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June 4, 2013

Kent Crossley, MD Acting Director
Minneapolis VA Health Care System
One Veterans Drive
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Subject: VISN 23 MVAHCS Medication Reconciliation Process, Policy Number TX-38
(AFGE Local 1969 and AFGE Local 3669)

Dear Dr. Crossley:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally demanding to bargain on the policy cited above. Ms. Alma L. Lee will be naming the Union's Chief Negotiator and negotiating team. Please provide the named bargaining team with any information and/or data concerning the cited subject. The negotiation 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 national bargaining obligation has been met. The named bargaining team may 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
Patrick Russell, 8th District Representative NVAC

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May 31, 2013

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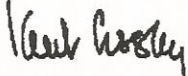
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Chairperson, AFGE Mid-Term Bargaining Committee
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Dear Mr. Williams:

1. In accordance with the Master Agreement between the Department of Veterans Affairs and AFGE, Article 47, Section 4 (B), the Minneapolis VA Health Care System (MVAHCS) is proposing changes to the Medication Reconciliation Process, Policy Number TX-38.
2. The changes to this policy and revisions were developed by various departments in our Medical Center. That includes; Pharmacy, Patient Safety, and Continuous Improvement and it was modified in consultation with our chief nurses. These changes will impact both locals, AFGE 1969 and 3669.
3. Attached please find the draft proposal with all highlighted changes attached.
4. Should you request to bargain these changes, you may submit your demand to bargain within 20 business days after receipt of this notice directly to:

VA Medical Center
Human Resources Management Service
(05) HRMS Amy Hingsberger
One Veterans Drive
Minneapolis, MN 55417

5. If you have any questions on this notice, please feel free to contact Amy Hingsberger, Employee and Labor Relations Specialist, 612-629-7583.


Kent Crossley, MD
Acting Director, Minneapolis VA Health Care System



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cc: Jane Nygaard, President, AFGE, Local 3669, VA Medical Center Minneapolis, MN 55417
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