they must be covered by a beard covering.
- 3. Add at end of 4.04 a.:

 Canteen food service/production employees, where
 legally or regulatorily permissible, will be a primary
 source of candidates for similar duty positions in
 Dietetic Service.
- 4. Delete 4.08a and replace with the following:
 As prescribed by the physician, the overall treatment
 plan for certain clients may include assignments to
 specific tasks in Dietetic Service. Clients are
 assigned to those dietetic employees who are qualified
 to provide effective guidance.
- 5. There will be no FTEE reduction as a direct result of this policy.

For Management

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