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July 21, 2016

Larry Bennett, Staff Director
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810 Vermont Avenue, NW
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Subject: VHA Directive 1306 Querying State Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs

Dear Mr. Bennett:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2, of the Master Agreement, National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on the VHA Directive 1306 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 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 bargaining obligation has been met. The NVAC's 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
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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DATE: July 21, 2016
FROM: Michael Clements, Office of Labor Management Relations, 05LMR
SUBJ: VHA Directive 1306 Querying State Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs
TO: Oscar L. Williams Jr., AFGE, 2nd Executive Vice President

On behalf of Larry Bennet, Director, Office of Labor Management, DVA, please accept this package as official notification for the VHA Directive 1306 Querying State Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs.

This directive establishes responsibilities requiring VHA health care providers to query State Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) to support safe and effective prescribing of controlled substances.

Process/procedures: This is a new Directive requiring VA health care providers to conduct periodic queries, at least yearly, of State PDMPs to support safe and effective prescribing of controlled substances. The new processes for VA health care providers are described in detail paragraph 5f. The PDMP is a statewide electronic database which collects data on controlled substances dispensed in each state. This Directive makes PDMP queries an expectation for VA health care providers, which includes physicians, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants, and/or their delegates. Delegates would most likely be a clinical pharmacist and/or registered nurse.

Training: For VA health care providers and their delegates, some education and training on how to access and utilize information received through the PDMP database may be necessary, but not required.

I have included VHA's Directive for your review. If you request additional information please let me know and I will coordinate with Management to provide what you need.

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