

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION  
LOCAL 73**

**AND**

**COUNTY OF MCHENRY – VALLEY HI NURSING &  
REHABILITATION CENTER**

**REGISTERED AND LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES**

**EFFECTIVE**

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## **AGREEMENT**

This agreement is entered into by the County of McHenry, by its duly constituted County Board and Valley Hi, a nursing home of the County of McHenry, hereinafter referred to as the "Employer," and the Service Employees International Union Local 73, hereinafter to be referred to as the "Union."

## **PREAMBLE**

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide an orderly collective bargaining relationship between the Employer and the Union representing the employees in the bargaining units, and to make clear the basic terms upon which such relationship depends. It is the intent of both the Employer and the Union to work together to provide and maintain satisfactory terms and conditions of employment, and to prevent as well as to adjust misunderstandings and grievances relating to employees wages, hours and working conditions.

In consideration of mutual promises, covenants and agreements contained herein, the parties hereto, by their duly authorized representative and/or agents, do mutually covenant and agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I**  
**RECOGNITION**

**SECTION 1.1: UNIT DESCRIPTION**

The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative in all matters establishing and pertaining to wages and salaries, hours, working conditions, and other conditions of employment on which it may lawfully bargain collectively for employees within the following collective bargaining unit, as certified by the Illinois State Labor Relations Board:

**\*\*INCLUDED:** All full-time and part-time employees of the County of McHenry, Valley Hi Nursing Home and Rehabilitation in the following classifications: Registered Nurses; Licensed Practical Nurses.

**\*\*EXCLUDED:** Registry (On-Call) Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses. All supervisors, managers and confidential employees as defined by the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act.

**SECTION 1.2: NEW CLASSIFICATIONS**

The Employer shall notify the Union within fifteen (15) working days of its decision to implement any and all new classifications pertaining to work of a nature performed by employees within the bargaining unit. The Employer and the Union agree to jointly petition the State Labor Board to seek the necessary unit clarification unless the parties can mutually agree on the addition of the classification to the bargaining unit.

In the event there is a need for the establishment of new classifications including rates of pay, there will be a meeting for the purpose of establishing such classifications and rates by mutual agreement. Where agreement is not reached by the time work must be started, the Employer may start work at the rate it believes proper. If the rate mutually agreed on differs from that established by the Employer, such rate shall be retroactive to the start of work in the new classification. If the parties fail to agree on such rate within thirty (30) days of the start of work in the classification, the Union may appeal directly to arbitration within the next thirty (30) consecutive calendar days.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **UNION RIGHTS**

#### **SECTION 2.1: UNION ACTIVITY DURING WORKING HOURS**

Union activities within Employer facilities shall be restricted to administering this Agreement. A Union Steward or designee shall ask for and obtain permission before leaving his/her job in order to conduct Union business. The Steward or designee will ask for and obtain permission from the Director of Nursing or designee of any employee with whom he/she wishes to carry on Union business.

Reasonable time while on duty shall be permitted to a Union Steward or designee for the purposes of aiding or assisting or otherwise representing employees in processing of grievances or exercising other rights set forth in this Agreement, and such reasonable time shall be without loss of pay.

#### **SECTION 2.2: UNION BULLETIN BOARD**

The Employer shall provide a Union bulletin board. The board shall be for the sole and exclusive use of the Union. The Union shall be responsible to ensure that only appropriate material is posted on the bulletin board.

#### **SECTION 2.3: NOTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The Union shall notify the Employer of the election/appointment of officers and stewards.

## **SECTION 2.4: UNION NEGOTIATING TEAM**

Up to six (6) members designated as being on the Bargaining Unit's negotiating team who are scheduled to work on a day on which negotiations will occur, shall, for the purpose of attending scheduled negotiations, be excused from their regular duties without pay. If a designated bargaining unit member on the negotiating team is in regular day-off status on the day of negotiations, he/she will not be compensated for attending the session.

## **SECTION 2.5: TIME OFF FOR UNION ACTIVITIES**

Subject to the operational requirements of the Valley Hi Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, no more than two (2) union members shall be allowed time off without pay for legitimate union business, such as union meetings or union training programs provided such representative gives reasonable prior notice to the Valley Hi Administrator. Such request(s) shall not be unreasonably denied. The employee may utilize accrued Vacation, Personal, or Compensatory Time in lieu of the employee taking time off without pay.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **UNION DUES/FAIR SHARE CHECKOFF**

#### **SECTION 3.1: DUES CHECKOFF**

The Employer agrees to deduct from the pay of those employees who are Union members union membership dues, assessments, or fees. Requests for any of the above shall be made on a form provided by the Union.

Upon receipt of an appropriate written authorization from an employee, such authorized deductions shall be made in accordance with the law and shall be remitted to the Union on a monthly basis at the address designated in writing by the Union. The Employer will provide a list of employees' names and amount deducted each time the Employer remits payment to the Union. The Union shall advise the Employer of any increases in dues or other approved deductions in writing at least thirty (30) business days prior to its effective date.

The Union shall advise the Employer of the current amount of Union deductions.

Upon request of the Union, the Employer will provide a list of employees of the Valley Hi Nursing and Rehabilitation Center including names, whether they are dues or fair share paying, address, and phone number.

#### **SECTION 3.2: FAIR SHARE**

During the term of this Agreement, employees who do not choose to become dues paying members of the Union shall pay a fair share fee to the Union for collective

bargaining and contract administration services rendered by the Union as the exclusive representative of the employees covered by said Agreement, provided the fair share fee shall not exceed the dues attributable to being a member of the Union.

The Union shall periodically submit to the Employer a list of the members covered by this Agreement who are not members of the Union and shall periodically advise the Employer of the amount of the fair share fee. Such fair share fees shall be deducted by the Employer from the earnings of non-members and remitted to the Union.

The Union agrees with the requirements in Chicago Teachers Union v. Hudson, 475 U.S. 292 (1986), with respect to the constitutional rights of fair share fee payors.

It is specifically agreed that any dispute concerning the amount of the fair share fee and/or the responsibilities of the Union with respect to fair share fee payors as set forth above shall not be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure set forth in this Agreement.

Non-members who object to this fair share fee based upon bona fide religious tenets or teachings, as defined under the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act (IPLRA), shall submit in writing to the SEIU Local 73 Secretary Treasurer of their objections and shall pay an amount equal to such fair share fee to a non-religious charitable organization mutually agreed upon by the employee and the Union. If the affected non-member and the Union are unable to reach an agreement on the organization, the organization shall be selected by the affected non-member from an approved list of

charitable organizations established by the Illinois State Labor Relations Board and the payment shall be made to said organization.

### **SECTION 3.3: INDEMNIFICATION**

The Union shall indemnify and hold harmless the Employer, its elected representatives, officers, administrators, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, complaints, suits or other forms of liability (monetary or otherwise) that arise out of or by reason of any action taken or not taken by the Employer for the purpose of complying with the provisions of this Article, or in reliance on any written checkoff authorization furnished under any of the provisions of this Article.

### **SECTION 3.4: C.O.P.E.**

The Employer agrees to deduct from the pay of those employees who individually request voluntary contributions to the SEIU 73 C.O.P.E. Fund. The Union shall notify the Employer in writing of the amount that is to be deducted from the employees' paychecks. Such deductions shall be remitted to the Union on a semi-monthly basis.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

It is understood and agreed that the management of Valley Hi Nursing and Rehabilitation Center possesses the sole right and authority to operate and direct the employees of the Valley Hi Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in all aspects, including, but not limited to, all rights and authority exercised by Valley Hi Nursing and Rehabilitation prior to the execution of this Agreement, except as modified in this Agreement. These rights include, but are not limited to:

1. The right to determine its mission, policies, and set forth all standards of service offered to the public;
2. To plan, direct, schedule, control and determine the operations or services to be conducted by the employees of the Valley Hi Nursing and Rehabilitation Center;
3. To determine the methods, means, and number of personnel needed to carry out the department's mission;
4. To supervise and direct the working forces;
5. To hire and assign or to transfer employees within Valley Hi Rehabilitation and Nursing Center;
6. To promote, suspend, discipline or discharge for just cause;
7. To lay off employees pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement;

8. To make, alter, publish and enforce rules and regulations, orders, policies and procedures;
9. To introduce new or improved methods, equipment or facilities;
10. To contract for goods and services;
11. To take any and all actions that may be necessary to carry out the mission of Valley Hi Nursing and Rehabilitation;
12. To determine its overall budget.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **NON-DISCRIMINATION**

#### **SECTION 5.1: EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

The Employer will continue to provide equal employment opportunity for all employees, and develop and apply equal employment practices.

#### **SECTION 5.2: PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION**

Both the Employer and the Union agree not to illegally discriminate against any employee on the basis of race, sex, creed, religion, color, age, national origin, or disability.

#### **SECTION 5.3: UNION MEMBERSHIP OR ACTIVITY**

Neither the Employer nor the Union shall interfere with the right of employees covered by this Agreement to become or not become members of the Union, and there shall be no discrimination against any such employees because of lawful Union membership or non-membership activity or status.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **VACANCIES**

#### **SECTION 6.1: POSITION VACANCY**

A bargaining unit position vacancy is created when the employer determines to increase the work force to fill an existing bargaining unit position or a newly created position. This occurs when any of the following personnel transactions take place in the bargaining unit, and the employer determines to replace the previous incumbent: terminations, promotions, demotions, retirement, death, or resignation.

#### **SECTION 6.2: POSTING**

Whenever a bargaining unit position vacancy occurs in an existing job classification or as a result of the development of, or establishment of, a new job classification, a notice of such vacancy is to be posted on the Valley Hi Bulletin Board, the McHenry County website and in the Human Resources Office for at least seven (7) business days. During this period, employees who wish to apply for the vacancy, including employees on layoff, may do so.

#### **SECTION 6.3: SELECTION**

The Employer agrees that the applicants for the Vacancy will all be given an opportunity to interview for the job. Any bargaining unit employee may apply for a vacancy. The Employer may also fill the vacancy from outside the Bargaining Unit, as the Employer deems appropriate, if the outside applicant possesses greater skill and

ability, as reasonably determined by the Employer, than a present employee applying for the vacancy.

Selections shall be based upon qualifications, including such items as experience, skill, interpersonal skills, and also performance record and seniority if the applicant is an internal candidate.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **SENIORITY**

#### **SECTION 7.1: SENIORITY DEFINED**

As used herein, the Valley Hi seniority, and classification seniority terms shall be referred to and be defined as the Employee's continuous length of service or employment within their classification, department and the Valley Hi Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

#### **SECTION 7.2: BREAKS IN CONTINUOUS SERVICE**

An Employee's continuous service record shall be broken by voluntary resignation, discharge for just cause, retirement, failure to return from a leave of absence, and being absent for three (3) consecutive scheduled work days without proper notification and authorization. However, if an employee returns to work in any capacity for the Employer within three (3) months, the break in continuous service shall be removed from his/her record.

#### **SECTION 7.3: SENIORITY LIST**

Once each year, the Employer shall post a seniority list showing the seniority and classification of each employee. A copy of the seniority list shall be furnished to the Union when it is posted. The seniority list shall be accepted and become final thirty (30) days after it is posted, unless protested by the Union or an employee.

## **SECTION 7.4: PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEES**

An employee is probationary for the first six (6) calendar months of employment. The probationary period may be extended up to a six (6) month period by mutual agreement of the parties. Employees who are promoted within the bargaining unit shall not be required to serve an additional probationary period.

A probationary employee shall have no seniority, except as otherwise provided for in this Agreement, until he/she has completed their required probationary period. Upon such completion, he/she shall acquire seniority retroactively from the date of employment. During this period of probation, no grievance may be filed by or on behalf of such employee regarding discharge or discipline and he/she shall have no rights under this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **LAYOFF AND RECALL**

#### **SECTION 8.1: DEFINITION AND NOTICE**

A layoff is defined as a reduction in bargaining unit jobs. The Employer shall give the Union at least thirty (30) days notice of any layoffs except in emergency situations wherein such period of notice may be reduced.

#### **SECTION 8.2: GENERAL PROCEDURES**

In the event of a layoff, employees shall be laid off in inverse order of seniority as defined in Article VII. However, prior to laying off any bargaining unit employees, all seasonal, temporary, probationary, or other non-bargaining unit employees who perform work customarily performed by bargaining unit employees within the affected classification(s) shall be laid off or terminated, as the case may be.

#### **SECTION 8.3: RECALL OF LAID-OFF EMPLOYEES**

The names of laid-off employees shall be placed on a layoff list for eighteen (18) months. Employees shall be recalled in order of seniority.

## ARTICLE IX

### DISCIPLINARY POLICY AND PROCEDURES

#### **SECTION 9.1: GENERALLY**

The Valley Hi Nursing and Rehabilitation Center expects its employees to acquaint themselves with the performance criteria for their particular job and with all applicable rules, procedures and standards of conduct. The Valley Hi Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center expects its employees to perform their job duties in a satisfactory manner, maintain a high level of professionalism, and conduct themselves in an honest and efficient manner at all times.

#### **SECTION 9.2: EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE**

The parties agree with the tenets of progressive and corrective discipline and that it shall be imposed only for just cause. The Employer may impose the appropriate level of discipline based on the facts and circumstances of the matter at issue. Discipline shall include but not be exclusive of the following progressive steps of priority:

1. Oral warning with documentation of such filed in the employee's personnel file.
2. Written reprimand with copy of such maintained in the employee's personnel file.
3. Suspension without pay with documentation of such maintained in the employee's personnel file, with copy sent to Union office.

4. Discharge with documentation of such maintained in the employee's personnel file, with copy sent to Union office.

Pursuant to actual imposition of written reprimands, suspension without pay, or discharges, the employee shall be afforded an opportunity to discuss his/her views concerning the conduct causing such disciplinary action. Such discussion should take place as soon as practicable after the Supervisor's action and not be unduly or unreasonably delayed, and the employee shall be informed clearly and concisely of the basis for such action. Furthermore, upon request of the employee, a representative of the Union (Steward) shall be allowed to be present and participate in such discussions.

Any disciplinary action or measure imposed upon a non-probationary employee may be processed as a grievance through the regular grievance procedure. Probationary employees are "at-will" employees, subject to discipline or discharge without recourse to the grievance procedure.

### **SECTION 9.3: RIGHT TO REPRESENTATION**

Prior to any pre-disciplinary discussions with the employee, the employee shall be informed of his/her rights to Union representation due to the fact that disciplinary action may be taken.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

#### **SECTION 10.1: GRIEVANCE DEFINED**

A grievance is defined as a dispute between the parties to this Agreement concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement or its express provisions.

#### **SECTION 10.2: PROCESSING OF GRIEVANCE**

Grievances shall be processed only by the Union on behalf of an employee or on behalf of a group of employees or itself setting forth name(s) or group(s) of the employee(s). The Grievant or one Grievant representing a group of Grievants may be present at any step of the grievance procedure, and the employee is entitled to Union representation at each and every step of the grievance procedure. The resolution of a grievance filed on behalf of a group of employees shall be made applicable to the appropriate employees within that group.

#### **SECTION 10.3: GRIEVANCE STEPS**

##### **STEP ONE: DIRECTOR OF NURSING OR DESIGNEE**

The Union may submit a written grievance to the Director of Nursing or designee within ten (10) business days of the event giving rise to the grievance or within ten (10) business days of the Union obtaining reasonable knowledge of the events giving rise to the grievance. The Director of Nursing or designee shall schedule a conference within ten (10) business days of receipt of the grievance to attempt to adjust the matter. The Director of Nursing or designee shall submit a written response within ten (10) business days of the conference. If the conference is not scheduled, the Director of Nursing or

designee shall respond to the grievance in writing within ten (10) business days of receipt of the appeal.

**STEP TWO: VALLEY HI ADMINISTRATOR**

If the grievance remains unsettled at Step One, the Union may advance the written grievance to the Valley Hi Administrator within ten (10) business days of the response in Step One or when such response was due. The Valley Hi Administrator and/or his/her designee shall schedule a conference within ten (10) business days of receipt of the grievance to attempt to adjust the matter. The Valley Hi Administrator or designee shall submit a written response within ten (10) days of the conference. If the conference is not scheduled, Valley Hi shall respond to the grievance in writing within ten (10) business days of receipt of the appeal.

**STEP THREE: DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

If the grievance remains unsettled at Step Two, the Union may advance the written grievance to the Director of Human Resources within ten (10) business days of the response in Step Two or when such response was due. The Director of Human Resources or designee shall schedule a conference within ten (10) business days of receipt of the grievance to attempt to adjust the matter. The Director of Human Resources or designee shall submit a written response within ten (10) business days of the conference. If the conference is not scheduled, the Director of Human Resources or designee shall respond to the grievance in writing within ten (10) business days of receipt of the appeal.

#### **STEP FOUR: ARBITRATION**

If the grievance remains unsettled after the response in Step Three, the Union may refer the grievance to arbitration within fifteen (15) business days of the Step Three response. The Union shall request either the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service or the American Arbitration Association to submit a panel of seven (7) Arbitrators. The winner of a coin toss shall determine who strikes first. The parties shall alternately strike the names of Arbitrators. The person whose name remains shall be the Arbitrator, provided that either party, before striking any names, shall have the right to reject one (1) panel of Arbitrators.

Both parties agree to attempt to arrive at a joint stipulation of the facts and issues as outlined to be submitted to the Arbitrator. Both parties shall have the right to request the Arbitrator to require the presence of witnesses and/or documents. Each party shall bear the costs of its own witnesses.

Questions of arbitrability shall be decided by the Arbitrator. The Arbitrator shall make a preliminary determination on the question of arbitrability. If it is determined that the matter is arbitrable, the Arbitrator shall then proceed to determine the merits of the dispute.

In the conduct of any arbitration under this Article, the rules and procedure governing the conduct of arbitration proceedings of the American Arbitration Association shall control, except where specifically limited by this Article. The Arbitrator shall neither amend, modify, nullify, ignore, add, nor subtract from the provisions of this Agreement.

The expenses and fees of the Arbitrator and the cost of the hearing room shall be shared equally by the parties. Nothing in this Article shall preclude the parties from

agreeing to the appointment of a permanent Arbitrator(s) during the term of this Agreement or to use the expedited arbitration procedures of the American Arbitration Association.

If either party desires a verbatim record of the proceedings, it may cause such to be made, provided it pays for its own copy of the record and makes a copy available without charge to the Arbitrator. The parties will equally share the cost of the Arbitrator's copy of the transcript. If the other party desires a copy, it shall equally pay for the expense of such.

The Arbitrator shall render his/her decision in writing to the parties within thirty (30) calendar days following the close of the arbitration hearing or the submission date of briefs, whichever is later. The Arbitrator shall support his/her findings with a written opinion. The decision and opinion shall be based solely on and directed to the issue presented. The award shall clearly direct the parties as to what action(s) must be taken in order to comply with the award.

The decision and award of the arbitration shall be final and binding to the Union, employee(s) and Employer. Such decision shall be within the scope and terms of this Agreement but shall not change any of its terms or conditions.

#### **SECTION 10.4: GRIEVANCE FORMS**

The written grievance required under this Article shall be on a form which shall be provided by the Union. It shall contain a statement of the Grievant's complaint, the section(s) of this Agreement that have been allegedly violated, the date of the alleged violation(s) and the relief being sought. The form shall be signed and dated by the Grievant and/or his/her representative.

## **SECTION 10.5: SETTLEMENTS AND TIME LIMITS**

Any grievance not appealed to the next succeeding step in writing and within the appropriate number of business days of the Employer's last answer will be considered settled on the basis of the Employer's last answer and shall not be eligible for further appeal, except that the parties may, in any individual case (except discharge cases), extend this limit by agreement of the parties. Should the Employer not respond to a grievance at any time within the time frames specified or within any extension agreed to, the grievance shall be decided in favor of the relief sought by the Union.

## **SECTION 10.6: UNION STEWARDS**

One (1) duly authorized bargaining unit representative shall be designated by the Union as the Steward. One (1) duly authorized bargaining unit representative shall be designated by the Union as the Alternate Steward. The Union will provide written notice to the Employer to identify the Stewards.

## ARTICLE XI

### HOLIDAYS AND PERSONAL DAYS

#### SECTION 11.1: HOLIDAYS

Employees shall receive holidays each year as established by Resolution of the McHenry County Board.

Employees shall be compensated for holidays according to hours of work that are normally scheduled for that workday. The holiday must fall on a day normally scheduled as a workday for employees to be eligible for compensation.

Employees regularly scheduled to work on a holiday will receive either:

- Equivalent time off within the same or the immediate following pay period at a time convenient to the employee and consistent with the department needs.
- Employees who are scheduled to work on a recognized holiday will receive holiday pay plus wages at their straight-time rate for the hours worked on the holiday.

To be eligible for holiday pay, an employee must work or take an approved vacation or personal day:

- The last scheduled work day before the holiday; and
- The first scheduled work day after the holiday.

## **SECTION 11.2: HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE**

Holidays for all members of the bargaining unit will be observed on the actual calendar date of the holiday. Management and the union agree that any deviation from this language will be by agreement through the labor management process.

## **SECTION 11.3: PERSONAL DAYS**

Employees shall receive personal days each year as established by the McHenry County Board, generally two (2) days per year, with pay, to be used in each calendar year. Part-time employees shall earn personal days on a pro-rata basis. If the McHenry County Board grants an additional personal day in any given year, members of the bargaining unit, who have been employed for at least one year, shall be granted the additional personal day. Newly hired employees shall receive one (1) personal day after completion of 6 months of continue service and will receive one (1) personal day upon the completion of 12 months of continuous service. After an employee's first anniversary date, personal days are awarded at the beginning of every calendar year (January 1<sup>st</sup>). Except for emergency situations that preclude the making of prior arrangements, employees shall submit a request to the Director of Nursing or designee for approval at least one (1) working day in advance as to not adversely impact the operational needs of the Valley Hi Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Unused personal leave is not cumulative and cannot be carried-over from one calendar year to the next. Personal days not used in the calendar year are forfeited.

Pay for personal leave not used is not permissible. There shall be no payment for unused personal days upon termination of employment.

**ARTICLE XII**

**VACATIONS**

**SECTION 12.1: VACATION ACCRUAL**

All vacation eligibility is computed on continuous County employment. Employees shall be entitled to paid vacation days in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vacation Days Earned per Year</u>
Completion of ETP through year 5	10 days per year
Beginning year 6 through year 10	15 days per year
Beginning year 11 and greater	20 days per year

Regular part-time employees (those scheduled to work at least 600 hours per year) accrue vacation time on a pro rata basis.

Employees will begin earning the new accrual rate on the first pay period following the completion of five (5) and ten (10) years.

Upon the successful completion of their employee training period (ETP), employees will accrue vacation from date of hire.

For the purpose of this section, “pay period” is defined as the bi-weekly period for which pay is issued in which the employee has been employed with the County for at least seven and one half (7.5) days.

Employees accrue paid vacation time on a pay period by pay period basis (twenty-six (26) pay period cycle basis), and may use only time already accrued.

**Accrual Limits:** Employees are allowed to accrue, and, therefore, carry over, up to 150% of their respective annual accrual, and at no time shall their vacation balance exceed the 150% maximum limit. The maximum accrual limits are as follows:

<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Annual</b>	<b>150% Maximum Limit</b>
Completion of ETP through year 5	10 days	15 days
Beginning year 6 through year 10	15 days	22.5 days
Beginning year 11 and greater	20 days	30 days

At the discretion of the Valley Hi Nursing Home Administrator, employees may use vacation time in the calendar year in which it will be earned but prior to the actual accrual only if the employee agrees in writing that if they leave the employ of the County for any reason, they will repay any used vacation time that has not been earned, or allow for the deduction from their final paycheck of any unearned vacation that was used.

**SECTION 12.2: VACATION USAGE**

1. A vacation day shall not be charged should a designated holiday fall during an employee's scheduled vacation period.
2. All employees may submit, in writing for approval, (by a date specified by the Valley Hi Nursing Home Administrator) a schedule of desired vacation dates. Conflicts in scheduling will be resolved in favor of the employee with the most seniority. No employee shall be entitled to priority in selecting his/her vacation for more than two weeks.
3. Normally, Valley Hi prepares a bi-weekly work schedule. Employees who submit their written vacation day(s) request a minimum of five (5) days prior to

the beginning date of the next schedule being posted will receive preference (first come, first served), based upon Valley Hi's operational needs.

4. Unless otherwise agreed, an employee must request, in writing, vacation leave for one (1) day or less at least five (5) working days in advance.

### **SECTION 12.3: ACCUMULATED VACATION AT SEPARATION**

1. Upon separation, an employee shall be paid for all unused, accrued vacation time based on the employee's current rate of pay.
2. In the event of the employee's death, compensation for all unused accrued vacation allowances shall be paid to the employee's designated life insurance beneficiary or, if none, the employee's estate.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **SICK LEAVE**

The Sick Leave Program enables regular full-time and regular part-time employees to accrue benefit time to be used when the employee is incapacitated due to non-work related illness, injury or disability or to care for an ill/disabled immediate family member (see Section 14.4 FMLA Leave for definition of “immediate family member”) and/or in conjunction with an approved family medical leave. Sick leave may be used for time missed due to medical appointments if the employee receives prior approval from their supervisor and the appointment is scheduled so that it is not unduly disruptive of the employee’s work schedule or the department’s operation. If an employee has accrued sick leave benefits, the employee will be paid for approved absences that occur during the employee’s normally scheduled work hours. Sick pay for hours not worked is excluded when computing overtime for that week.

#### **SECTION 13.1: SICK LEAVE ACCRUAL**

Regular full-time employees accrue sick leave according to the schedule below. Regular part-time employees (those scheduled to work at least 600 hours per year) accrue sick leave on a pro rata basis.

During the employee training period, a probationary employee does not earn sick time but will receive three (3) days sick time credit at the successful completion of the probationary period (Section 7.4).

Employees shall accrue sick leave as follows: Employees earn sick leave on a pay period by pay period (twenty-six pay period (26) cycle basis) and may use only time

already earned. Employees will begin earning the new accrual rate on the first full pay period following the completion of ten (10) and fifteen (15) years.

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Sick Days Earned per Year</u>
Date of hire through year 10	12 days per year
Beginning year 11 through year 15	15 days per year
Beginning year 16 and greater	20 days per year

For the purpose of this section, pay period is defined as the bi-weekly period for which pay is issued in which the employee has been employed with the County for at least seven and one half (7.5) days.

An employee shall be allowed to accrue up to 240 sick days. Employees cannot begin a fiscal year with more than 240 days. Employees who have accrued more than 240 sick days as of December 1 of each year must determine if they wish to be credited for additional vacation days or to be paid for this unused sick leave. In either case, earned sick days in excess of the 240 maximum allowable may be converted at two (2) sick days in exchange for one (1) regular day. However, no more than five (5) days (10 sick days ÷ 2 = 5 days) can be converted to pay.

**SECTION 13.2: NOTICE (CALL-IN)**

An employee is required to notify the Director of Nursing or designee, in the case of absence from work due to illness/injury or in the employee's immediate family (FMLA definition), as far as possible in advance of the starting time for their scheduled work day but no later than thirty minutes (1/2 hour) prior to the start of their shift.

If an employee misses more than one (1) day of work, the employee is still required to call the Director of Nursing or designee each day of their absence.

An employee may be required to provide a physician's statement when returning to work after the employee has been absent, due to illness/injury of himself/herself or immediate family member, for a period of three (3) or more consecutive days.

**SECTION 13.3: ABUSE OF SICK LEAVE**

The Valley Hi Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and the Union mutually discourage the abuse of sick leave. An employee may be disciplined if the employee's attendance record reflects an abuse of sick leave. Evidence of such abuse may include, but is not limited to, a pattern of missed Mondays and/or Fridays (i.e. first or last day of the work week) or of attempts to use the sick leave the day after and/or the day before a regularly scheduled day off (i.e. a paid holiday, vacation day, compensatory day, personal day, or a combination thereof) or any other pattern of excessive use of sick leave.

**SECTION 13.4: PENSION BENEFIT AT RETIREMENT**

At retirement, an employee's sick leave days may be credited as days worked for purposes of pension benefits, pursuant to rules of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

### **LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

#### **SECTION 14.1: FUNERAL LEAVE**

When death occurs in the immediate family of any bargaining unit employee, said employee shall be granted up to three (3) consecutive work days off without loss of pay.

An employee may request additional time needed and such time will be deducted from accumulated vacation, personal, or compensatory time at the employee's discretion. Such request for additional time needed will not be unreasonably denied.

For the purposes of this article, "immediate family" shall include the employee's current spouse, child (natural, step and adopted), parent or step-parent, sibling or step-sibling, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandparent, grandparent-in-law, grandchildren, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law.

Employees will be allowed two (2) hours, without loss of pay, bereavement leave to attend the funeral of a co-worker; four (4) hours if the employee is a pall bearer.

An employee must notify the Valley Hi Administrator or designee of the need for bereavement leave within 24 hours of the start of the absence or as soon as practicable and provide documentation to support the request either prior to or upon return from bereavement leave.

#### **SECTION 14.2: JURY DUTY**

Employees are expected to honor all subpoenas for jury duty.

Employees are to notify the Valley Hi Administrator immediately upon receipt of a jury notice so that arrangements can be made to cover their assignments.

Regular full-time and regular part-time employees required to report for jury duty or jury service will receive full pay for time not worked while serving on jury duty for the term of the jury service, provided they turn their jury pay over to the McHenry County Treasurer. Any money received specifically for travel, meals, and/or lodging expenses may be retained by the employee.

### **SECTION 14.3: UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Regular full-time employees who have completed their Probationary Period may request an Unpaid Personal Leave of Absence for compelling or urgent reasons (not for outside employment) for a period not to exceed twelve (12) weeks. The leave is granted at the discretion of the Valley Hi Administrator, and shall not be unreasonably denied.

Requests for an unpaid leave of absence must be submitted in writing to the Valley Hi Administrator as far in advance as practical. The request shall state the reasons for the leave of absence and the requested length of time. Employees may request that the exact nature of the request be kept confidential.

The Valley Hi Administrator and Director of Human Resources shall review the request and recommend either approval or disapproval of the request, based on the needs of the department, the availability of temporary substitute employees, and the reason for the request.

While on an unpaid leave of absence of thirty (30) days or more, vacation and sick leave accrual cease. The employee is ineligible for holiday pay during the leave of absence.

Employees may continue to participate in the County's Group Health Insurance Program during an unpaid leave of absence with payment of the full monthly premiums (employer and employee share). Arrangements are to be made with the Human Resources Department. Failure to make such arrangements, or regularly scheduled premium payments at the beginning of each month, will result in cancellation of benefits. If a benefit is canceled, the rules and regulations of the carrier shall apply when the employee returns and seeks such coverage.

If an unpaid leave of absence is granted, regardless of its duration, there is no guarantee that the employee's job will remain unfilled or that the position will not be eliminated or changed by reorganization. If the employee's job is still vacant upon the conclusion of the leave of absence, the employee shall resume the position with the same status. Employees must understand that there is no guarantee of reinstatement to any position at Valley Hi upon completion of the leave.

Failure of the employee to report for duty at the expiration of the leave shall result in termination.

#### **SECTION 14.4: FMLA**

FMLA leave will be granted in accordance with McHenry County Personnel Policy and in compliance with Federal and State law.

#### **SECTION 14.5: MILITARY LEAVE**

Military leave will be granted in accordance with McHenry County Personnel Policy and in compliance with Federal and State law.

#### **SECTION 14.6: VESSA LEAVE**

VESSA leave will be granted in accordance with McHenry County Personnel Policy and in compliance with Federal and State law.

**ARTICLE XV**

**HEALTH INSURANCE AND OTHER BENEFITS**

**SECTION 15.1: HEALTH, DENTAL AND VISION BENEFITS**

The Employer will provide full-time employees with coverage under the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plan as amended from time to time; provided, however, the Employer reserves the right to change carriers, benefit levels or to self-insure as it deems appropriate, as long as the new basic coverage and basic benefits are substantially the same to those in effect when this agreement is implemented.

Any employee wishing to waive the health benefits may do so by signing and filing the appropriate form in the Human Resources Department.

The Employer and the active employees shall share the cost of health, dental, and vision coverage as follows:

<b>PPO</b>	<b>Employer %</b>	<b>Employee %</b>
Single	90%	10%
EE + 1	80%	20%
EE + 2	80%	20%

<b>HMO - Managed Care</b>	<b>Employer %</b>	<b>Employee %</b>
Single	91 %	9%
EE + 1	88%	12%
EE + 2	87%	13%

Effective July 1, 2013, the PPO Employer and Employee contribution percentages (as shown above) will remain the same and the co-insurance percentage will change from 90% to 85% (90/10 to 85/15).

Effective July 1, 2013, the HMO Employer and Employee contribution percentages will be adjusted as shown below:

<b>HMO</b>	<b>Employer %</b>	<b>Employee %</b>
Single	90%	10%
EE + 1	86%	14%
EE + 2 or more	85%	15%

The dollar amount of employee contributions will be adjusted on the renewal date (currently July 1) based upon the cost to the Employer and the cost sharing percentages set forth above.

#### **SECTION 15.2: ELIGIBILITY**

Full-time employees are eligible to enroll on the first day of the month following ninety (90) days of consecutive, active full-time employment.

#### **SECTION 15.3: RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS**

For the term of this bargaining agreement, the Employer will provide coverage to IMRF retirees who retire at age 55 or older after twenty (20) years of service, until the retiree or any dependent becomes eligible for Medicare. The Employer shall pay 20% of single coverage and 35% of employee plus one (1) and family coverage. The rates of all retirees shall be adjusted up or down by the same percentage as the Employer's premium for their class of coverage on the renewal date of each year (currently July 1).

#### **SECTION 15.4: DEATH BENEFIT**

The Employer will provide a Death Benefit in the amount of \$10,000.00 at no cost to the employee. Employees are eligible to enroll on the first day of the month following ninety (90) days of consecutive, active full-time employment.

#### **SECTION 15.5: PENSIONS**

The Employer shall continue to contribute on behalf of the Employees to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund in the amount the Employer is required to under State Statutes.

#### **SECTION 15.6: IRC SECTION 125 PLAN**

The County will maintain an IRC Section 125 Plan whereby employees will be able to pay for their share of health care premiums with pre-tax earnings. This plan will remain in effect so long as it continues to be permitted by the Internal Revenue.

## ARTICLE XVI

### SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT

#### **SECTION 16.1: NOTIFICATION OF SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT**

All Employees before holding secondary employment shall notify the Valley Hi Administrator, or his designee, of the place of employment, address, phone number, supervisor's name and hours of employment so that the Employee may be reached in an emergency. Employee shall notify the Employer when terminating their secondary employment for which the original notice was given.

#### **SECTION 16.2. SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT PROHIBITIONS**

The parties recognize that it is in the best interest of the citizens of McHenry County to have an alert and non-distracted work force. More specifically, the jobs for which Employees of the Valley Hi Nursing and Rehabilitation Center shall be prohibited from working shall include the following:

- (a) Where the hours worked cause the Employee such fatigue that he/she is unable to properly perform his/her job duties; no employee will be permitted to work more than twenty-four (24) hours per week without prior approval of Valley Hi;
- (b) Where a genuine and legitimate conflict of interest with his or her job duties for the Employer is created, which affects the operations of Valley Hi;
- (c) Where the type of secondary employment is prohibited by law.

**ARTICLE XVII**  
**WORKDAY/WORKWEEK**

**SECTION 17.1: EMPLOYMENT STATUS CATEGORIES**

- A. Regular Full Time Employees. Regular full time employees are those employees that are regularly scheduled to work a full-time schedule, a minimum thirty (30) hours per week, and maintain continuous employment status.
- B. Regular Part Time Employees. Regular part-time employees that are regularly scheduled to work less than thirty (30) hours per week but at least six hundred (600) hours per year and maintain continuous employment status.
- C. Part time employees working less than 600 hours per year and maintain continuous employment status.

**SECTION 17.2: WORKDAY AND WORKWEEK**

The Valley Hi Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility is a seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hour per day operational facility. The workweek is a seven (7) day period from Sunday (12:00 a.m.) through Saturday (11:59 p.m.) and the workday is a twenty-four (24) hour period from 12:00 a.m. through 11:59 p.m.

With respect to Nurses' there are three overlapping shifts at Valley Hi - 6:45 a.m. through 3:15 p.m., 2:45 p.m. through 11:15 p.m., and 10:45 p.m. through 7:15 a.m.

An employee may work an alternate shift schedule if agreed to by the employee and Valley Hi Nursing and Rehabilitation Administrator or designee. Any requests for alternate shifts shall be granted based on seniority, in the event two (2) individuals are requesting alternative shift schedules at the same time.

An employee's scheduled workweek/workday is a minimum requirement and

employees may be required to work additional hours in excess of their scheduled workweek/workday as necessary to complete assignments and care for residents or for any other emergency reasons that may be directed by the Supervisor.

Nursing staff may use their earned benefit time to schedule up to two (2) weekends off per twelve month period, with no more than one (1) in any six (6) month period. Additionally, they may trade days off with another nurse to schedule off two consecutive weekends, provided the duty "trade" does not incur overtime expenses.

### **SECTION 17.3: OVERTIME**

1) Employees will be paid at their regular hourly rate for hours worked up to forty (40) hours in a seven (7) day workweek.

2) Employees will be paid at the rate of one and one half (1½) times their regular hourly rate for work in excess of forty (40) hours in a seven (7) day workweek.

3) For the purpose of calculating overtime, vacation hours, holidays, personal days, and compensatory time shall be counted as times worked.

4) For the purpose of calculating overtime the work week begins on Sunday at 12:00 a.m. and ends seven (7) days later on Saturday at 11:59 p.m.

5) Employees are not to work overtime without advance authorization and/or direct order from their supervisor. Failure to obtain advance authorization, except if necessitated by patient care, prior to working any overtime, including working through an unpaid lunch, may result in disciplinary action.

6) When the regular bi-weekly schedule is being prepared and not all available shifts/assignments are staffed (covered) then volunteers will be sought.

If there are no volunteers or not enough volunteers and the staffing level is above

the facility designated minimums, then no further action will be required.

If there are no volunteers or not enough volunteers and the staffing level is below the facility designated minimums, the employer will adjust the schedule to meet the facility designated staffing levels.

In the event that after adjusting the schedule, the staffing level is still below the facility designated minimum, the employer will assign the work on a rotational basis from the list of bargaining unit members. Employees may trade places on the rotational list if both employees agree.

7) The Employer may designate certain employees in each classification based upon skill level, to perform overtime duties without equalization consideration.

#### **SECTION 17.4: LUNCH/REST PERIODS**

Employees who work a scheduled shift of seven (7) hours or more, will be provided with a one-half (1/2) hour unpaid lunch break. The time of the lunch break will be scheduled by the supervisor. However, the scheduled lunch period, with the approval of the supervisor, may change depending upon the nature of the work being performed at the time.

Employees who work a scheduled shift of seven (7) hours or more will be provided with two (2) fifteen (15) minute paid breaks, one in the first half of their shift and one in the second half of their shift. Breaks will be scheduled by the supervisor.

Employees who work a scheduled shift of four (4) hours to four and one half (4.5) hours will be provided with one (1) fifteen (15) minute paid break, which will be scheduled as close to the midpoint of the shift as is practicable.

Employees who work a scheduled shift of five (5) hours to six and one half (6.5)

hours will be provided with one (1) twenty (20) minute paid break, which will be scheduled as close to the midpoint of the shift as is practicable.

If an employee is denied a break, or ordered to finish an assignment with a resident, the employee shall be compensated fifteen (15) minutes as compensatory time. The Supervisor shall provide the employee with a written acknowledgement of the work through break.

If an employee is required to work through their lunch break by their supervisor, the employee shall be compensated one-half (1/2) hour as pay or if mutually agreeable as compensatory time. The Supervisor shall provide the employee with a written acknowledgement of the work through their lunch.

#### **SECTION 17.5: COMPENSATORY TIME**

- 1) In order to receive compensatory time off, a bargaining unit employee and the Supervisor must mutually agree that the employee will receive compensatory time off in lieu of compensation, but at the same equivalent rate, prior to the performance of any overtime work.
- 2) For each hour worked beyond forty (40) in a workweek, an employee earns one and one half (1.5) hours of compensatory time off for each hour worked.
- 3) Employees shall submit a written request for compensatory time usage to their Supervisor for approval at least one (1) day in advance unless otherwise authorized by their Supervisor.
- 4) Compensatory time shall be taken in a minimum of one (1) hour increments unless otherwise authorized by their Supervisor.
- 5) Vacation, sick, and personal time requests will take precedence over

compensatory time use requests in granting approval of compensatory time use.

- 6) Employees can accrue up to forty (40) hours at any given time; however, compensatory time cannot be carried over from one fiscal year to the next. Any compensatory time not used by November 15<sup>th</sup> will be converted to pay. Any compensatory time off which an employee has at the time of separation from Valley Hi shall be paid at the employee's hourly rate of pay as of the employee's last day of employment.

#### **SECTION 17.6: MINIMUM STAFFING LEVELS/SHIFT COVERAGE**

Valley Hi will maintain staffing levels within the nursing department to meet resident and facility needs as determined by the facility Administrator and/or their designee. Valley Hi nursing staff will be expected to assist in maintaining the facility designated minimum staffing levels.

In the event that facility staffing falls below the designated minimums, scheduled staff from the previous or upcoming shift will be contacted to seek volunteers for part or whole coverage of the shift.

If facility staffing is still below the designated minimums, staff on duty is expected to assist to maintain those minimums until additional coverage becomes available. The order in which staff will be expected to determine which employee will stay until coverage becomes available are as follows:

1. Volunteers will be asked to stay until coverage can become available.
2. For the purpose of designating individuals to fill the designated minimum staffing levels if no-one volunteers to stay; a monthly schedule will be prepared where by full time employees must select three (3) shifts per month and part time

employees must select two (2) shifts per month outside of their regularly scheduled shifts that they are available to work in the event the facility falls below the designated minimum staffing levels.

3. Employees scheduled as available in reference to number 2 (above) will call-in to the Director of Nursing, Assistant Director of Nursing, or Charge Nurse, depending on shift assignment, two (2) hours prior to the scheduled shift to determine if they will be needed to report for work.
4. Failure to follow the above procedures, including failure to report to work if required, failure to sign up for the designated number of shifts, or failure to call-in two hours prior to the shift will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

**ARTICLE XVIII**  
**SUBCONTRACTING**

**SECTION 18.1: GENERAL POLICY**

It is the general policy of Valley Hi to continue to utilize the employees to perform work they are qualified to perform. However, the Employer reserves the right to contract out any work he/she deems necessary in the interest of the economy, improved work product, or emergency. The Employer agrees that it will not engage in the subcontracting of bargaining unit work for reasons which are not related to the interest and economy of the Valley Hi Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

In the event that the employer determines a need to subcontract which will cause the lay-off or reduction in force of any bargaining unit employee, the employer shall provide notice to the union no later than ninety (90) days prior to such subcontracting out.

## **ARTICLE XIX**

### **SAFETY**

#### **SECTION 19.1: COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

In order to maintain safe working conditions, the Employer shall comply with all laws applicable to its operations concerning the safety of employees covered by this Agreement.

#### **SECTION 19.2: UNSAFE CONDITIONS**

Employees who reasonably and justifiably believe that their safety and health are in danger due to an alleged unsafe working condition, equipment or vehicle, shall immediately inform Valley Hi who shall have the responsibility to determine what action, if any, should be taken, including whether or not the job assignment should be discontinued.

#### **SECTION 19.3: MEDICAL TREATMENT AND INOCULATIONS**

Any employee who is exposed or comes into contact with any blood born pathogen, disease, or airborne virus and/or any other medical exposure which can cause harm to the bargaining unit member or anyone else they come into contact with (family members, partners, etc.), shall be able to obtain medical treatment at the employers cost.

The employer agrees to pay all expenses for inoculation or immunization shots for the employee and for members of the employees family when medically required as a result of said employee's exposure to contagious diseases where said bargaining unit members have been exposed to said disease in the course of employment.

#### **SECTION 19.4: TRAINING**

The Employer and the Union recognize the need for training and development of employees in order that services are efficiently and effectively provided. The Employer and the Union recognize the desirability of providing opportunities for reasons of career advancement. In recognition of such principle, the Employer shall endeavor to provide employees with reasonable orientation with respect to current procedures, methods, techniques, materials, and equipment normally used in such employees work assignments and periodic changes therein.

## **ARTICLE XX**

### **LABOR-MANAGEMENT MEETINGS**

#### **SECTION 20.1: LABOR-MANAGEMENT CONFERENCES**

The Union and the Employer mutually agree that in the interest of efficient management and harmonious employee relations, meetings shall be held between Union and Employer representatives when appropriate. Such meetings shall be scheduled within one week of either party submitting an agenda to the other, or at a time mutually agreed upon by the parties, and shall be limited to:

1. Discussion of the implementation and general administration of this Agreement;
2. A sharing of general information of interest to the parties;
3. The identification of possible health and safety concerns.

A Union representative and/or Union Stewards may attend these meetings. The Employer may assign appropriate management personnel to attend.

#### **SECTION 20.2: PURPOSE**

It is expressly understood and agreed that such meetings shall be exclusive of the grievance procedure. Such meeting shall be chaired by the Employer representative and there shall be no loss of wages for attendance by Union Stewards and/or affected bargaining unit employees. Grievances and arbitrations shall not be discussed at such meetings.

## ARTICLE XXI

### PERSONNEL RECORDS

#### **SECTION 21.1: PERSONNEL RECORDS**

The Employer shall follow the terms of the Illinois Personnel Record Review Act, 820 ILCS 40/0.01 et seq.

#### **SECTION 21.2: REMOVAL OF DISCIPLINE**

Any oral or written discipline, not including suspension, placed in an employee's file will be removed from the file after one (1) year, if there has been no recurrence of the same type of conduct giving rise to the discipline except for violations directly affecting resident/patient care.

#### **SECTION 21.3: REJOINDER**

An employee may file a written rejoinder in their personnel file concerning any material in their personnel file.

## **ARTICLE XXII**

### **NO STRIKE/NO LOCKOUT**

#### **SECTION 22.1: NO STRIKE**

Neither the Union nor any officers, agents or employees will instigate, promote, sponsor, engage in, or condone any strike, sympathy strike, slowdown, sit-down, concerted refusal to perform overtime or mass absenteeism, during the life of this Agreement.

#### **SECTION 22.2: NO LOCKOUT**

The Employer will not lock out any employee during the term of this Agreement as a result of an actual or anticipated labor dispute with the Union.

#### **SECTION 22.3: JUDICIAL RESTRAINT**

Nothing contained herein shall preclude the Employer or the Union from seeking judicial restraint and damages in the event the other party violates this Agreement.

**ARTICLE XXIII**  
**WAGES/COMPENSATION**

**SECTION 23.1: WAGES/COMPENSATION**

1. Effective December 1, 2012, hourly wage rates covered by this agreement will be increased by 2.5% with retro pay.
2. Effective December 1, 2013, hourly wage rates covered by this agreement shall be increased by 2.75%.
3. Effective December 1, 2014, hourly wage rates covered by this agreement shall be increased by 2.5%, or by the percentage increase granted by the County Board for non-elected, non-bargaining unit employees, whichever is greater.

**SECTION 23.2: STARTING RATES: POSITION TITLE AND FISCAL YEAR**

The minimum starting rates for LPN classification and RN classification will become effective December 1, 2012, December 1, 2013, and December 1, 2014 (Appendix A). Any employee below the minimum rate of their classification will be brought to the corresponding new minimum.

**SECTION 23.3: EQUITY ADJUSTMENT**

1. Effective the start of a pay period closest to the approval of the contract by the McHenry County Board, employees in job classifications of RN will receive an equity adjustment as follows:

Beginning Third (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Year through Completion of Ninth (9 <sup>th</sup> ) Year:	\$0.20
Beginning Tenth (10 <sup>th</sup> ) Year through Completion of Nineteenth (19 <sup>th</sup> ) Year:	\$0.25
Beginning Twentieth (20 <sup>th</sup> ) Year or More:	\$0.30

2. Effective the start of a pay period closest to the approval of the contract by the McHenry County Board, employees in job classifications of LPN will receive an equity adjustment as follows:

Beginning Third (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Year through Completion of Ninth (9 <sup>th</sup> ) Year:	\$0.20
Beginning Tenth (10 <sup>th</sup> ) Year through Completion of Nineteenth (19 <sup>th</sup> ) Year:	\$0.25
Beginning Twentieth (20 <sup>th</sup> ) Year or More:	\$0.30

**SECTION 23.4: SHIFT DIFFERENTIALS: RN'S AND LPN'S**

1. Effective December 1, 2012:

PM Shift	\$1.00 per hour differential
Night Shift	\$1.00 per hour differential
Weekend Day Shift	\$0.50 per hour differential

2. Effective June 29, 2014:

- A. PM Shift Differential reduced from \$1.00 per hour to \$0.50 per hour.

All current regularly scheduled PM Shift RN's and LPN's will receive \$0.50 to be added to their current base rate of pay.

- B. Night Shift Differential reduced from \$1.00 per hour to \$0.75 per hour. All current regularly scheduled Night Shift RN's and LPN's will receive \$0.25 to be added to their current base rate of pay.
- C. Employees scheduled to work the weekend day shift will receive a fifty (\$0.50) cents weekend shift differential.
- D. All shift differentials to be paid only for hours actually worked, including holidays, not paid for any benefit time usage.

**SECTION 23.5: SUPERVISING NURSE WORK**

Any nurse required to perform the duties of a “charge” nurse will receive a stipend of one dollar (\$1.00) per hour added to the nurse’s current rate of pay.

## **ARTICLE XXIV**

### **SAVINGS CLAUSE**

If any provision of this Agreement or the application of any such provision should be rendered or declared invalid by any court action, or by reason of any existing or subsequently enacted legislation, the remaining parts or portions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and the subject matter of such invalid provision shall be open to immediate re-negotiation.

## **ARTICLE XXV**

### **COMPLETE AGREEMENT**

This contract represents complete collective bargaining and full agreement by the parties in respect to rates of pay, wages, hours, or employment or other conditions of employment which shall prevail during the term hereof and any matters or subjects not herein covered have been satisfactorily adjusted, compromised, or waived by the parties for the life of this Agreement, unless those matters or subjects were not within the reasonable contemplation of the parties at the time of negotiation.

## **ARTICLE XXVI**

### **DURATION AND SIGNATURE**

#### **SECTION 26.1: TERM OF AGREEMENT**

This Agreement shall be effective from December 1, 2012, and shall remain in full force and effect until November 30, 2015. It shall continue in effect from year to year thereafter unless notice of termination is given in writing by certified mail by either party to the other not more than one-hundred and eighty (180) days nor less than one-hundred twenty (120) days prior to expiration. The notices referred to shall be considered to have been given as of the date shown on the postmark. Written notice may be tendered in person, in which case the date of notice shall be the written date of receipt.

#### **SECTION 26.2: CONTINUING EFFECT**

Notwithstanding any provision of the Article or Agreement to the contrary, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect after any expiration date while negotiations are continuing for a new Agreement or part thereof between the parties.

#### **SECTION 26.3: PROCEDURE ON NOTICE OF TERMINATION**

The parties agree that if either side decides to reopen negotiations upon termination, making any changes in the Agreement, the other party may so notify the other at least one-hundred twenty (120) days and no more than one-hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the expiration of the Agreement or the extension thereof. In the event such notice to negotiate is given, then the parties shall meet not later than ten

(10) days after the date of receipt of such notice, or at such reasonable times as are agreeable to both parties for the purposes of negotiation. All notices provided for in this Agreement shall be served upon the other party by registered mail, return receipt requested.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have affixed their signatures this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

COUNTY OF MCHENRY

SERVICE EMPLOYEES  
INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL 73

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Tina Hill,  
Chairwoman, McHenry County Board

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President

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Robert M. Ivetic  
Director, Human Resources

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**APPENDIX A**  
**STARTING RATES**

Job Classification	12/1/2012	12/1/2013	12/1/2014
LPN	\$18.75 per hour	\$19.25 per hour	\$19.75 per hour
RN	\$25.50 per hour	\$26.00 per hour	\$26.50 per hour