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October 28, 2013

Kimberley D. Moseley, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: VHA Handbook 1004.02 Advanced Care Planning and Management of Advance Directives

Dear Ms. Moseley:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 1 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demand to bargain on VHA Handbook 1004.02 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 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
2nd Executive Vice President
National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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Title 38 Mid-Term Bargaining Committee

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Williams, Oscar L Jr.

From: Munn, Ainbint
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2013 3:12 PM
To: Williams, Oscar L Jr.
Cc: Munn, Ainbint
Subject: Notification - Revisions to VHA Handbook 1004.02 - Advance Care Planning and Management of Advance Directives
Attachments: VHA Hanbook 1004.02 - Advanced Care Planning and Management of Advance Directives.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Our office is providing notification concerning the revised VHA Handbook 1004.02, Advance Care Planning and Management of Advance Directives. This revision was made to reflect VA's shift towards the PACT model to provide accessible, coordinated, patient-centered care with the active involvement of other clinical and non-clinical staff. To prepare for this change, the program office has released training materials for VHA staff who provide additional information about advance directives and assistance with completing forms to patients who request these services. They have developed training materials to explicitly meet the needs those employees who are required to perform the tasks outlined in the revised handbook. As you may know, staff who may be delegated these responsibilities already perform some of these tasks. The training materials correspond to the counseling standards established in Section 9b of the Handbook.

The attached documentation is provided for your review/information. If you would like to schedule a briefing to discuss this matter please contact me at 202-461-4121. If you require additional information concerning this initiative please contact Ms. Rashi Venkataraman, National Center for Ethics in Health Care at 202-632-8452.

Thank you,
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