## **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), National Veterans Affairs Council (NVAC) #53 on VHA Clinical Information Systems (CIS) and Anesthesia Record Keeper (ARK) Systems.

- 1. Training for Bargaining Unit Employees related to CIS/ARK shall be provided during duty time.
- 2. The Department will comply with the appropriate provisions of the Rehabilitation Act.
- 3. Remedial training may be available to Bargaining Unit Employees upon their request.
- 4. Training shall, to the extent feasible, be offered multiple times to enable Bargaining Unit Employees an opportunity to attend during their duty.
- 5. Bargaining Unit Employees shall not be required to change their scheduled leave to attend this training.
- 6 Any MOUs signed at the local level or VISN level must comply with the provisions contained in this MOU.
- 7. Notices regarding the implementation of CIS/ARK after the effective date of this MOU, which involve more than one AFGE Local or at the VISN level, shall be sent to the NVAC's designee.
- 8. Upon their receipt, the appropriate management official shall provide a copy of this MOU to the Local Union President.

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