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May 5, 2014

Patrick J. Kelly, Director
Minneapolis VA Health Care System
One Veterans Drive
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Subject: VISN 23 MVAHCS Observation and Short Stay Policy
(AFGE Local 1969 and AFGE Local 3669)

Dear Mr. Kelly:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally demanding to bargain on the MCAA Observation and Short Stay Policy as cited above within MVAHCS in VISN 23. 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 negotiation 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 national 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
2nd Executive Vice President
National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
Patrick Russell, 8th District Representative NVAC

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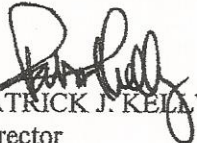
Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
Chairperson, AFGE Mid-Term Bargaining Committee
29 Lake Street
Danville, IL 61832-6101

Dear Mr. Williams:

1. In accordance with the Master Agreement between the Department of Veterans Affairs and AFGE, Article 47, Section 4 (B), please find attached the proposed changes to the Observation and Short Stay Policy #TX-21D.
2. The purpose of the Observation and Short Stay Policy is to establish a mechanism to provide short-term medical and nursing care in appropriate clinical situations. We are hoping for an expedited turnaround due to the national directive to have local policies published as soon as possible.
3. The planned implementation date for this policy is May 24, 2014. The lead negotiator for the updated policy, should you request to bargain, will be Sharon Myllenbeck. Teresa Tungseth will also be on the negotiating team. Don Wodek will be the Human Resources advisor.
4. If you wish to bargain the proposed changes, please submit your demand to bargain within 20 working days after receipt of this notice directly to:

Minneapolis VA Health Care System
Human Resources Management Service
(05) HRMS Don Wodek
One Veterans Drive
Minneapolis, MN 55417

5. If you have any questions on this notice, please feel free to contact Don Wodek, Employee and Labor Relations Specialist, (612) 629-7584.


PATRICK J. KELLY, FACHE
Director
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cc: Jane Nygaard, President AFGE 3669
Vicky Sirovy, President AFGE, Local 1969

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