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April 3, 2015

Kimberley D. Moseley, Deputy Assistant Secretary
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Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: VHA Directive 1133 "The Under Secretary for Health's Awards Program for
Excellence in Clinical Simulation Training, Education and Research"

Dear Ms. Moseley:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 1 C, of the Master Agreement, National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on VHA Directive 1133 as cited above within the Department. Please provide the NVAC's Title 38 Mid-Term Bargaining Committee with all information and/or data related to this subject. The negotiations in 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 Title 38 Mid-Term Bargaining Committee may request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. If you have any questions please call 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
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Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for your review is Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive 1133 titled, the Under Secretary for Health's Awards Program for Excellence in Clinical Simulation Training, Education, and Research.

This VHA Directive sets forth policy for the expansion of this special awards program that was originally established in 2010. It is designed to recognize and honor clinical and executive leaders in VHA's Clinical Simulation who have supported and advanced VHA's strategic plan for clinical simulation.

The awards program is established as a means of promoting and advancing system-wide progress of VHA goals, objectives, and strategies for the deployment of clinical simulation to improve the quality of health care for Veterans.

Unlike previous years, the awards program will now consist of four annual honor award categories including categories b. and c. as noted below.

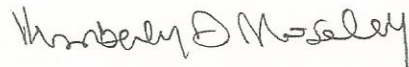
- a. Excellence in Clinical Simulation Training, Education and Research Practice Award;
- b. **Clinical Simulation Training, Education and Research Champion Award;**
- c. **Clinical Simulation Training, Education and Research Champion Award for the Resuscitation Education Initiative (REdI);** and
- d. Clinical Simulation Training, Education and Research Executive Leadership Award.

The SimLEARN Program Office will solicit nominations during the months of October and November annually through e-mails from Deputy under Secretary for Health/Operations and Management (10N) as well as through marketing and communications in the SimLEARN Newsletter. Accordingly, any employee can submit through appropriate channels award nominations for the preceding fiscal year. However, submissions must be received by November 30th to be considered for an award.

These awards are non-monetary and recipients will be recognized with a plaque or other non-monetary award. It is worth noting that the qualifying clinical practitioner positions for nominations include but not limited to any VHA employee directly involved in the delivery of healthcare to Veterans (MD, RN, Nurse Anesthetist, Respiratory Therapist, Nurse Practitioner, Allied Health Professional, etc.) and those who conduct the clinical training.

The planned implementation date is May 4th, 2015. If you would like to discuss, please contact Mr. Edson Morales at Edson.Morales@va.gov. Questions regarding this VHA Directive should be addressed to Mr. Harry Robinson, National Program Manager, Simulation Learning Education and Research Network, VHA at (407) 531-6102 or at Harry.Robinson@va.gov.

Sincerely yours,



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