

Memorandum of Understanding

The following constitutes an agreement between the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and the American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO) concerning VHA Directive 2009-xxx "Transition Patient Advocate and Mental Health Peer Support Technician Documentation in the Department of Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Record" within the Department.

1. The national parties agree that the implementation of this VHA Directive stated above is more appropriate for local negotiation. Local Management officials must meet their bargaining obligation prior to any local implementation of this VHA Directive.
2. Upon request, the Local Union will be briefed on this VHA Directive prior to it's demand to bargain. Upon request, the local parties will negotiate as appropriate. The Union representatives shall receive official time for all time spent in the negotiation of this VHA Directive.
3. The appropriate management officials will provide a copy of this MOU to the Local Union President upon their receipt.



For Veterans Health Administration (VHA)



For National Veterans Affairs Council #53

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