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June 12, 2015

Joanne Krumberger, Director
VA Medical Center Portland
3710 Southwest US Veterans Hospital Road
Portland, OR 97239-2964

Subject: VISN 20 – Portland - Rotation of Employees on a Special Project for Colorectal Cancer Screening (AFGE Local 2157 and AFGE Local 2583)

Dear Ms. Krumberger:

In accordance with Article 47 Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on PVAMC rotation of employees on a special project for colorectal cancer screening as cited above in VISN 20 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
2nd Executive Vice President
National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
Donald Fowler, 11th District Representative NVAC

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In Reply Refer to: 648/P3MED

June 5, 2015

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
2nd Executive Vice President, NVAC #53
29 Lake Street
Danville, IL. 61832

Subject: Employee move

Dear Mr. Williams,

Human Resources was notified today that beginning Monday, June 8, 2015 employees at both the Vancouver and Portland campuses have volunteered to participate in a special project that involves reducing the backlog of patients waiting for colorectal cancer screening in gastroenterology. Specifically, the volunteer staff will be calling patients and sending out FIT tests to patients that are currently on the EWL as a way to provide colorectal cancer screening for those patients who are still waiting for a screening colonoscopy. Volunteers working on this project will be rotated every nine business days and will be temporarily located in either 4C144-100-P, 344-101-P, or 8A101-100-P while on this project.

I apologize for the extremely short notification, however, this is a direct patient care issue, and, as such, we will be proceeding with the special project effective June 8, 2015 through September 30, 2015. The volunteer employees' supervisors, position descriptions, and tours will remain the same. If you have any questions, comments, please submit them to Eleanor Cannady, ext. 57224.

Sincerely,

ELEANOR CANNADY
Administrative Director, Hospital and Specialty
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