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March 3, 2015

Adam M. Robinson, Jr. MD, Acting Director
VA Maryland Health Care System
10 North Greene Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Subject: VISN 5 – VA Maryland HCS, Policy Memorandum 512-127/NEU-004 VAMHCS
Outpatient Chronic Pain Management (AFGE Local 331 and AFGE Local 1923)

Dear Dr. Robinson:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally demanding to bargain on the VAMHCS Policy 512-127/NEU-004 as cited above in VISN 5 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
2nd Executive Vice President
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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Subject: VAMHCS Policy Memorandum 512-127/NEU-004, VAMHCS Outpatient
Chronic Pain Management

This notice is to advise you that the VAMHCS Policy Memorandum 512-127/NEU-004, VAMHCS Outpatient Chronic Pain Management is a recertification policy. Please review the attached policy.

This action is in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), Article 1 – Recognition and Coverage. Management views this initiative as a management right.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, contact Sandra Emery, Labor and Employee Relations Specialist at 410-605-7000, extension 6327.

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