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March 6, 2014

Paul Bockelman
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P.O. Box 134002
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Subject: VISN 11 – Implementation of Clinical Information Systems (CIS) and Anesthesia
Record Keeping (ARK) Project.

Dear Mr. Bockelman:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally demanding to bargain on the implementation of AcuStaf Software cited in VISN 11 within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee will be naming the Union's chief negotiator and negotiating team. Please provide the named bargaining team 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's 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 bargaining 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
Oscar L. Williams Jr., 7th District Representative NVAC

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**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

Memorandum

Date: March 4, 2014

From: Network 11 CMO

Subj: Notification of VISN 11 Implementation of Clinical Information Systems (CIS) and Anesthesia Record Keeping (ARK) Project

To: NVAC

Thru: VISN 11 Biomedical Engineering POC (Contract COR)

Thru: VISN 11 HR

VISN 11 would like to notify AFGE National VA Council per the national CIS/ARK MOU between VHA, AFL-CIO and NVAC #53. The VISN has contracted with two separate vendors for the CIS and ARK implementation.

Clinicomp International is the vendor for the CIS project. The CIS system will be put in place to ensure continuous and automated documentation across intensive care and intensive care-like environments throughout the hospital including Medical Intensive Care Units (MICU), Surgical Intensive Care Units (SICU), Post Anesthesia Care Units (PACU), Stepdown units as well as Telemetry. Go-Lives are tentatively slated for June and July of 2014.

iMDsoft is the vendor for the ARK project. The ARK project will ensure continuous and automated documentation within surgical areas as well as other areas where anesthetic sedation occurs within the facility. Go-Lives are tentatively slated for June through November of 2014.

As negotiations at each site occur, updates will be provided to NVAC per the enclosed MOU.

Please contact Network 11 HR, Kimberly Twinn at (734) 222-4332 or myself if we may provide any additional information or clarification.



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Attachments: VHA AFGE MOU- CIS/ARK

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