

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 the VHA Directive 2007-xxxx on the Requirement for National Provider Identifier (NPI) and Taxonomy Code(s).

1. The parties agree that the list of "billable practitioners" listed in this MOU contains the current known occupations that provide health care services that are billable to third party insurance carriers (payers) for veterans' non-service connected care. The list is not exclusive and may not contain all "billable practitioners" who provide non-service connected care that may be reimbursable by payers. The list maybe expanded or reduced by a particular facility based upon local billing practices or local changes in health care plan coverage.

- **Allopathic (M.D. and equivalent degrees) and Osteopathic Physicians (D.O.)**
- **Behavioral Health and Social Service Providers**
 - Counselor
 - Psychologist
 - Social Worker (CSW, LISW)
- **Chiropractic Providers**
 - Chiropractor
- **Dental Providers**
 - Dentist
- **Dietary and Nutritional Services Providers**
 - Dietitian, Registered
- **Eye and Vision Service Providers**
 - Optometrist
- **Pharmacy Service Providers**
 - Pharmacist
- **Physician Assistants and Advanced Practice Nursing Providers**
 - Anesthesiologist Assistant
 - Clinical Nurse Specialist
 - Midwife, Certified Nurse
 - Nurse Anesthetist, Certified Registered
 - Nurse Practitioner
 - Physician Assistant
- **Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Providers**
 - Podiatrist
- **Respiratory, Rehabilitative, and Restorative Care Providers**
 - Occupational Therapist (OT)
 - Physical Therapist (PT)
- **Speech, Language, and Hearing Providers**
 - Audiologist

Special cases where NPIs and Specialty/Subspecialty information may also be needed:

- Nurses – if the nurse provides billable home health care skill nursing services.
 - Speech-language Pathologists – if the facility bills for their services.
 - Research – if the practitioner involved in research provides billable services.
2. Bargaining unit employees in an occupation listed in this MOU shall be given reasonable duty time to apply for their NPI and designate their Taxonomy Code(s).
 3. Any disciplinary action taken against a bargaining unit employee for failure to obtain a NPI or designate Taxonomy Code(s) must be in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement and VA policy.
 4. The appropriate management official shall provide a copy of this MOU to the Local Union President upon their receipt.

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