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Michael E. Hershman, Director  
VA Northern Indiana, HCS  
2121 Lake Avenue  
Fort Wayne, In 46805

Subject: VISN 10 – VA Northern Indiana, HCS, Cardiopulmonary – New SOPs Home Oxygen  
6-Minute Walk Test and Overnight Pulse Oxygen  
(AFGE Local 1020 and AFGE Local 1384)

Dear Mr. Hershman:

In accordance with Article 47 Section 4 B, of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on VA NIHCS, Cardiopulmonary New SOPs as cited above in VISN 10 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 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) 670-9357.

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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