

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

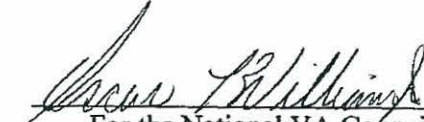
The following constitutes an Agreement between the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, National Veterans Affairs Council #53 (NVAC) concerning VHA Fee Basis/Non-VA Care Millennium Bill Initiative Pilot in VISN 20 and VISN 22 within the Department.

1. The national parties understand the Millennium Bill Initiative Pilot is expected to run from November to the end of the current Fiscal Year. The scope of the pilot is limited to the Mill Bill claims.
2. AFGE/NVAC Locals within VISN 20 and VISN 22 have the authority to negotiate locally on the procedures and appropriate arrangements for any bargaining unit employee impacted by this Pilot.
3. The national parties understand that there is no intent to move bargaining unit employees from their current duty station or to move addition claims from their facility.
4. NVAC will be notified and given the opportunity to bargain, if VHA decides to rollout this pilot nationally.
5. NVAC reserves its rights to address future issues related to Mill Bill claims as they occur that have not been covered by this MOU.
6. The appropriate management official shall provide the Local Union President with a copy of this MOU upon their receipt.



For the Department (VHA)

11-19-08
Date



For the National VA Council #53

11-14-08
Date