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Subject: VHA's Office of Community Care Claims Adjudication and Reimbursement Delivery  
Operations Area of Consideration Change

Dear Ms. McLeod:

The National VA Council #53 is not in mutual agreement to amend the VA Non-VA Medical Care Way Forward Initiative in Veterans Health Administration, Chief Business Office Purchased Care (CBOPC) MOU in accordance with Article Duration of Agreement Section 3 – Reopener.

The December 2014 MOU allows for virtual employees to apply for vacant positions in the Claims Adjudication and Reimbursement Delivery Operations nationwide by applying in the first, second, or third area of consideration.

If Office of Community Care is planning another type of action then OCC needs to be forthcoming with that notice. So NVAC can fulfill its representational responsibilities under the terms of the VA/AFGE Master Agreement and Chapter 71 of Title 5.

If you have any questions please call me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
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