

Contract Update

VNA Health Group of NJ & VNA of Englewood Nurses

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Contract Negotiations Nearing Completion

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Since the last contract update we have met with management four times: March 10, April 18, April 28, and May 4.

We have resolved many of the contract issues, but the key economic issues are still in dispute.

Our next negotiations session is set for Monday, May 16. We hope to conclude the negotiations that day, but our ability to get a good contract depends on your support for the Bargaining Committee, which has worked very hard to achieve our goals.

The contract has been extended until May 31 to give us enough time to resolve all of the remaining issues.

VNA'S Economic Offer

Although VNA has given us slightly different economic proposals for the VNA Health Group of NJ (former EVVNA and former Barnabas) nurses and VNA of Englewood nurses, here are the common elements:

- 1) VNA has not agreed to any changes in the current health plans or employees' contributions for premiums.
- 2) VNA has agreed to some significant improvements in the per visit rates.
- 3) VNA is proposing very low wage increases for full- and part-time staff, averaging about 1% a year for both in a three year contract.

We still have a ways to go before we achieve a contract settlement which is fair and reasonable. We will be in contact with you to give you more details about the status of proposals and to discuss how you can help us end the negotiations in a positive way.

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