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May 26, 2015

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Subject: VISN 22 WLAHCC Implementation of Omnicell Medication Dispensing System with Savvy Mobile Workstation (AFGE Local 1061 and AFGE Local 3943)

Dear Mr. Young:

In accordance with Article 47 Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on move of WLAHCC implementation of Omnicell Medication Dispensing System with Savvy Mobile Workstation cited above in VISN 22 within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee, President of the National VA Council #53, will be naming the Union's Chief Negotiator and team members. Please provide the named bargaining team with all information and/or data related to the cited subject. The negotiation of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the Management's Chief Negotiator receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The above named bargaining team my 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Vice President  
National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
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Subject: Implementation of Omnicell Medication Dispensing System with Savvy Mobile Workstation

Dear Mr. Williams:

On or about June 2, 2014, the Agency received notice of a planned change in the manner in which Staff Nurses and Licensed Vocational Nurses would order and retrieve medications using mobile medication workstations commonly known as "Savvy Carts." While I believe that the presidents of the affected locals were notified, I can find no documentation that demonstrates that we met our requirement for notification at the National level (the Chief of Employee/Labor Relations at the time no longer works for the Agency).

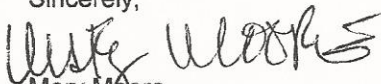
The memo sent to AFGE Local 1061 and AFGE Local 3943 is attached and provides detailed information on the change. Use of these carts will benefit both staff and patients.

We have not implemented use of the carts yet but are now in a position to do so, pending any necessary negotiations.

If you were notified in advance of this letter, I would appreciate a copy of any correspondence related to this matter to complete our record.

If you have any questions please contact me at (310) 478-3711 extension 42709 or by email at [moore.mary@va.gov](mailto:moore.mary@va.gov).

Sincerely,

  
 Mary Moore  
 Chief, Employee/Labor Relations

cc: AFGE Locals 1061, 3943

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