

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) regarding the Resident Assessment Instrument/Minimum Data Set (RAI/MDS) at VHA facilities nationwide.

1. Training on the current Accu-Med RAI/MDS version and updates shall be in accordance with Article 34, Section 4 of the Master Agreement. Any additional and/or follow-up training shall be an appropriate subject for local negotiation.
2. Local parties shall review the duties and responsibilities of the MDS Coordinator position, as appropriate. The review should indicate whether additional positions are needed and what relief is required.
3. The most current version of the Accu-Med RAI/MDS software approved by the Program Office shall be the only software package used and field facilities must comply with this agreement of the National parties.
4. Local unions shall have the right bargain further on this subject so long as they do not conflict, interfere with or impair the implementation of this MOU and the Master Agreement.
5. The appropriate management official shall provide a copy of this MOU to the National and Local union officials at their facility upon receipt of this MOU.



For Veterans Health Administration, (VHA)



For AFGE, National VA Council #53

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Date