

# Collective Bargaining Agreement Between



State of Michigan  
and



## **Michigan Council 25** **AFSCME AFL-CIO** (INSTITUTIONAL UNIT)

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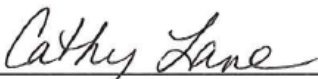
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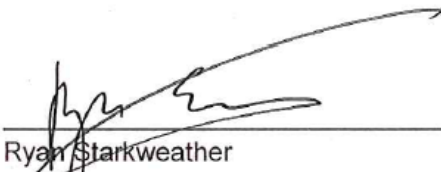
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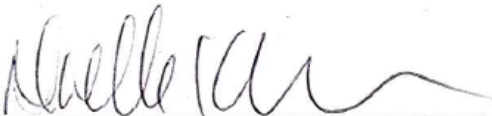
  
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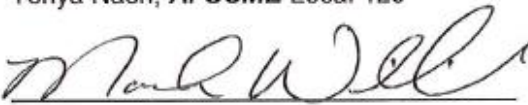
  
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**ARTICLE 1**

**PREAMBLE AND PURPOSE**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as Agreement) is made and entered into upon approval of the Civil Service Commission at Lansing, Michigan, by and between the State of Michigan and its principal departments and agencies (hereinafter referred to as the Employer) represented by the Office of the State Employer, and Michigan AFSCME Council 25, AFL-CIO and its appropriate affiliated locals, as exclusive representative of employees employed by the State of Michigan (as set forth specifically in the recognition clause) hereinafter referred to as the Union.

It is the purpose and intent of the parties hereto that this Agreement:

1. Implements the provisions of Michigan Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations;
2. Promotes harmonious relations between the Employer and the Union;
3. Provides for an equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences;
4. Establishes conditions of employment which are subject to good faith collective bargaining negotiations between the parties;
5. Recognizes the continuing joint responsibility of the parties to provide efficient and uninterrupted services and satisfactory employee conduct to the public.

The present agencies and departments, and the corresponding Local Unions and Chapters are set forth in Appendix A of this Agreement. Additions or deletions to such schedule may be made by either party.

**ARTICLE 2**

**RECOGNITION**

**Section A. Representation Unit.**

The Employer recognizes the Union as the exclusive representative, certified by the State Personnel Director on October 12, 1978, for the purpose of collectively bargaining on wages, hours, terms and conditions of employment as defined by the terms of this Agreement only for those employees included in the Institutional Unit as described below:

**INSTITUTIONAL UNIT - U11**

- Activities Therapy Aide 6
- Activities Therapy Aide 7
- Activities Therapy Aide E8
- Activities Therapy Aide 9
- Barber/Cosmetologist 7
- Barber/Cosmetologist E8
- Barber/Cosmetologist 9
- Child Care Worker 8
- Child Care Worker E9
- Client/Resident Affairs Representative 8
- Client/Resident Affairs Representative E9
- Client/Resident Affairs Representative 10
- Cook E6
- Cook 7
- Dental Aide 6
- Dental Aide 7
- Dental Aide E8
- Domestic Services Aide 5
- Domestic Services Aide E6
- Domestic Services Aide 7
- Food Services Leader - Prisoner E9
- Institution Training Technician 7
- Institution Training Technician 8
- Institution Training Technician E9
- Institution Training Technician 10
- Institution Worker E5
- Physical Therapy Aide 6
- Physical Therapy Aide 7
- Physical Therapy Aide E8
- Physical Therapy Aide 9
- Practical Nurse Licensed E9
- \*Practical Nurse Licensed 10
- Resident Care Aide 6
- Resident Care Aide 7

Resident Care Aide E8  
Seamster E6  
Seamster 7  
State Worker 4  
Teacher Aide 6  
Teacher Aide 7  
Teacher Aide E8  
Wilderness Instructor 9  
Wilderness Instructor 10  
Wilderness Instructor P11  
Wilderness Instructor 12  
Youth Aide 6  
Youth Aide 7  
Youth Aide E8  
Youth Challenge Academy Advisor 9  
Youth Challenge Academy Advisor 10  
Youth Challenge Academy Advisor P11  
Youth Challenge Academy Advisor 12  
Youth Challenge Academy Cadre Aide E6  
Youth Challenge Academy Cadre Aide 7  
Youth Challenge Academy Recruiter 6  
Youth Challenge Academy Recruiter 7  
Youth Challenge Academy Recruiter E8  
Youth Challenge Academy Recruiter 9  
Youth Group Leader 9  
Youth Group Leader 10  
Youth Group Leader P11  
\*Youth Group Leader 12  
Youth Group Leader 10 RR  
Youth Specialist 7  
Youth Specialist 8  
Youth Specialist E9  
\*Youth Specialist 10

(\*Some employees in these classes may be excluded depending on their duties) and such other classifications and levels that may be assigned to the Unit by the State Personnel Director and/or in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations.

All employees, unless otherwise specified in one of the Articles of this Agreement, holding positions in classifications designated in this Article shall be covered by the provisions of this Agreement.

**Section B. State Employer.**

The Union recognizes the State Employer as the exclusive representative of the State of Michigan authorized to conduct primary level collective bargaining

## ARTICLE 2

negotiations and enter into an agreement on wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment for all employees in the Bargaining Unit.

**ARTICLE 3****INTEGRITY OF THE BARGAINING UNIT****Section A. Bargaining Unit Work Performed By Non-Bargaining Unit Employees.**

The Employer recognizes that the integrity of the Bargaining Unit is of significant concern to the Union. In accordance with Article 13 (Layoff) the Employer shall inform the Union of the economic or programmatic reasons for changes in work routines or systems that result in layoff of employees, abolishment or attrition of positions.

Non-bargaining Unit employees will be permitted to perform Bargaining Unit work only to the extent that Non-bargaining Unit employees have previously performed such work as a matter of customary practice, or to the extent that such work is a part of their assigned duties as provided in Civil Service Commission classification specifications, or in the case of emergency. It is recognized that Registered Nurses perform duties of Bargaining Unit employees involved in direct care. All supervisors shall be subject to Section B. of this Article.

As provided in this Agreement, Bargaining Unit work will normally be performed by classified employees in the Bargaining Unit. The Employer will not assign work to non-bargaining Unit employees for the sole purpose of reducing or eroding the Bargaining Unit.

The Employer may also continue to utilize student work experience programs, patient/employee programs, JTPA program employees, volunteer programs, or seasonal recreational programs of the kind currently employed in agencies in this Bargaining Unit. The primary purpose of such programs shall be to supplement ongoing activities or solely to provide training opportunities. Participants in such programs shall not perform Bargaining Unit work in the presence of an applicable Agency Recall List for the agency where such participants may be used. Volunteer programs shall not be used to avoid recall of Bargaining Unit employees on layoff, including providing vacation relief.

**Section B. Bargaining Unit Work Performed by Supervision.**

Supervisory employees shall only be permitted to perform Bargaining Unit work under the following circumstances: in cases of emergency; when necessary to provide break and/or lunch relief; to instruct or train employees; to demonstrate the proper method of accomplishing the tasks assigned; to avoid the necessity for mandatory overtime; to allow the release of employees for Union activities pursuant to Article 7 (Union Business and Activities); to provide coverage for call-ins and no-shows (from first line supervision), to allow supervision time to secure a volunteer from the voluntary overtime list.



## ARTICLE 3

In those cases where lead workers are performing some supervisory tasks incidental to their primary lead worker duties, the parties agree that such employees shall not be considered supervisors for purposes of this Section.

### **Section C. Working Out of Class.**

As of January 1, 2002, the Civil Service Commission has deemed "Working out of Class" a prohibited subject of bargaining. See applicable Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations on the subject.

### **Section D. New, Abolished or Revised Classifications.**

The parties will review all abolishments of existing unit classifications as well as all new classifications consisting of a significant part of the duties of existing Unit classifications. Bargaining Unit positions shall not be reclassified, reallocated, or retitled by or at the request of the Employer for the purpose of removing same from the Unit without prior agreement between the parties. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit the Employer from reallocating positions which have been downgraded for training because of the unavailability of a register. Classified employees in classifications and positions assigned to this Unit in accordance with this Section shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreement.

### **Section E. Contracting and Sub-Contracting.**

Nothing in this Section shall apply to or prohibit the Departments of Human Services or Community Health's plans to deinstitutionalize patients, and/or residents.

The Employer recognizes its obligation to utilize Bargaining Unit members in accordance with the merit principles of the Civil Service Commission. The Employer reserves the right to use contractual services where necessary to provide cost-effective, efficient services to the public.

The Employer agrees to make reasonable efforts (not involving a delay in implementation) to avoid or minimize the impact of such sub-contracting upon Bargaining Unit employees. When consideration is being given to outside contracting, (when the investigation or costing out process begins) management will notify the Local President or designee and such possible contracting shall be a proper subject of labor management meetings.

Whenever the Employer intends to contract out, sub-contract, modify or renew any personal services that would involve any Bargaining Unit work, concurrent written notice shall be given to the Union when the request is sent to Civil Service or the Appointing Authority for approval. Such notice shall consist of a copy of the request made to the Civil Service Commission or the Appointing Authority which shall include such matters as:

1. The nature of the work to be performed or the service to be provided.
2. The proposed duration and cost of such sub-contracting.

3. The rationale for such sub-contracting.

The Union shall be entitled to all reports on all personal services contracts that are filed in compliance with MCL 18.1281.

The Employer shall, upon written request, meet and confer with the Union over the impact of the decision upon the Bargaining Unit. Such discussions shall not serve to delay implementation of the Employer's decision.

If subcontracting results in layoff, the Employer shall attempt to place affected employees in other vacant positions in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The Employer shall request Civil Service to provide examinations on site for such affected employees to enable such employees to have their names placed on employment registers by Civil Service.

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#### **UNION DUES AND FEES**

To the extent permitted by the Michigan Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations, it is agreed that:

##### **Section A. Dues Deductions**

Upon receipt of a completed and signed individual authorization form from any of its employees covered by this Agreement, currently being provided by the Union and approved by the State Personnel Director, the Employer will deduct from the pay due such employee those dues and initiation fees required to maintain the employee's membership in the Union in good standing.

Such authorization shall be effective only as to membership dues and initiation fees becoming due after the delivery date of such authorization to the Employer. New individual authorizations will be submitted on or before the 9th day of any pay period for deduction the following pay period. Deductions shall be made only when the employee has sufficient earnings to cover same after deductions for Federal Social Security (F.I.C.A.); individually authorized deferred compensation; Federal Income Tax; state income tax, local or city income tax; other legally required deductions; individually authorized participation in state programs and enrolled employees' share of state sponsored insurance premiums. Membership dues and initiation fees deductions shall be in such amount as shall be certified to the Employer in writing by the authorized representative of Council 25.

Such authorizations of employees transferred within the unit from the jurisdiction of one Local Union to another, or one Agency or department to another and within these bargaining units, shall automatically remain in effect. Employees recalled from temporary or seasonal layoff of less than 180 days or returning from leave of absence shall resume payroll deduction of dues, commencing the first pay period of work.

##### **Section B. Revocation.**

Such authorization may be revoked by the employee in accordance with the terms of the authorization on file with the personnel office of the employee's Appointing Authority, by furnishing written notice of such revocation to the personnel office of the employee's Appointing Authority. However, under no circumstances shall an employee be subject to the deduction of membership dues without the opportunity to terminate the authorization at any time.

##### **Section C. Maintenance of Membership.**

All employees covered by this Agreement who have submitted a valid individual voluntary membership dues deduction authorization form to the Employer and have not revoked such authorization after the effective date of this Agreement in

accordance with the provisions of this Article shall honor such authorization until exercising their opportunity to terminate it.

**Section D. Representation Fee Deductions.**

An employee may choose to pay a voluntary representation fee to the Union in an amount not to exceed regular biweekly dues uniformly assessed against all members of the Union, representing only the employee's proportionate share of the Union's costs germane to collective bargaining, contract administration, grievance administration, and any other cost necessarily or reasonably incurred for the purpose of performing the duties of an exclusive representative of the employees in dealing with the employer on labor-management issues. Such voluntary representation fee payment shall be fulfilled by the employee signing, dating, and submitting to the Employer the "Authorization for Deduction of Representation Fee" form. This section shall not take effect until the Union notifies the Employer in writing of the amount of this voluntary representation fee. Such notification may be made on or after the effective date of this Agreement.

Employees recalled from temporary or seasonal layoff or less than 180 days or returning from leave of absence shall resume payroll deduction of representation fees, commencing the first pay period of work.

**Section E. Employer Notification.**

When an employee enters the bargaining unit, the Employer shall inform the Union of all new bargaining unit employees and agrees to make a good faith effort to provide the Local Union with the employee's name and work location within 10 workdays of his/her entry on duty.

**Section F. Revocation of Dues or Voluntary Fee Deduction**

Dues or voluntary representation fees deduction authorization may be revoked at any time by the employee by furnishing written notice of such revocation to the Employer. The Employer shall forward such notice of revocation to the Union within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt.

**Section G. Remittance and Accounting.**

Deductions for any biweekly pay period shall be remitted to the designated Financial Officer of Michigan AFSCME Council 25, with an alphabetical list of names, by Department and Agency, of all active employees from whom deductions have been made, and the amount deducted, no later than ten (10) calendar days after the close of the pay period of deduction. The Employer shall provide to AFSCME Council 25 an alphabetical listing, by department and Agency, identifying those active employees who have valid dues or voluntary fee deduction authorizations on file with the Employer for whom no deduction of dues or voluntary fees was made.

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Upon written request, the Employer shall recoup lost dues or voluntary representation fees where such amounts were not deducted in accordance with this Article.

### **Section H. Unit Information Provided to the Union.**

The Employer shall notify the Local President or designee of any hire or rehire at least by the date of hire. The Employer agrees to furnish a biweekly transaction report to the Union in electronic form, listing employees in this unit who are hired, rehired, reinstated, transferred into or out of the bargaining unit, transferred between agencies and/or departments, promoted, reclassified, downgraded, placed on leaves of absence(s) of any type including disability, placed on layoff, recalled from layoff, separated (including retirement), added to or deleted from the bargaining unit, or who have made any changes in union deductions. This report shall include the employee's name, social security number, identification number, employee status code (appointment type), job code description (class/level), personnel action and reason, effective start and end dates, and process level (department/agency).

The Employer will provide a biweekly demographic report to the Union in electronic form, containing the following information for each employee in the bargaining unit: the employee's name, social security number, identification number, street address, city, state, zip code, job code, sex, race, birth date, hire date, process level (department/agency), TKU, union deduction code, deduction amount, employee status code (appointment type), position code (position type), leave of absence/layoff effective date, continuous service hours, county code, worksite code, unit code and hourly rate.

The parties agree that this provision is subject to any prohibition imposed upon the employer by courts of competent jurisdiction.

### **Section I. Aid to Other Unions.**

The Employer agrees and shall cause its designated agents not to aid, promote, or finance any other labor or employee organization which purports to engage in employee representation of employees in this unit, or make any agreements with any such group or organization for the purpose of undermining the Union.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent any authorized representative of the Employer from meeting with any professional or citizen organization for the purpose of hearing its views, except that as to matters presented by such organizations which are proper subjects of negotiation, any changes or modifications shall be made only through collective bargaining negotiations with the Union.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent any individual employee from (1) discussing any matter with the Employer and/or supervisors or (2) processing a grievance in his/her own behalf in accordance with the grievance procedure provided herein.

**ARTICLE 5****UNION RIGHTS****Section A. Bulletin Boards.**

The Employer agrees to furnish space for Union bulletin boards at locations mutually agreed upon for use by the Local Union to enable Bargaining Unit employees to see materials posted thereon by the Union. Such mutual agreement will be arrived at locally.

The normal size of new bulletin boards will be eight (8) square feet. The Employer will continue providing bulletin boards provided under prior agreements with the Union and they need not conform to the normal size. In the event new bulletin boards are mutually agreed upon, the Union shall pay 100% of the materials and installation cost of such new boards.

All materials shall be signed, dated and posted by the President of the Local Union or his/her designee and concurrently provided to the Agency Superintendent in the Department of Education, the Agency Director or designee in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the Appointing Authority or designee in the Departments of Corrections, Natural Resources, Health and Human Services, Career Development, and Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, the Commanding Officer of the Human Resources Division in the Department of State Police.

No partisan political literature, nor materials ridiculing individuals by name or obvious direct reference, or defamatory to the Employer or the Union, shall be posted. The bulletin boards shall be maintained by the President of the Local Union or his/her designee, and shall be for the sole and exclusive use of the Union.

**Section B. Mail Service.**

Local Unions shall be permitted to use the intra-agency mail distribution services for matters which originate from conducting business with the State. For purposes of mail service provisions, "Agency" shall mean "work location."

Mailings by the Union shall be of reasonable size, volume, and frequency, and shall be prepared by the Local Union. The size of single items in the mailings shall not normally exceed nine (9) inches by fourteen (14) inches in final flat or folded configuration. The volume of such mailings shall be determined by the Local Union President or designee, and shall be sufficient to assure access by all Unit employees but shall not exceed one (1) per employee. Frequency of mailings shall be reasonable as determined by the Local Union President or designee based on current events and activities and consistent with the Agreement and Addendum but shall not exceed twenty-six (26) per calendar year. Additional special mailings of an urgent nature will be by mutual agreement.

Bulk mailing need not be addressed to specific members except in the Departments of Corrections, Natural Resources and Licensing and Regulatory

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Affairs. Every effort will be made to get bulk mail into work assignment locations where there are Unit members. The following persons shall be concurrently provided with a courtesy copy of all bulk mailing signed by the Local Union President or his/her designee: Education - Agency Superintendent; Military and Veterans Affairs - Agency Director or designee; Corrections, Natural Resources, Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and Health and Human Services- Appointing Authority or designee; State Police - Commanding Officer of the Human Resources Division.

Intra-agency and/or inter-agency mail may be used for mailings to Union officers including Chief Steward and Stewards regarding Union business with the State and for processing grievances. Union mail received through U. S. Mail or United Parcel Service or intra-agency or inter-agency addressed to the Union or any Union officer or steward in their official capacity shall in no case be opened by the Agency or any agent of the Employer.

Local Union use of the mail system shall not include any U.S. Mails or other commercial or state-wide delivery services used by the State as part of or separate from such intra-agency mail systems. The Union's use of the mail service shall be the responsibility of the Local Union President or his/her designee.

No partisan political literature, nor materials ridiculing individuals by name or obvious direct reference, or defamatory to the Employer or the Union, shall be distributed through the mail system.

The Employer shall be held harmless for the delivery and security of all mailings, including mailings directed to Local Union officials from outside the Agency.

The Employer shall assure timely delivery of mailings by the Union and of mail to the Union or Union officers and stewards to the extent possible. Mailings to the Union or Union officers and stewards shall be delivered to the Union office or placed in the Union's mail box.

### **Section C. Union Information Packet.**

The Employer agrees to furnish to new employees of the Unit represented by the Union a packet of informational materials supplied to the Employer by the Local Union President or his/her designee. The Employer retains the right to review the material supplied and refuse to distribute any partisan political literature or material ridiculing individuals by name or obvious direct reference, or materials defamatory to the Employer or the Union.

### **Section D. Union Presentation.**

During planned orientation of new employees, the Union shall be given an opportunity to introduce (or have introduced) one of its Local Representatives who may speak briefly to describe the Union's office location, participation in negotiations and general interest in representing employees. Where no orientation is scheduled for new employees upon entry to the Bargaining Unit, an equivalent

opportunity shall be afforded the Union to address new employees. One Local Union representative shall be released from work on administrative leave to attend the orientation for Union presentation. For purposes of pay only, the properly designated Union representative from the afternoon or midnight shift shall be permitted an equivalent amount of time off from scheduled work on his/her upcoming or previous shift in accordance with Article 8, Section B. One (1) Employer representative may attend said presentation as an observer, but shall not participate in and/or interfere with the Union presentation. No partisan political material, nor materials ridiculing individuals by name or obvious direct reference, and no material-defamatory to the Employer, or the Union shall be presented in the orientation. Violation of this prohibition shall be cause for suspension and/or revocation of this right by the Employer.

#### **Section E. Union Office Space.**

Subject to its availability, the Employer agrees to provide reasonable office space at work locations with twenty-five (25) or more Bargaining Unit employees to Locals of the Union. In addition, in the Department of Corrections the Employer agrees to provide each local union secure storage space at the agency/facility where each of the three local union presidents are employed, for the exclusive use of the Union. Such premises shall be for the sole and exclusive use of the Local, and shall be furnished without lease or charge unless required by applicable statute. Access and security will be in accordance with institution rules.

No partisan political activity shall be conducted in such facilities, and no partisan political literature or material ridiculing individuals by name or obvious direct reference or defamatory to the Employer, shall be prepared in or distributed from such facilities.

The Employer reserves the right to withdraw approval for the Local's use of such premise, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Local, only due to operational requirements (where no other reasonable space is available), failure to pay statutorily required charges, misuse by the Local or its Agents, or interference with state operations.

Where approval has been withdrawn due to operational requirements, Departments or Agencies will make good faith efforts to locate and furnish premises in accordance with this Section or which afford the Union reasonable geographic access to the largest feasible number of Bargaining Unit employees.

The location, type, size and amount of office space provided to the Union shall not be subject to the grievance procedure, but disputes involving denial of availability based on operational needs or an allegation that approval for use was withdrawn without cause may be grieved.

The Union agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Employer against any and all claims, suits, orders or judgments brought or issued against the Employer arising out of the Union's occupying office space under this Article.



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Authorized personnel (i.e. as authorized through mutual agreement between the Local Union and the Agency Appointing Authority) may only have access to the Union Office when it is necessary to assure the safety of the building's occupants.

### **Section F. Union Meetings on State Premises.**

The Employer agrees to furnish state conference and meeting rooms for Union meetings upon prior request by the President of the Local Union or his/her designee, subject to approval by the appropriate local Employer representative. Such facilities shall be furnished without charge to the Union. Union meetings on State premises shall be governed by operational considerations of the local facility.

### **Section G. Telephone Directory.**

The Employer agrees to publish the telephone number and business address of AFSCME Council 25 in the State of Michigan telephone directory. In those Agencies where a telephone directory is published, the Appointing Authority shall publish the telephone number and business address of the corresponding Local Union.

### **Section H. Access to Premises by AFSCME Staff.**

The Employer agrees that non-employee Officers and Representatives of AFSCME shall be admitted to the premises of the Employer during working hours upon advance notice, if possible, to the appropriate Employer representative. Such visitation shall only be for the purpose of participating in Labor-Management meetings, interviewing grievants, attending grievance hearings/conferences, and for other reasons related to the administration of this Agreement.

The Union agrees that such visitations shall be subject to operational security measures established and enforced by the Employer.

The Employer reserves the right to designate a private meeting place whenever possible or to provide a Management representative to accompany the Union officer or representative where operational or security considerations do not permit unaccompanied Union access. The Management representative shall not interfere with or participate in these visitation rights.

### **Section I. Access to Computers.**

Where the Employer provides computers for access by bargaining unit employees, printers will be available in the same location. The equipment shall enable employee access to HRMN Self Service, NEOGOV and department intranet sites where such sites are available.

**ARTICLE 6****MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

It is understood and agreed by the parties that management possesses the sole power, duty and right to operate its Departments, Agencies and programs so as to carry out constitutional and statutory mandates and goals assigned to the Department and Agencies and that all management rights repose in management. Management rights include, but are not limited to, the right, without engaging in negotiations, to:

1. Determine matters of managerial policy; mission of the agency; budget; the method, means and personnel by which government operations are to be conducted; organization structure; standards of service and maintenance of efficiency; the right to select, promote, assign or transfer employees; discipline employees for just cause; and in cases of temporary emergency, to take whatever action is necessary to carry out the agency's mission. However, if such determinations alter conditions of employment to produce substantial adverse impact upon employees, the modification and remedy of such resulting impact on changes in conditions of employment shall be subject to collective bargaining requirements.
2. Utilize personnel, methods and means in the most appropriate and efficient manner as determined by management.
3. Determine the size and composition of the work force, direct the work of the employees, determine the amount and type of work needed and, in accordance with such determination, relieve employees from duty because of lack of funds or lack of work.
4. Make reasonable work rules which regulate performance, conduct, and safety of employees, provided that such work rules or changes shall be reduced to writing and furnished to the Union at least ten (10) calendar days prior to their effective date. The employer shall furnish each employee in the Bargaining Unit with a copy of all new or amended work rules without undue delay. New employees shall be provided with a copy of written work rules which apply to him/her at the time of hire.

It is agreed by the parties that none of the management rights noted above or any other management rights shall be subjects of negotiation during the term of this Agreement, provided however, that such rights must be exercised consistently with the other provisions of this Agreement.

It is recognized by the parties that the Employer is currently prohibited from negotiating on the policies, practices, procedures and the Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations relating to:

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1. Original appointments and promotions specifically including recruitment, examinations, certifications, appointments, and policies with respect to probationary periods.
2. The position classification system specifically including the classification of individual positions and groups of positions, position and classification qualification standards, establishment and abolishment of classifications, assignment and reassignment of classification to salary ranges, allocation and reallocation of positions to classifications, and determination of an incumbent's status resulting from position and/or classification reallocation and reassignment as well as all other prohibited subjects as defined in Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

This Agreement, including its supplements and exhibits attached hereto (if any) concludes all negotiations between the parties during the term hereof, and satisfies the obligation of the Employer to bargain collectively with the Union under Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The Union acknowledges and agrees that the collective bargaining process, under which this Agreement has been negotiated, is the exclusive process for affecting terms and conditions of employment at both primary and secondary levels.

**ARTICLE 7****UNION BUSINESS AND ACTIVITIES****Section A. Time Off for Union Business.**

To the extent that attendance for Union business does not substantially and adversely interfere with the Employer's operation, properly designated Union Representatives, regardless of shift assignment, shall be allowed time off without pay for legitimate Union business such as Union meetings, Union Executive Board Meetings, local, state or area-wide Union committee meetings, State or International AFSCME or AFL-CIO conventions. The Local Union shall designate to the Appointing Authority in writing the person who is authorized to notify the Employer which employees are entitled to attend such meetings. This authorized person shall notify the Agency designee, no later than one (1) pay period prior to the start of the pay period during which such time off is requested, of the names of persons who are authorized to attend. Such notification shall be presented to the Agency designee in writing. Requests under this Section shall not be denied solely on the basis of timeliness. For the purposes of this Article, the Agency designee shall be identified at the first Labor-Management Meeting following ratification of this Agreement. The designee(s) shall be readily available for receipt of requests by Bargaining Unit members and shall forward such requests to the appropriate Employer representative for decision.

No employee shall be entitled to be released and the Employer is under no obligation to permit repurchase of annual leave/comp time, pursuant to these provisions, unless notified by the authorized designated representative as provided above. The employee may utilize any accumulated time (compensatory, annual; compensatory time shall be used before annual, unless the employee is at the annual leave "cap") in lieu of taking such time off without pay. Such time off shall not be detrimental in any way to the employee's record. When the employee elects to utilize annual leave credits/comp time, the employee may "buy back" such credits without limitation or restriction subject to the following regulations:

1. Employees shall be permitted annual leave/comp time absence from work for such Union business up to a maximum of their accrued credits.
2. Employees may reinstate such expended credits by cash payment to the Department at the rate the employee was earning when the annual leave/comp time was used. The employee shall forward to the Appointing Authority the net amount of refund (gross salary less employee's federal, state and city withholding tax deductions, and social security tax) as computed by the Appointing Authority. This provision shall be administered in compliance with applicable tax statutes.
3. The employee shall be allowed to exercise the option of reinstating annual leave/comp time not more than once in each fiscal quarter of the fiscal year. Annual leave/comp time used in one fiscal year must be bought back no later

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than October 15 of the following fiscal year. Employees may buy back annual leave/comp time which they anticipate using prior to its usage only for conventions or schools in early fall.

4. Whenever the Union serves written notice of its intent to buy back annual leave during each designated interval of time, the Employer shall serve written notice to the Union within fourteen (14) calendar days as to the amount owed. The Union's notice shall indicate the number of hours which will be bought back by each employee, the dates involved, and the names of the employees. The Employer's notice shall indicate the amount owed by each employee. Upon receipt of such buy back, the annual leave/comp time shall be credited to the employee's annual/comp time accrual balance immediately. The increased annual/comp time balance will be reflected on employee's paycheck stubs in the same manner as regular leave balances and accruals.
5. Employees who use compensatory time for Union business may buy it back subject to the same conditions indicated above for annual leave.
6. The time frames for reinstating annual leave/comp time in the Department of Education shall remain in effect unless altered by secondary negotiations.

### **Section B. Loss of Benefits.**

Employees who have been granted leave without pay shall not continue to earn annual and sick leave and length of service credits for the time spent in authorized Union activities except as indicated in Article 12. The parties agree to minimize time lost from work. Time off for Union business shall not be counted in the equalization of the overtime process.

### **Section C. Executive Board of Council 25.**

Council 25 will furnish to the Office of the State Employer in writing the names, Departments and local Union affiliation of elected members of the Council Executive Board within five (5) days after the election of such members to the Executive Board. Notification of any changes in membership of the Executive Board shall be made in writing to the Office of the State Employer within five (5) days after such change.

Duly elected members of the Executive Board of Council 25 (not to exceed a total of two (2) from this bargaining unit) of whose election the Employer has been properly notified shall be granted administrative leave from the bank established in Section D. to attend meetings of the Executive Board not to exceed four (4) each fiscal year. Such time off shall not exceed two (2) workdays for each member per meeting. Except as may be mutually agreed to locally on a case by case basis, such member(s) shall individually furnish his/her immediate supervisor, no later than one (1) pay period prior to the start of the pay period during which such time off is requested, written notice of his/her intention to attend such meeting.

**Section D. Administrative Leave Bank.**

The Employer shall make every reasonable effort to allow employees in this unit designated in accordance with the provisions below to be permitted time off without loss of pay during scheduled working hours to attend Union conventions, Union coordinating committees, Union education functions, Union schools, and/or conferences, or other authorized Union functions subject to the following conditions:

1. An Administrative Leave Bank is established based on 300 hours of Administrative Leave for each 1,000 employees. Such bank shall be computed and established on the basis of the number of employees in the Bargaining Unit at the end of the first pay period in January of each calendar year. In addition to the above referenced bank, each Local shall receive an additional thirty two (32) hours of Administrative Leave on an annual basis.
2. Such Administrative Leave Bank shall be allocated to Locals of jurisdiction in the Departments having employees in this unit in proportion to the number of employees employed by such Departments. At the time administrative leave bank hours are distributed, any Local that does not have a Local President the administrative leave bank hours for that Local shall be designated by Council 25 to another Local within that Department.
3. Such Administrative Leave may be carried forward from the year in which it was granted to other years.
4. Such Administrative Leave shall normally be granted in four (4) hour increments provided that the four (4) hour period must be either at the beginning or at the end of the employee's shift.

**Section E. Union Conventions, Schools and Conferences.**

Duly elected Union delegates to annual conventions of AFSCME Council 25, the Michigan State AFL-CIO Convention and the biennial convention of AFSCME, AFL-CIO, or their alternates, but not to exceed five (5) employees from any Agency shall be granted time off, without loss of pay or benefits (except that shift differential shall not be paid), to attend such conventions in accordance with Section D, Administrative Leave Bank or in accordance with Section A. 1-5 above. Representatives designated by the Union shall also be authorized time off, without loss of pay, to attend Union training seminars, Union schools, or Union conferences in accordance with Section D, Administrative Leave Bank or Section A. 1-5 above.

The Local Union shall designate to the Appointing Authority in writing the person who is authorized to notify the Employer which employees are entitled to such time off. This authorized designated representative shall provide, no later than one (1) pay period prior to the start of the pay period, written notification to the Agency Human Resource Officer that such employees are entitled to attend such

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meetings. Requests under this Section shall not be denied solely on the basis of timeliness.

No employee shall be entitled to be released and the Appointing Authority is under no obligation to grant such time off without loss of pay pursuant to these provisions, unless notified by the authorized designated representative as provided above.

Where an employee wishes to attend a Union convention as listed above, and the employee requests in writing a change in schedule with another employee capable of performing the work, the appropriate supervisor will make a reasonable effort to approve the voluntary change of schedule between the two employees providing such a change does not result in overtime.

### **Section F. Union Leave/Leave for Union Office.**

If any Union representative(s) spends more than five hundred twenty (520) hours in a fiscal year (beginning October 1 of each year) in representation activities, on administrative leave, he/she shall be placed on "Union leave" by the Employer. Such employees shall be relieved of all work duties for the remainder of the fiscal year and the Union shall reimburse the State for the gross total cost of such employee(s) wages and the Employer's cost of all fringe benefits for the five hundred twenty (520) hours and for the time the employee is on Union leave.

The employee's status for pay, benefits, insurance, retirement and other benefits shall be identical to administrative leave. Placing an employee on Union leave shall constitute an acknowledgment that the employee is to be considered as an employee of the Union during the leave. Should an Administrative Board or court rule otherwise, the Local Union shall indemnify and hold the Employer harmless from any Workers' Compensation claim by that employee arising during or as a result of the Union leave. Such employee shall have the same rights of access as a Council 25 staff representative.

The Employer shall grant requests for leaves of absence to employees in this Unit upon written request of AFSCME Council 25 and upon written request of the employee, subject to the following limitations:

- a. The written request of the Council shall be made to the employee's Appointing Authority and shall indicate the purpose of the requested leave of absence.
- b. If the requested leave of absence is for the purpose of permitting the employee to serve in an elective or appointive office with either AFSCME Council 25 or the International, the request shall state what the office is, the term of such office and its expiration date. This leave shall cover the period from the initial date of election or appointment through the expiration of the first full term of office.
- c. If the requested leave of absence is for the purpose of permitting the employee to serve as a staff representative for either AFSCME Council 25, or the International, such leave shall be for a minimum of three (3) months, but shall

not exceed three (3) years. Thereafter, the employee shall notify the Appointing Authority on an annual basis of his/her desire to continue on leave.

- d. The Employer is not obligated to grant such leaves of absence for more than two (2) employees from any one work location. In the Department of Health and Human Services, youth facilities no more than one (1) employee from any work location.
- e. For employees on a Union leave of absence, the Union may elect one of the following options:
  - (1) In the event the Employer does not make retirement contributions on behalf of employees on union leave, the Union retains the right to make such contributions unless prohibited by law; or
  - (2) The union shall reimburse the state for the gross total cost of such employee's wages and the Employer's cost of all fringe benefits. The employee's status for pay, benefits, insurance, retirement and other benefits shall be identical to administrative leave.

Such employee shall be considered as an employee of the Union during the leave. Should an administrative board or court rule otherwise, the Union shall indemnify and hold the employer harmless from any Workers' Compensation claims by that employee arising during or as a result of the Union leave of absence.

#### **Section G. Local President's Administrative Leave.**

The parties agree to establish an Administrative Leave Bank of 2704 hours once each Fiscal Year commencing 10-1-2013 to be allocated and utilized as indicated below.

1. This bank shall be for use by the Local Union President or designee of the Local Union to provide for contract administration activities. Council 25 shall provide, in writing, a list of those Locals and Presidents who are entitled to use this bank prior to any use of these hours.
2. The time shall be used in minimum of four (4) hour increments with no more than eight (8) hours (or the equivalent of one regularly scheduled shift for representatives on a modified work schedule) to be used in any one pay period subject to the limit of 208 hours per Local per year. In Departments where Local Union Presidents work less than 26 pay periods per year, the Local Union President shall be allowed to utilize up to sixteen (16) hours of president's leave only for the first second full pay period of the school year. No more than one Union Representative shall use hours from this Bank on a given day.
3. Scheduling the employee's release on this time will be in accordance with written agreements reached in Agency Labor-Management meetings or in accordance with written agreements reached between the Local Union President and Appointing Authority or designee.



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4. Time not used in each year of the contract may not be carried over into the next year.
5. This time is intended to be used to resolve problems and to further a mature labor-management relationship. It is not intended to be used by the Local Union President for representation activities in work areas. If the time is used to meet with employees, such employees shall not be on work time.

At the beginning of each fiscal year the Union shall allocate these hours among the Locals.

**ARTICLE 8****UNION REPRESENTATION****Section A. Union Representatives and Jurisdictions.**

Employees covered by this Agreement are entitled to be represented as provided in this Agreement by a Local Union representative or, at the discretion of the Union, by a Council 25 staff representative. Local Union representatives shall be members of the Bargaining Unit and shall be representatives for employees in the Bargaining Unit.

For investigatory meetings or disciplinary conferences at which employees are entitled to representation and in the event that an employee requests a particular Local Union representative who is not available or in the event that a Steward in a particular jurisdictional area is not available, the Appointing Authority or designee shall request the Local Union President or designee to designate another available Local Union representative who shall provide such representation services for the employee.

The jurisdictional area for each Steward shall be designated by the Union; provided, that each Steward shall be employed in his/her own jurisdictional area, and that each jurisdictional area, if possible, shall be limited to a reasonable area to minimize the loss of work time and travel, giving consideration to the geographical area, work location, work unit, shift schedule, and the right and responsibility of the Union to represent the employees in the Bargaining Unit. Typically, jurisdictional areas shall not include work locations other than the work locations in which the Steward is employed. However, in the case of Locals which include more than one work location, upon advance notice to the appropriate Employer Representative, the Local President or designee shall be able to access all such work locations for representation purposes. The Union agrees that such visitations shall be subject to operational security measures established and enforced by the Employer.

In the event that the Employer in a work location has a concern about the Union's designation of a jurisdictional area, or about the assignment of a Steward to a particular jurisdictional area, representatives of the Employer and the Local Union shall meet in a Special Conference at the request of the Employer to attempt to resolve such concerns or related concerns over the Steward system. If the concerns are not resolved in such a Special Conference, representatives of the Department and/or State Employer and representatives of AFSCME Council 25 shall meet in a Special Conference to resolve the concern(s). Until such concern(s) are resolved, the Union designated Steward shall represent employees within the jurisdictional area.

In addition, the Union shall designate one Chief Steward for each work location with more than fifty (50) employees; the Union may designate one Chief Steward for each work location with less than fifty (50) employees. Normally an employee

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shall be represented by his/her Steward or Alternate in his/her jurisdictional area. However, at the discretion of the Union, the President or Chief Steward may represent said employee in lieu of the Steward or Alternate. The jurisdictional area of each Chief Steward shall be only his/her own work location. In those facilities where the Employer designates a separate, distinct and new work location, the Union shall designate a new Chief Steward within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days, and during this interim period the Union may use the Chief Steward from the prior work location.

The Union shall furnish to the Employer in writing the names of the Stewards, Alternate Stewards and Chief Stewards with the respective jurisdictional area of each as soon as possible after the effective date of this Agreement. Any changes or additions thereto shall be forwarded to the Employer by the Union in writing as soon as such changes are made.

### **Section B. Release of Union Representatives.**

No Local Union representative shall leave his/her work to engage in employee representation activities authorized by this Agreement without first notifying and receiving approval from his/her supervisor or designee. Such approval shall normally be granted and under no circumstances shall unreasonably be denied. In the event that approval is not granted for the time requested by such Local Union representative, the Union, at its discretion, may either request an alternate Local Union representative or have the activity postponed and rescheduled.

Employees shall be allowed time off with pay during working hours to attend grievance meetings, Labor-Management meetings, committee meetings and activities if such committees have been established by this Agreement, or meetings called or agreed to by the Employer, Civil Service Commission (including the Civil Service Commission or Employment Relations Board), if such employees are entitled by the provisions of this Agreement to attend such meetings or such activities by virtue of being Union representatives, Stewards, witnesses, and/or grievants, except in the case of justified emergency as claimed by the Appointing Authority. If an employee is not released to attend such meetings in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the Union may request the appropriate authority to postpone and reschedule such meeting. In those cases where the Union makes such request, the Employer will grant or concur in such request.

When Labor-Management Meetings or such meetings recognized by Management are held at other than the employee's scheduled work time, for purposes of pay only, properly designated Local Union representatives shall be permitted an equivalent amount of time off from scheduled work on their upcoming or previous shift or by mutual agreement on another day in the pay period only in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. The granting of comp time for such activities shall be an appropriate subject for secondary negotiations in the Department of Education.

In the event a grievance conference is scheduled on an employee's R-day, and the employee requests that the meeting be rescheduled, the Employer shall concur with such request. Should the rescheduling of the grievance conference affect either party's ability to meet contractual time frames for grievance responses or appeals, upon request of either party, the parties shall enter into a written agreement extending the time frames in such a manner that either party will have at least as much time as if the meeting were held as originally scheduled.

### **Section C. Access to Documents, Records or Policies.**

Upon written request, the Union shall receive specific existing documents, records, or policies which may affect employees of this Unit and which are not exempt from disclosure by statute. Discretion permitted under FOIA shall not be impaired by this section. The Employer is not obligated to compile reports for the purpose of complying with this Section. The Union shall pay all costs of reproducing such information.

The document, records or policies requested shall be provided to the Union within five (5) business days of the date of receipt of the request, except in unusual circumstances. Unusual circumstances are defined as follows:

1. The need to search for, collect, or appropriately examine or review a voluminous amount of separate and distinct public records pursuant to a single request.
2. The need to collect the requested public records from numerous field offices, facilities, or other establishments which are located apart from the particular office receiving or processing the request.

### **Section D. Right to Representation.**

An employee shall be entitled to a designated Union representative at any meeting at which disciplinary or any adverse action may or will take place, or at an investigatory interview of the employee by the Employer related to one or more specific charges of misconduct by the employee, if he/she requests one. If an employee is to be represented at a scheduled meeting by an attorney, the employee or the Union shall give as much written notice as possible to the Employer. It is agreed that where disciplinary or adverse action is intended as the subject of a meeting, or where such action will result directly and immediately depending upon the content of the meeting, representation is allowed. If during the meeting the employee or representative requests to briefly meet, they shall be provided a private meeting area.

Employees being interviewed in an investigation as a witness shall be entitled to Union representation upon request if at any time during the interview they are informed their statement(s) may lead to discipline or adverse action.

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In any investigatory interview with an employee where the employee has been suspended (with or without pay) or transferred from the employee's regular job assignment, the employee shall have the right to representation.

When, in the course of any investigation, a written statement of any kind, other than a critical incident report, is requested from an employee, the employee shall be given the request and questions in writing, a reasonable time to respond without undue delay, a copy of the written response and an opportunity to review, amend, change or correct said statement which shall be done no later than the end of the employee's next regularly scheduled work shift. Preparation of the written response will not be monitored by the investigator or other management personnel. Said statement shall not be used or considered as a complete statement of fact until the time period set forth herein has expired. No disciplinary action or suspension without pay pending investigation shall be taken on the basis of such statement until the end of the period allowed for modification. The Employer shall permit an employee to take notes of questions and their response during an interview. Transfer or suspension with pay pending the outcome of an investigation shall not be considered disciplinary action.

When electronic evidence exists which the Employer is relying on, the employee and the Local Union shall be provided an opportunity to review such evidence during the investigation.

Where an employee is required to report on his/her conduct to a trial board, board of inquiry, patient abuse committee, or similar fact-finding inquiry making any determination prior to imposition of discipline on him/her, he/she shall have the right to appear, to have representation, and to have an opportunity to call witnesses. He/she shall receive a copy of the findings and have an opportunity for post-hearing appeal to his/her Appointing Authority before imposition of discipline.

When a Recipient Rights Office or other preliminary investigation results in a report containing information derogatory to an employee or which would constitute a basis for disciplinary action, an employee shall be entitled to representation in any follow up investigation or discussion.

Following an investigative interview, an employee may amend, change or correct their statement prior to or during any disciplinary conference.

Whenever, as a result of an investigation, disciplinary action is or may be appropriate, a disciplinary conference shall be held with the employee who shall be entitled to Union representation which must be requested by the employee. No Disciplinary Conference shall proceed without the presence of a requested Representative. The employee and the designated Union Representative shall be given a copy of the written statement of charges, the results of the investigation and documentation of all evidence gathered, including summaries of verbal statements. When available, the employee shall be requested to sign for receipt of the written notice of charges. The Employer shall provide reasonable, advance, written notice of the disciplinary conference to the employee which shall contain the date, time and place of the conference as well as the nature of the complaint

or allegations against him/her and the reasons that disciplinary action is contemplated or intended.

The employee shall have an opportunity to respond and discuss such information prior to the imposition of disciplinary action. When documents upon which the Employer is relying have not been provided and/or electronic evidence has not been made available for viewing, at least five (5) days in advance of the disciplinary conference, the Union may request to reschedule the disciplinary conference. Such request shall not be unreasonably denied.

It is agreed that the imposition of charges and/or discipline shall be within a reasonable and timely fashion. Where an investigation does not result in discipline, the findings of the investigation shall be timely communicated in writing to the employee under investigation, with a copy to the Local Union.

None of the above is intended to circumvent the normal relationship between supervisor and employee as it pertains to discussions and counseling, during which the right to representation shall not apply.

### **Section E. Union Negotiating Committees.**

Employees covered by this Agreement will be represented in primary and secondary-level negotiations conducted during the term of this Agreement in accordance with this Section.

#### **1. Primary Negotiations.**

The Union will designate a primary negotiation team consisting of not more than ten (10) persons who shall be employed in different local unions in this Unit. No more than seven (7) of such persons shall be from the Department of Health and Human Services; at least one (1) from each of the following Departments: Military and Veterans Affairs, Corrections and Education. By mutual agreement between the parties to such primary negotiations, but at least once each month during negotiations, the Union may designate one (1) additional employee from each local union not represented on the primary negotiation team to participate in such negotiations, based upon the issues scheduled on the negotiations agenda.

#### **2. Secondary Negotiations.**

In Departments with more than seventy-five (75) Bargaining Unit employees, the Union shall be entitled to designate up to three (3) secondary negotiation team members. However, in the Department of Health and Human Services, the Union shall be entitled to designate one representative from each agency. In all other Departments the Union shall be entitled to designate at least one (1) team member. Secondary negotiation team members, and such additional representatives as are mutually agreed to in secondary negotiations, shall be employed in this Unit in the Department to which such secondary negotiations pertain. However, in the case of Locals which include more than one

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department, the Local President or his/her designee shall be an additional member of the union's negotiating team.

By prior mutual agreement, either party may invite additional members to attend a specific session for a particular purpose. Not more than one (1) employee from any facility shall be entitled to be released from work to attend such negotiations without loss of pay or leave credits.

### **3. Pay for Union Negotiation Committees.**

Properly designated primary and secondary negotiation team members, and such additional employees mutually agreed to by the parties to participate in negotiations as representatives of the Union, shall normally be released from their scheduled work to participate in negotiations. Such employees shall lose no base pay or leave credits while attending mutually scheduled negotiation meetings, provided that in primary negotiations not more than one (1) employee from any facility shall be entitled to be released from work to attend such negotiations without loss of pay or leave credits. Overtime, travel time, and travel expenses are not authorized. For purposes of this Section, properly designated Union representatives shall be permitted an equivalent amount of time off from scheduled work in accordance with Section B. above.

For the Union's negotiation team, "R" days shall be rescheduled in the event that negotiations are scheduled on the employee's "R" day.

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In the pursuit of progressive labor-management relations the parties shall make a good faith effort to resolve disputes in the spirit of cooperation and understanding. The parties further agree that the purpose of this grievance procedure is to secure prompt and fair resolution(s) of unresolved disputes.

**Section A. General.**

1. A grievance is a written complaint of violation of policy, rules, regulations, conditions of employment, mutually accepted past practices or a violation of law(s) covering Bargaining Unit employees, the provisions of this Agreement or a dispute over its application and interpretation or a claim of discipline without just cause. In a grievance concerning past practice, mutuality shall be one of the issues for the Arbitrator.
2. There shall be no appeal beyond Step Three (3) on initial probationary service ratings or dismissals of initial probationary employees which occur during or upon completion of the probationary period except that grievances alleging unlawful discrimination against a probationary employee may be appealed by the Union to Step Four (4).
3. Employees shall have the right to present grievances in person or through a Union representative at any step of the grievance procedure, and no further discussion shall be had on the matter until the appropriate Union representative has been afforded a reasonable opportunity to be present at any grievance meetings with the employee(s) and provided further that any settlements reached shall be communicated to the Union and shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement.
4. Counseling memoranda, reprimands, and annual performance ratings are not appealable beyond Step Three (3).
5. All written grievances shall specify as soon as possible: who is affected, date of occurrence, what happened, sections of the Agreement, rules or policy involved, if any, and relief sought. Grievant(s) shall, where possible, make a good faith effort to provide such information in the designated spaces on the grievance form. Grievances that do not contain sufficient information to understand the dispute shall not be returned to the grievant but shall be so indicated by the Employer at the appropriate step of the grievance procedure. The additional information needed shall then be provided if possible at a conference at such step. The grievance shall be presented to the designated supervisor involved on a mutually agreed upon form furnished by the Employer and the Union and signed and dated by the grievant(s).



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It shall be the intent of the parties that all grievances and grievance responses contain the necessary information needed to process and resolve complaints as fairly and expeditiously as possible in accordance with this Article.

6. The appropriate Management representative shall, if possible, answer the grievance(s) to the fullest possible extent and shall indicate the basis for the determination.
7. When appealing grievance denials to the next step the appropriate Union representative or grievant shall, if possible, provide a reason why the previous response was rejected and the basis for further appeal.
8. All grievances must be presented promptly and no later than ten (10) week days from the date the employee first became aware or should by the exercise of reasonable diligence, have become aware of the cause of such grievance.
9. It is expressly understood and agreed that the specific provisions of this Agreement take precedence over policy, rules, regulations, conditions and practices contrary thereto.
10. When an individual grievant(s) is satisfied with the resolution of a grievance offered by the Employer, processing the grievance will end.
11. The Union may grieve an alleged violation concerning the application or interpretation of this Agreement. Such grievances shall be filed at the appropriate step by a Council 25 Staff, or Local Union representative, designated by the Local Union President to act in such capacity.
12. Grievances or issues which by nature are not capable of being settled at a preliminary step of the grievance procedure may by mutual agreement be filed at the appropriate advanced step where the action giving rise to the grievance was initiated or where the requested relief could be granted.
13. Group grievances are defined as, and limited to, those grievances which cover more than one (1) employee and pertain to like circumstances and facts for the grievants involved. Group grievances shall, insofar as possible, name all employees and/or classifications and all work locations covered and may be submitted at Step Two (2) or Step Three (3) as appropriate. Group grievances must be so designated at the first appropriate Step of the grievance procedure.
14. The Employer will not release names of grievants or details of grievances in a manner calculated to embarrass a grievant(s).
15. The parties recognize the authority of the Employer to suspend, demote, discharge or take other appropriate disciplinary action against employees for just cause. An employee who alleges that such action was not based on just cause may appeal a demotion, suspension, or discharge taken by the Employer beginning with Step Three (3) of the Grievance Procedure. The employee may opt to forfeit accrued annual leave or compensatory time credits in lieu of an unpaid suspension on an hour-for-hour basis.

16. In the Department of Health and Human Services hospitals and centers, employees suspended pending and for the duration of an investigation for abuse or neglect, shall be suspended with pay.
17. Copies of grievances appealed directly to Step Three (3) shall be concurrently sent to the Agency Human Resource Officer by the grievant or Union.
18. Informal discussion of complaints between employees and/or stewards and supervisors is encouraged prior to filing of written grievances.
19. In order to achieve settlement and resolution of grievances at the lowest possible step, the parties shall be knowledgeable about and prepared to discuss all the grievances in question. Both parties at meetings at Step Two (2) and above shall have the authority to settle, withdraw, grant or adjust grievances. However, in accordance with current practice, nothing in this Article is intended to preclude the parties at Step One (1) from settling grievances, especially those involving counseling and discipline.
20. At Step Three (3) and above, the signature of a recognized local Union President or Chief Steward and a Council 25 representative affixed to a settlement agreement or notice of withdrawal of a grievance shall be unequivocal cause to cease processing of the grievance. Such a grievance shall not be reinstated except as specified in Article 9, Section D.
21. The parties shall make a good faith effort at all steps in the grievance procedure to attend scheduled meetings and to avoid rescheduling such meetings.
22. Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit the parties from mutually agreeing to use alternative conference formats such as teleconferencing. A request by either party shall not be unreasonably denied.
23. The use of State of Michigan e-mail is permitted by Union representatives for the limited purpose of scheduling grievance conferences and electronically submitting grievance forms. Electronically submitted grievance forms will include the grievant's name and grievance number, in the subject line, if the grievance number is available at the time of submittal.

### **Section B. Grievance Steps.**

**Step One:** Within ten (10) week days of receipt of the written grievance from the employee(s) or his/her Union representative, the supervisor shall schedule a meeting with the employee(s) and/or his/her Union representative to discuss the grievance, and attempt to resolve the issue. The supervisor shall then return a written decision concurrently to the employee(s) and his/her Union representative within five (5) week days of the meeting. The Grievant/Union Representative may opt not to utilize Step One (1) of the grievance procedure and move directly to Step Two (2) in accordance with the time limits established in Section A (8).

**Step Two:** If not satisfied with the supervisor's answer in Step One (1), the grievance, to be considered further, must be appealed to the designated

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Management representative within ten (10) week days from receipt of the answer in Step One (1).

The parties shall meet within ten (10) week days of receipt of the grievance at Step Two (2) and attempt to resolve the grievance or reach a settlement. As the Step Two (2) Management representative may elect, the supervisor may attend such meeting. If a settlement is reached, such settlement shall be confirmed in writing and signed by both parties. If settlement is not reached, a written answer will be placed on the grievance form by the appropriate Management representative and returned concurrently to the employee(s) and his/her Union representative within ten (10) week days from the Step Two (2) meeting.

Upon mutual agreement at the Local level all pending grievances shall be discussed at such meetings. At the option of the Local Union representative, the grievant shall not attend the conference.

**Step Three:** If not satisfied with the Employer's answer in Step Two (2), to be considered further, the grievance must be appealed to the departmental Appointing Authority or his/her designee within ten (10) week days from receipt of the answer in Step Two (2). For disciplinary grievances involving suspension, discharge, or demotion, the Employer representative shall meet within twenty-five (25) week days of the appeal unless mutually extended by the Employer representative and Council 25 representative with the employee(s) and his/her Local Union Representative and a representative of Council 25 (as Council 25 may elect) to discuss and attempt to resolve the grievance or reach a settlement. Such meetings shall normally be held at the Agency where the grievance originates. If a settlement is reached, such settlement shall be confirmed in writing and signed by both parties. If a settlement is not reached, the written decision of the Employer will be placed on the grievance form by the departmental Appointing Authority or his/her designee and returned concurrently to the grievant(s), his/her Union representative and Council 25 representative within twenty-five (25) week days from the date of the meeting at Step Three (3). Upon mutual agreement, such grievances may be discussed in the Step Three (3) settlement conferences indicated in the next paragraph.

For grievances pertaining to all other disputes, a meeting shall be held within twenty-five (25) week days of the appeal unless mutually extended by the Employer representative and Council 25 representative between the departmental Appointing Authority or designee, a local Management representative (as the departmental Appointing Authority may elect), a Local Union representative (not the grievant) and a representative of Council 25 (as Council 25 may elect). Such meetings shall be held in Lansing unless mutually agreed otherwise. Such request shall not be unreasonably denied. Every effort shall be made to discuss all pending grievances at such meetings to conserve Union and Management staff and employee work time. Every effort shall be made at such meetings to arrive at fair and equitable grievance settlements to avoid the necessity of arbitration. Such settlements, if reached, shall be confirmed in writing when agreed to by the Employer and the Union. If settlement is not reached, the written decision of the

Employer will be placed on the grievance form by the departmental Appointing Authority or designee and returned to the grievant(s), his/her Union representative and Council 25 representative within thirty (30) week days from the date of the Step Three (3) conference.

**Step Four:** If not satisfied with the Employer answer in Step Three (3), the Union may appeal the grievance to arbitration by assigning an Arbitrator from the panel only as provided in Section C. within thirty five (35) week days from the date of the Department's answer in Step Three (3) in accordance with Letter of Intent #1.

A copy of the notice to the Arbitrator shall be provided electronically to the Office of the State Employer or via fax if the email is undeliverable. In response to the Office of the State Employer's electronic copy of the notice to the Arbitrator, Council 25 shall receive an electronic confirmation of receipt from the Office of the State Employer. The Arbitrator shall be selected from a panel of arbitrators agreed upon by the parties and the hearing conducted under the rules of the American Arbitration Association, except as otherwise provided for in this Agreement. If an unresolved grievance is not timely appealed to arbitration, it shall be considered terminated on the basis of the Department's Step Three (3) answer without prejudice or precedent in the resolution of further grievances. The parties may propose consolidation of grievances containing similar issues.

When felony charges have been made against the employee, the arbitration may be placed "on hold" pending the outcome of the initial court decision or award.

At the request of either party following a third step denial, a Council 25 representative, an AFSCME Local representative, representatives of the Department where the grievance originates and an Office of the State Employer representative will meet to discuss the matter.

The purpose of this meeting is to find resolution for those grievances and arrive at fair and equitable settlements to avoid the necessity of arbitration. All settlements shall be confirmed in writing when agreed to by Council 25 and the Office of the State Employer.

Upon acceptance of the appointment, the Arbitrator shall have jurisdiction and authority to move the case to final and timely resolution, and shall be advised in writing of the terms and conditions of this article. The parties may mutually agree to postponement. Otherwise, requests for postponement may be denied, and shall be granted only for cause. Upon consultation with the parties, the Arbitrator shall schedule the hearing to be held within six (6) months of appointment, unless the parties mutually agree to extend the hearing date. If an arbitration is not held within one (1) year from the initial filing date of the grievance to arbitration, and the request to extend beyond one year is made by the Union, the issue of liability to the Employer shall be an issue for the Arbitrator's consideration. The initial burden of proof shall be on the Union to show sufficient cause to extend the arbitration

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hearing. The only exceptions to this shall be for initial felony charges, as noted above, and for Workers' Compensation cases.

The expenses and fees of the Arbitrator, and the cost of the hearing room, excluding a court reporter if requested by only one of the parties, will be shared equally by the parties except where as provided in Article 9, Section D. The Arbitrator shall only have the authority to determine compliance with the provisions of this Agreement. The Arbitrator shall not have jurisdiction or authority to add to, amend, modify, nullify, or ignore in any way the provisions of this Agreement and Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations. The authority of the Arbitrator shall remain subject to and subordinate to the limitations and restrictions on subject matters and personal jurisdiction in the Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations. The Arbitrator shall not make any award which in effect would grant the Union or the Employer any rights or privileges which were not obtained in the negotiation process. The standard of proof to be considered by the Arbitrator shall be based upon a preponderance of evidence on the whole record. The Arbitrator shall be the judge of the relevance and materiality of the evidence offered and conformity to legal rules of evidence shall not be necessary. No monetary award may be made for attorney fees, witnesses fees, costs, interest, or other expenses arising out of, or attributable to, the grievance appeal.

Except as provided in Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations, the decision of the Arbitrator will be final and binding on all parties to this Agreement. Arbitration decisions shall not be appealed to the Civil Service Commission, except as may be provided by the Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations. When the Arbitrator declares a bench decision, such decision shall be rendered in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of the arbitration hearing. The written decision of the Arbitrator shall be rendered within thirty (30) calendar days from the closing of the record of the hearing. A copy of the decision and a disc shall be sent to the management representative, the Office of the State Employer contract administrator and Council 25, if available from the Arbitrator.

If an arbitration hearing has been scheduled except in a case involving a grievance settlement, the party requesting a cancellation, postponement or rescheduling of the arbitration hearing shall be responsible for the Arbitrator's fees, if any.

No settlement (bilateral agreement) reached at any stage of the grievance procedure, except an arbitration decision, shall be a precedent in any arbitration and shall not be admissible as evidence in any future arbitration proceeding unless mutually agreed to otherwise.

### **Section C. Panel Selection and Administration.**

Within thirty (30) days after approval of this Agreement and annually thereafter, Council 25 and the Office of the State Employer shall simultaneously exchange the names of six (6) labor arbitrators (who are members of the National Academy of Arbitrators, or on the American Arbitration Association, the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service or Michigan Employee Relations Commission Rolls).

Each party shall then have the right to strike three (3) names from the other party's list. The remaining names shall be the pool of arbitrators to be used, in the order indicated below, for all grievances appealed to arbitration. Should a selected Arbitrator decline to serve on the panel, the party proposing the name may submit another name as part of the six (6) arbitrators to be considered by the other party. Should this process result in a panel of less than six (6), the parties will only strike two (2) names from each other's list.

Once the panel is established the names will be listed in alphabetical order. Assignments shall be in a rotational order beginning with the first name for Education, the second name for Military & Veterans Affairs, the third name for Health and Human Services, the fourth name for Corrections, the fifth name for State Police, the sixth name for Natural Resources, and the seventh name for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. Council 25 will maintain a separate list for each department and an electronic copy shall be sent to the Office of the State Employer quarterly beginning March 1 of each year. Should a selected Arbitrator decline to serve for any of the above referenced departments and/or venues mutually agreed to by the parties, the Arbitrator shall be removed from the list.

#### **Section D. Time Limits.**

Grievances may be withdrawn once without prejudice at any step of the grievance procedure. A grievance which has not been settled and has been withdrawn may be reinstated based on new evidence not previously available within twenty-five (25) week days from the date of withdrawal.

The parties may mutually agree in writing to "hold" a grievance pending the outcome of an arbitration or an appeal in another forum (i.e. Workers' Compensation). Once a decision has been rendered, such grievance may be reactivated within twenty-five (25) week days from the date of the decision.

"Week" days are defined as Monday through Friday excluding contractual holidays.

Grievances not appealed within the designated time limits in Steps Two (2) or Three (3) of the grievance procedure will automatically result in the grievance being considered closed. Grievances not answered by the Employer within the designated time limits in any step of the grievance procedure shall be considered automatically appealable to the next step. Where the Employer does not provide the required answer to a grievance within the time limit provided at Steps One (1), Two (2) and Three (3), the time limits for filing at the next step shall be extended for ten (10) additional week days. Additionally, if the third step response from the Employer is not received within the time limits established under the collective bargaining agreement the Employer shall pay the full cost of the arbitration hearing. The time limits at any step or for any hearing may be extended by written mutual agreement of the parties involved at that particular step.

In the event a grievance is rejected by the Employer at any step as untimely, the issue shall be treated as separate and distinct at Step Four (4). Such issue shall

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be addressed by the submission of briefs to an Arbitrator. A decision by the Arbitrator shall be made prior to the merits of the existing grievance being heard.

If the Employer representative with whom a grievance appeal must be filed is located in a city other than that in which the grievance was processed in the preceding step, the mailing of the grievance appeal form shall constitute a timely appeal if it is postmarked within the appeal period. Similarly, when an Employer answer must be forwarded to a city other than that in which the Employer representative works, the mailing of the answer shall constitute a timely response if it is postmarked within the answer period.

### **Section E. Retroactivity.**

Settlement of grievances may or may not be retroactive as the equities of the particular case may demand as determined by the Arbitrator. In any case where it is determined that the award should be applied retroactively, except for administrative errors relating to the payment of wages, the maximum period of retroactivity allowed shall be a date not earlier than one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days prior to the initiation of the written grievance in Step One (1). Employees who voluntarily terminate their employment will have their grievances immediately withdrawn but may benefit by any later settlement of a group grievance. Such employees may continue to pursue grievances concerning suspension, demotion, or denial of Public Acts 414, 280 or 232 benefits.

### **Section F. Exclusive Procedure.**

The grievance procedure set out above shall be exclusive for all grievances permitted under Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations. The grievance procedure set out above shall not be used for the adjustment of any dispute for which the Civil Service Commission Rules or Regulations require the exclusive use of a Civil Service Commission forum or procedure. All grievances filed prior to the effective date of this Agreement must be considered by the Arbitrator only under the provisions of the previous Agreement as though that Agreement were still in effect.

### **Section G. Processing Grievances.**

Prior to a mutually scheduled meeting with management at each step of the grievance procedure, the grievant and his/her designated Steward will be permitted a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour per Grievant (or for group grievances one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour per grievance), without loss of pay for consultation and preparation for such grievance meeting, during their regularly scheduled hours of employment. Overtime is not authorized.

One (1) designated Steward will be permitted to process a grievance without loss of pay. In a group grievance, two (2) grievants shall be entitled to appear without loss of pay.

Grievance meetings as provided for in Step One (1) shall normally be held during the regularly scheduled hours of employment of the grievant. Grievance meetings as provided for in Step Two (2) shall normally be held during the regularly scheduled hours of employment of the grievant or, if the grievant works an afternoon or night shift, as conveniently as possible to the employee's shifts and normally immediately preceding or immediately following an employee's shift. For purposes of pay only, one (1) Local Union representative and the grievant(s) shall be permitted an equivalent amount of time off from scheduled work in accordance with Article 8, Section B. for grievance meetings as provided for in Step Three (3) and for arbitration hearings. Such employees shall be placed on annual leave for this purpose. The annual leave shall be converted to administrative leave once it is determined how much time was involved in the meeting or hearing. The Employer is not responsible for compensating any employees for time spent processing grievances outside their regularly scheduled hours of employment. Unless mutually agreed otherwise, the Employer is not responsible for any travel or subsistence expenses incurred by grievants or Stewards in processing grievances.

The issue of agencies where no Steward or Chief Steward is selected because of the small number or scattered distribution of Bargaining Unit employees and the option of waiving Steps One (1) and Two (2) in the grievance procedure shall be an appropriate subject of secondary negotiations in the Department of Corrections. Further, the issue of a Chief Steward, Steward, or Alternate Steward from the jurisdictional area where the conference is to be held and his/her ability to represent the grievant at Step One (1), Two (2), or Three (3) without loss of pay or benefits shall also be an appropriate subject for secondary negotiations in the Department of Corrections.

#### **Section H. Documents and Witnesses.**

Upon written request, the Union shall receive all documents or records which the Employer intends to enter into evidence in the arbitration, in accordance with or not prohibited by law, and pertinent to the grievance under consideration. Discretion permitted under the Freedom of Information Act shall not be impaired by this Section. Documents requested under this Section shall be provided in a timely manner if the Employer intends to use such documents as evidence. Upon written request, the Employer shall be entitled to disclosure of all documents the Union intends to offer in arbitration. Failure by either party to disclose a document shall make it inadmissible in arbitration.

At least ten (10) calendar days before a scheduled arbitration hearing, the parties shall provide to each other a written list of the witnesses each plans to call. If a witness list is not timely provided, the Employer shall release the requested witnesses subject to annual leave buy back. Witnesses which the Union intends to call will be relieved from duty. Nothing shall preclude the calling of previously unidentified witnesses.



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Employees required to testify will be made available without loss of pay subject to the timely provision of a witness list; however, whenever possible, they shall be placed on call to minimize time lost from work. Employees who have completed their testimony shall return promptly to work when their testimony is concluded unless they are required to assist the principal Union representative(s) in the conduct of the case. The intent of the parties is to minimize time lost from work. In the Department of Education only, up to one (1) employee who testifies on behalf of the Union during non-working hours, shall be granted equivalent time off from work during the beginning or end of the employee's next regularly scheduled shift.

### **Section I. State Employer.**

Nothing in this Article shall preclude representatives of the Office of the State Employer from attending any grievance conferences or arbitrations. In the event that problems arise in the application of this Article a meeting will be held at the request of either party between a representative of Council 25 and a representative of the Office of the State Employer to attempt to resolve such problems.

**ARTICLE 10****LABOR-MANAGEMENT MEETINGS****Section A. Purpose.**

Labor-Management meetings shall be for the purpose of maintaining communications in order to cooperatively discuss and resolve problems of mutual concern to the parties.

Items to be included on the agenda for such meetings are to be submitted at least seven (7) calendar days in advance of the scheduled meeting dates unless mutually agreed otherwise. Appropriate subjects for the agenda are:

1. Administration of the Agreement.
2. General information of interest to the parties.
3. Expression of employee's views or suggestions on subjects of interest to employees of the Bargaining Unit.
4. Recommendations of the Health and Safety Committee on matters relating to the Bargaining Unit employees in the Department.
5. Criteria for staffing ratios and production standards at agency level meetings. The parties agree that a proper relationship of workload to staff is a desirable goal to obtain.
6. The Union's participation in Agency Committees. This subject shall be discussed at agency Labor-Management meeting. If no resolution on this issue is reached at such meeting(s), a representative from the Department and from Council 25 shall attend the next regularly scheduled Labor-Management meeting at the request of either the Local Union or the Agency.

Incorporated in the listing of items submitted for such agenda shall be an indication of the specific issues or problems to be addressed.

Department or Agency representatives shall notify the Union of administrative changes to be implemented by Management which will affect employees in the Bargaining Unit. Failure of the Employer to provide such information shall prevent the Employer from making such changes, until such notice is given in writing. Such changes shall be proper subjects for future Labor-Management meetings. Such meetings shall not be considered negotiations, nor shall they be considered as a substitute for the grievance procedure.

**Section B. Representation.**

The Union shall designate its representatives to such Departmental meetings in accordance with this Section. In the Department of Health and Human Services the Union shall designate up to eight (8) permanent representatives who shall be employees in this Unit. The Union may designate not more than three (3) additional

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representatives to participate in such meetings, based upon the matters scheduled in the agenda. In all other departmental meetings, the Union shall be entitled to designate up to three (3) permanent representatives who shall be employees in the Unit. The Union may designate not more than two (2) additional representatives to participate in such meetings, based upon the matters scheduled in the agenda.

The Union shall designate its representatives to Agency meetings in accordance with the following formulas:

In the Department of Health and Human Services, no more than five (5) permanent or alternate representatives at hospitals and centers, and two (2) additional representatives based on the agenda item. At Shawano, Bay Pines and MCTI, no more than two (2) permanent or alternate representatives and one (1) additional based on the agenda item. In the Departments of Education and Corrections, no more than two (2) permanent or alternate representatives and one (1) additional person based upon agenda item. In the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs no more than three (3) permanent or alternate representatives and one (1) additional person based upon the agenda item. In the Departments of State Police and Licensing and Regulatory Affairs no more than one (1) permanent or alternate representative and one (1) additional representative based on the agenda item. Such representatives for agency Labor-Management meetings shall be employed at the work location where such meetings take place. Additionally, in amalgamated locals, the Local President or designee shall be a representative of all Labor-Management meetings but will not be counted against the above numbers. The presence of additional representatives shall be limited only to the discussion of the agenda item(s) for which their attendance was requested unless mutually agreed otherwise. All Union representatives for departmental or agency Labor-Management meetings shall be employed in the Bargaining Unit. Council 25 Staff may attend departmental or agency Labor-Management meetings as Council 25 may elect.

At those agency Labor-Management meetings where the Appointing Authority or designee brings a secretary to take notes, the Union shall be entitled to bring one secretary/reporter who shall not participate except to take notes. An Employer or Union representative at such meetings who participates in the meeting and takes incidental notes shall not be considered a secretary for these purposes.

In the Department of Corrections, issues appropriate for discussion in the labor/management forum within the Bureau of Healthcare will be addressed by the Regional Healthcare Administrator rather than by the custody administration.

Agency and/or Departmental representatives shall not exceed the number of Union representatives (including Council 25 representatives, if any) authorized for any Labor-Management meeting.

**Section C. Scheduling.**

Departmental Labor-Management meetings shall be scheduled on a bimonthly basis.

In Agencies where there are more than twenty (20) Bargaining Unit employees, agency Labor-Management meetings shall occur monthly, and more often upon mutual agreement of the parties. Such meetings may be rotated between shifts if mutually agreed by the parties. In Agencies where there are less than twenty (20) Bargaining Unit employees, Labor-Management meetings shall be scheduled upon the mutual agreement of the parties.

Requests for Agency meetings shall not be unreasonably denied. In the event it is alleged that a meeting has been unreasonably denied, the Council representative may seek resolution through the Departmental Human Resource Director or designee.

Where no items are placed on the agendas at least seven (7) days in advance of scheduled meetings, such meetings shall not be held.

**Section D. Pay Status of Union Representatives.**

Up to the limit established in this Article Union representatives to Labor-Management meetings shall be permitted time off from scheduled work for necessary travel and attendance at such meetings. For purposes of pay only, properly designated Union representatives shall be permitted an equivalent amount of time off from scheduled work in accordance with Article 8, Section B. Overtime and travel expenses are not authorized.

**Section E. State Employer.**

As may be mutually agreed, representatives of the Office of the State Employer, may meet with representatives of AFSCME Council 25. Discussions at these meetings shall include, but not be limited to, administration of this Agreement.

**Section F. Response to Labor-Management Meetings.**

The Employer and/or the Union shall respond, in writing, to all questions related to previously submitted agenda items raised in Labor-Management meetings within fourteen (14) calendar days unless mutually agreed otherwise. Said response shall address questions not answered or information not available by the conclusion of the meeting.

**Section G. Labor-Management Council.**

The parties agree to establish a Labor-Management Council composed of members to be designated by the Union and the Office of the State Employer. Composition of the Council shall consist of up to six (6) members designated by the Union and up to six (6) members designated by the Office of the State Employer. No more than two (2) employee members shall be entitled to attend

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from each of the following departments: Department of Health and Human Services, Military and Veterans Affairs, or Corrections. No more than one employee member shall be entitled to attend from any one agency. If the agenda does not contain items pertinent to one of these departments, the representative from that department shall not attend. All members who attend shall be knowledgeable about the agenda items to be discussed. Members of the Council shall make a good faith effort to attend scheduled meetings. This Council shall meet at agreed times and places, but at least twice yearly, if requested by either party, to examine and attempt to resolve issues of interdepartmental impact and/or statewide concerns.

Proposed agenda items will be exchanged by the parties at least fourteen (14) calendar days in advance of a scheduled meeting. The Office of the State Employer and Council 25 shall mutually agree on the agenda and shall each send the agreed upon agenda to its representatives at least seven (7) calendar days in advance of the meeting.

Health and safety concerns of an interdepartmental nature shall be one of the appropriate subjects for discussion at these meetings.

Expenses of the Council: employee members will be granted administrative leave for attendance at Council meetings. Operating expenses such as clerical work, copying and distribution of materials will be borne by the Employer. Other costs, such as consultants, shall be shared equally unless otherwise agreed and not be incurred without mutual consent.

**ARTICLE 11****HEALTH AND SAFETY****Section A. General.**

The Employer shall make every reasonable effort to provide a safe and healthful place of employment free from recognizable hazards and contagious diseases. When the Union and/or the Employer suspects a contagious condition to exist, the County Health Department shall be contacted by the Employer within twenty-four (24) hours excluding Saturday and Sunday to determine if such contagious condition exists. When conditions have been demonstrated to be either unsafe or unhealthy, the Employer shall without undue delay take action to provide a safe and healthful place of employment.

**Section B. First Aid Equipment.**

It is the expressed policy of the Employer and the Union to cooperate in an effort to resolve health and safety problems. First aid equipment shall be provided at various locations in the work place.

**Section C. Tools and Equipment.**

The Employer agrees to furnish and maintain in safe working condition all tools and equipment required to carry out the duties of each position. Employees are responsible for reporting to the Employer any unsafe condition or practice and for properly caring for the tools and equipment furnished by the Employer. Employees shall not use such tools and equipment for personal use.

**Section D. Protective Clothing.**

The Employer will furnish protective clothing and equipment in accordance with applicable standards established by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

**Section E. Confidentiality of Records.**

To insure strict confidentiality, only authorized representatives of the Employer or authorized Union representatives with the employee's written permission shall possess or have access to any employee medical records, including records prepared by a private physician, rehabilitation facility, or other resource for professional assistance.

**Section F. Buildings.**

The Employer will provide and maintain all state-owned buildings, facilities, and equipment in accordance with the specific written order(s) of the Michigan Departments of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and/or Military and Veterans Affairs. Where facilities are leased by the Employer, the Employer shall make

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every reasonable effort to assure that such facilities comply with the order(s) of the Michigan Departments of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and/or Military and Veterans Affairs.

### **Section G. Contagious Diseases and Conditions.**

In accordance with Departmental policies and the intent expressed in Section A, the Appointing Authority will, when a source of possible contagion becomes known, isolate such source if possible and notify the Union and all agency employees of the source, the possible contagion, the isolation steps taken, and those further precautions which will be required to avoid contagion. The Appointing Authority shall provide necessary supplies, training and equipment for such precautions. The parties recognize that individuals' rights regarding confidentiality may not be violated. However, employees' right to know shall be in accordance with applicable statutes.

The parties agree that the Employer and employees shall abide by the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and M.I.O.S.H.A., referencing contagious diseases, and that they shall consider recommendations by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Labor. The parties agree that the issue of recommendations by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services may be discussed in the statewide Labor-Management Council pursuant to Article 10, Section G., upon the request of either party. The parties may mutually agree to abide by these recommendations.

The Employer will establish and/or continue a contaminated waste disposal system in accordance with CDC and MDHHS guidelines.

In accordance with CDC guidelines, protective garments such as gloves, gowns, aprons, masks, etc. shall be readily accessible to an employee who deals with residents whose behavior or actions indicate a need for a protective barrier.

The Department of Health and Human Services, youth facilities and Department of Corrections will make available in each assignment location "belt packs", consisting of protective gloves and a protective mask device for use when performing CPR, to employees whom the Department expects to have need of such items. The location and quantity of such belt packs shall be discussed in Labor-Management meetings.

### **Section H. Medical Examinations.**

Whenever the Employer requires an employee to submit to a medical examination, medical test, including X-rays or inoculations, by a licensed physician selected by the Employer, the Employer will pay the entire cost of such services not covered by the current health insurance programs, provided that the employee uses the services provided and approved by the Employer. Employees required to take a medical or a gynecological examination and who object to the examination by a state employed doctor may be examined by a doctor mutually approved. In the

absence of mutual agreement the parties will select a physician from recommendations by a county or local medical society, by alternate striking if necessary.

When the Employer requires tests for tuberculosis, the Employer shall pay for such tests. Such tests may be provided on site by the Employer. If not provided on site, the employee may be allowed up to one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour for the administration of the test. The employee may also be allowed up to one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour for the reading of the test if it is not read on site. If the test or reading is scheduled during the employee's non-working hours, the employee may utilize up to one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour equivalent time off from a working shift for the administration of the test. The employee may also be allowed up to one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour equivalent time off for the reading of the test if it is not read on site. This Section is not intended to change current practices of on-site TB testing.

### **Section I. Foot Protection.**

The Employer reserves the right to require the wearing of foot protection by employees. In such cases, the Employer will provide a safety device or, if the Employer requires the employee to purchase approved safety shoes, the allowance paid by the Employer for the purchase of required safety shoes shall be the actual cost of such shoes up to a maximum reimbursement of \$100.00 per pair per fiscal year or a maximum of \$200.00 every two fiscal years. Employees shall have the right to purchase such safety shoes utilizing the allowance provided herein.

The issue of providing skid resistant or non-skid footwear for employees in food service work assignments shall be an appropriate subject for secondary negotiations, except in the Department of Health and Human Services, hospitals and centers where employees who are required to wear non-skid footwear will be reimbursed up to \$60 for the purchase price once each calendar year.

### **Section J. Safety and Health Inspection.**

When the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs conducts a safety health inspection of a state facility a local Union official will be notified by the Employer and be released from work without loss of pay to accompany the inspector. The Union shall receive a complete copy of any and all reports provided to the Employer resulting from an inspection by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

### **Section K. Damage to Personal Items.**

The Employer or Insurance Carrier will pay the cost of repairing or replacing personal effects (possessions owned by an employee) damaged or lost in the line of duty, in accordance with applicable laws and/or regulations of the State Administrative Board and unless otherwise reimbursed.

The value of such articles shall be determined at the time damage occurs.



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The Employer shall make every reasonable effort to provide secure storage space for wearing apparel and personal property of the employees. Locations and a timetable will be taken up in secondary negotiations unless otherwise previously agreed to in secondary negotiations. The Employer shall make every reasonable effort to provide refrigerated space for employees.

At the first scheduled Labor-Management meeting following the effective date of this Agreement the Appointing Authority or designee shall meet with the Local Union President or designee to discuss the subject of storage and refrigerated space. Points of discussion shall include location and security.

The Employer shall be held harmless for any losses that an employee may incur as a result of use of storage space or refrigerated space provided by the Employer.

In the Departments of Health and Human Services, hospitals and centers, and Education, claims for personal property loss claims involving eyeglasses shall be handled in accordance with Appendix F.

### **Section L. Health and Safety Committees.**

Health and Safety Committees will be established within the appropriate facilities operated by the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Military and Veterans Affairs. In the Departments of Natural Resources, Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and State Police, the Union's representation on Health and Safety committees shall be an appropriate subject for secondary negotiations.

In the Department of Corrections, subjects concerning Health and Safety shall be a proper agenda item for Labor-Management meetings at the Facility and/or Department level.

In the Departments of Education, Department of Health and Human Services, and Military and Veterans Affairs, should a Departmental Health and Safety Committee (s) be established, the Union shall be entitled to designate one (1) representative and may designate one (1) or more alternates to serve in the absence of the designated representative.

The designated Local Union representative shall be allowed time off with pay to attend authorized committee meetings scheduled during his/her working hours. For purpose of pay only, properly designated Union representatives or alternates serving on these committees shall be permitted an equivalent amount of time off from their upcoming or previous shifts in accordance with Article 8, Section B.

In the Departments of Education, Department of Health and Human Services, and Military and Veterans Affairs each Agency shall continue a Health and Safety Committee. This committee shall be appointed by the Agency Appointing Authority and shall include the Union's designated representative.

The chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the Agency Appointing Authority and shall be responsible for notifying the committee members of meetings, conducting the meetings, preparation and distribution of minutes,

reports and other documents, arranging for conference rooms, and similar administrative tasks.

Such committee shall meet bimonthly or more often if mutually agreed at the request of either party for the purpose of identifying and correcting unsafe or unhealthy working conditions which may exist. Appointments to the committee shall be made within thirty (30) days following the effective date of this Agreement.

**Section M. Compliance Limitations.**

Recommendations which have not been acted upon within three (3) months may be grieved by the Union as an unsafe or unhealthful condition of employment commencing at Step Three of the Grievance Procedure provided in this Agreement; provided, that where a clear and present danger exists, the Union may grieve at any time at Step Two. The Employer's compliance with this Article is contingent upon the availability of funds. If the Employer is unable to meet the requirements of any Section of this Article due to lack of funds, the Employer shall make a positive effort to obtain the necessary funds.

**Section N. Evacuation Plans.**

Upon the Union's request, each agency or work location shall submit to the Union for review and comment a copy of its emergency evacuation plan.

**Section O. Unexpected Immediate Danger.**

In a situation which presents an unexpected immediate danger to an employee(s), such employee(s) shall be either: (1) relocated (temporary transfer to another assignment location within the Agency); or (2) put on administrative leave until the assignment location has been made safe and healthful or (3) the Employer shall immediately correct the dangerous situation.

**Section P. Use of Employer Facilities.**

Employees and/or their families, relatives or friends shall be permitted to use the Employer's recreational facilities on non-work time or for non-work related purposes upon approval of the Appointing Authority.

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**SENIORITY**

**Section A. Seniority Definitions.**

For the purposes indicated below, seniority shall consist of the total number of continuous service hours of an employee in the State Classified Service, except that no hours paid in excess of eighty (80) in a biweekly pay period shall be credited. No hours shall be credited for time in non-career appointments, on lost time, suspension, leave of absence without pay (except military leaves of absence for up to 10,400 hours in accordance with Federal statutes) or layoff, except that school year employees in the Department of Education shall receive continuous service credit for the period of seasonal layoff. Employees off work due to Union leave of absence, compensable injuries or illness shall continue to accumulate seniority for the full period of absence precisely as though they had been working, for Subsection 2 below. Employees off work due to compensable injury or illness shall also receive credit for longevity and State contribution for retirement.

1. Seniority as defined above shall be used for:
  - a. Annual Leave Accrual: If an employee leaves State Classified employment and is later rehired, he/she shall accrue annual leave at the same rate as a new hire. However, once a rehired employee has been in pay status for five (5) years, all previous service time shall be credited for annual leave accrual. The only exception shall be for employees rehired who repay severance pay received. (See Article 22, Section Q.)
  - b. Longevity Pay: If an employee leaves State Classified employment and later is rehired, he/she shall receive no longevity pay. However, once such a rehired employee has been in pay status for five (5) years, all previous service time shall be credited for longevity pay. The only exception shall be for employees rehired who repay severance pay received. (See Article 22, Section Q.)
  - c. Retirement Credit: In accordance with statutory requirements.
2. Seniority as defined above (except that military time earned prior to State employment and credited to continuous service hours, and except service in any excepted or exempted position as outlined in the current Civil Service Commission Rules in State Government which preceded entry into the State Classified Service and which was credited to continuous service hours shall be removed from an employee's continuous service hours; however, seniority credit shall be given as provided for in Article 17, Section I) shall be used for:
  - a. Layoff and Recall (Article 13)
  - b. Assignment and Transfer (Article 14)
  - c. Hours of Work and Overtime Scheduling (Article 15)

d. Administration of Holidays and Leave Benefits (Article 16)

Employees laid off out of line seniority shall continue to receive continuous service credit for their period of lay off not to exceed five (5) years provided that a less senior employee in the same classification is still working at the Agency from which the employee was laid off.

Ties in seniority shall be resolved by considering the last four digits of the employee's Social Security number with the lowest number indicating the greatest seniority.

**Section B. Application.**

Management will be required to apply seniority as defined in this Article only as specifically provided in this Agreement and subject to any limitations set forth in any particular Article or Section of this Agreement.

**Section C. Seniority Information.**

For A.2 above, the employer will prepare seniority lists structured by Department and Agency, and classification showing the continuous service hours of all unit employees on the payroll on the preparation date. The seniority list for an Agency shall be prepared at the end of the first full pay period in December and June. The seniority list will be posted not later than two (2) pay periods after preparation. The Agency is only obligated to post such list once each period. Current practices of posting seniority lists shall continue. Seniority lists reflect hours credited the pay period prior to the preparation date. An electronic or hard copy of the current seniority list shall be furnished to the Local Union.

Any employee or the Union shall be obligated to notify the Human Resource Office in writing of any alleged error in current seniority list within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date such lists were provided to the Union and posted for employee review. If the employer becomes aware of an error within this fourteen (14) calendar day period, the employer shall notify the employee and the Local Union representative in writing. Any error reported in this fourteen (14) calendar day period which is found valid shall be corrected promptly, and the list will stand as corrected and will become effective as indicated below. If no error is reported within this fourteen (14) calendar day period, the list will stand as prepared and will become effective as indicated below.

For Article 16, the list prepared in December shall be in effect from April 1 through September 30; the list prepared in June shall be in effect from October 1 through March 31. The parties may agree to different effective dates in accordance with Article 16, Section B. For Articles 13, 14, and 15, the list prepared in December shall be in effect from January 15 thru July 14; the list prepared in June shall be in effect from July 15 thru January 14. Employees' seniority for each six month period shall be as indicated on the appropriate list. For purposes of the Layoff Article (13) only, employees who have "lost time" between the preparation date of the list and two weeks prior to the date of their notification of layoff shall have such lost time

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deducted from seniority hours as indicated on the seniority list only in order to determine if the change alters the layoff. No other lost time shall be deducted from an employee's seniority until the preparation of the next seniority list.

### **Section D. Supervisors.**

All supervisory time earned on or before April 25, 1980 shall be counted for seniority purposes, and no supervisory time accrued after April 25, 1980 shall be counted for seniority purposes.

### **Section E. Other Employees.**

Anyone (other than non-exclusively represented employees and except as provided for in Article 12, Section D above) entering the Institutional Unit for any reason shall enter the Bargaining Unit with zero hours of seniority. Employees entering the Bargaining Unit from other exclusively represented bargaining units which allow employees to be credited with their total continuous service hours for seniority purposes, may likewise bring their total continuous service hours into this Bargaining Unit for seniority purposes after entry into this Bargaining Unit. Employees entering this Bargaining Unit under this provision shall not be credited with any Bargaining Unit seniority under Article 17, Section I. for any time outside this Bargaining Unit. The provision of this Section shall not apply to employees who have been laid off or are on leave of absence from this Bargaining Unit. If problem(s) arise in the application of this provision, an agency Labor-Management meeting will be held without undue delay to attempt to resolve the problem(s). If problem(s) are not resolved at that meeting, a department Labor-Management meeting will be held without undue delay to attempt to resolve the problem(s). Time limits for filing grievances will be tolled until after the above meetings have been held.

### **Section F. Probationary Employees.**

For purposes of this Agreement, probationary employees shall be granted no seniority rights. Upon successful completion of the probationary period, such employees shall have credited to them the number of hours which they accumulated during their probationary period.

**ARTICLE 13****LAYOFF AND RECALL PROCEDURE****Section A. Application of Layoff**

The Union recognizes the right of the Employer to lay off or to reduce the hours of employment, including the right to determine the extent and effective date of such reductions in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

Bumping, layoff and recall of Bargaining Unit employees shall be exclusively governed by and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and this Article. Layoff and recall shall be in accordance with procedures set forth in this Article with the exception they shall not apply to:

1. Temporary layoff of less than twenty (20) cumulative calendar days. In such cases, employees will be laid off by inverse seniority within classification and work location and recalled by seniority. Temporary layoff will only be used for:
  - a. Unanticipated loss of funding which the Department or Agency does not expect to obtain or make up within the temporary layoff period; or
  - b. Natural disaster, lack of utilities or civil disruption that makes premises at a work location inaccessible or unusable
2. Seasonal layoff of seasonal employees.
3. School year employees at institutions and schools, during recesses in the academic year and/or summer.

Temporary recall of seasonal or school year employees during their period of layoff under 2 and 3 above shall be by seniority.

The expiration of a limited term appointment shall not be considered a layoff for purposes of this Article. However, when a continuing employee with status gained from an indefinite appointment to a permanent position accepts a limited-term appointment under the same Appointing Authority, upon expiration of the limited-term appointment the employee will be returned to his/her former class, level, shift, and work location if there is a vacancy. If there is no vacancy, the employee shall exercise his/her bumping rights to the least senior position in his/her work location, beginning at the class/level which immediately preceded the limited-term appointment. Service earned in the limited-term position may be applied at the former level.

Upon expiration of the appointment of a continuing employee who accepts a limited-term appointment under a different Appointing Authority, the employee will be returned to his/her former class, level, and shift within the new Appointing Authority and new work location if there is a vacancy. If there is no vacancy, the employee will be placed on recall lists in accordance with Section G of this Article.

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An employee who is recalled on a limited-term basis shall not be eligible to exercise employment preference at the expiration of the limited-term appointment, but shall be returned to all recall lists for which he/she is eligible except as referenced in Article 14 Section R.

In the Department of Education, employment opportunities utilized during the summer shall be offered by seniority to employees of the employing department (i.e., Blind Department or Deaf Department). Thereafter, any remaining employment opportunities shall be offered by seniority to employees of the other department prior to hiring new employees. School year employees (180 day employees) accepting such employment opportunities shall receive the employee's regular hourly rate with all benefits normally continued for employees on summer layoff. Other employees shall receive their regular hourly rate with normal benefits for their employment type.

When the Employer determines there is to be a layoff, employees who are scheduled to be laid off shall be given such written notice not less than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the effective date of layoff. The Employer shall furnish the Local Union President concurrent written notice of the name, seniority, class titles, and current assignment location of employees scheduled to be laid off not less than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the effective date of layoff. The Employer will, when layoffs are being planned, inform the Union, as soon as practical, which under normal circumstances is deemed to be not less than thirty (30) calendar days to discuss upon request the potential impact upon Unit employees caused by such layoff.

### **Section B. Reduction in Hours**

In the event that the Employer wishes to propose reduction in hours of employment, the parties will discuss such proposal and, upon mutual agreement only, such proposal may be implemented.

### **Section C. General Layoff Procedures.**

1. Layoff shall be by work location or Agency.
2. Within a work location or Agency, layoff shall be by Civil Service classification and level within a series; provided that preauthorized levels in a classification series shall be considered as one level as shown in Appendix C.
3. Employees within the affected work location or Agency shall be laid off in inverse seniority.

However, the Employer may lay off, bump, reassign or recall out-of-line seniority because of:

- a. Manual communication skill for the Department of Education. The Employer will not invoke this provision unless the performance standards have been outlined for the Union;

- b. Treatment team composition requiring a minority group individual for treatment methodology (for Department of Health and Human Services, youth facilities only);
- c. Civil Service Commission approved selective certification, which may include selective certification by sex or manual communication skill;
- d. Maintaining an existing affirmative action plan in accordance with applicable law and approved in advance by the state personnel director.

The exceptions listed in a. through c. above shall only be made where there is a valid occupational requirement and no alternative exists for preferring the less senior employee. The Appointing Authority shall give the Local Union concurrent written notice when it requests approval from the Civil Service Commission for selective certification. Under no circumstances shall the exception listed in Subsection c. above form the basis for notice of layoff or recall out of line seniority until after the Local Union has been provided with a written copy of Civil Service Commission approval for such selective certification.

In Subsection c. above, the Employer agrees that there will be no layoff (as defined in Article 22, Section Q.1.a.) out of line of seniority by sex during the life of this Agreement.

The Employer shall give notice in writing of intent to utilize Subsections a - c above to the Union and shall negotiate with the Union about the impact of such determination and/or discuss alternatives thereto. No Department shall implement Subsection d. above without the involvement and agreement of the State Employer. Such negotiation requirements shall not serve to delay the implementation of the Employer's determination.

The Appointing Authority shall give advance notice in writing of its intent to use such out-of-line seniority provision to enable the Union, upon request, to have sufficient time to discuss the impact of such determination.

- 4. During their terms in office, the Local Union President or Chapter Chairperson and the Chief Steward shall be considered more senior than other members of the Bargaining Unit in their classification at their work location for the purposes of layoff and recall and, for seasonal employees in the Department of Education, for the purpose of scheduling summer work. Not more than two (2) employees at any one work location or Agency shall be accorded such seniority status at any one time. Under no circumstances shall such Local Union representative be entitled to layoff protection until after such designation has been forwarded in writing to the Appointing Authority by the Local President. In no case shall a change in such designation occur after layoff notices have been sent if such change would affect layoff or bumping.



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5. No employee with Civil Service status in any classification shall be laid off from the affected classification until all employees without status in any classification who are employed in the affected classification are laid off.
6. It shall be the policy and practice of the Employer to recall laid-off full time employees to less-than-full-time positions if such employees are willing to accept less-than-full-time work before hiring any less-than-full-time employees. The Employer shall not use two or more less-than-full-time employees to fill one full time position formerly held by a laid-off full time employee.
7. When the Employer elects to reduce the work force, employees within the affected classifications may request, in writing, preferential layoff out of line seniority. Said requests shall be granted in seniority order. If granted, the Employer shall not contest the employee's eligibility for unemployment compensation. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to constitute a waiver of such employee's recall rights. The fifteen (15) calendar day notice requirement in Section A above shall be waived for employees requesting preferential layoff. Such employees shall not accrue seniority while on layoff.
8. Employees may continue their health insurance up to three years from date of layoff at their expense. The Employer shall notify all employees on their layoff notice fifteen (15) calendar days prior to layoff that they may, at their expense, continue their health insurance coverage up to a period of three (3) years from date of layoff at the group rate. The Employer shall also notify employees that they may, at their expense, continue their dental, vision, and life insurance coverage up to a period of eighteen months from date of layoff at the group rate. Employees who are not eligible for Severance Pay in accordance with Article 22, Section Q may elect in writing to pre-pay their share of premiums for health, dental, and/or vision insurance for two (2) additional pay periods after layoff by having such premiums deducted from their last pay check. The Employer shall pay the Employer's share of premiums for health, dental, vision, and life insurance for these two (2) pay periods for employees electing this option. Coverage for the above insurances shall then continue for these two (2) pay periods. This four (4) week period shall be included in the three (3) year or eighteen (18) month period.
9. If a dismissed employee or improperly laid-off employee is reinstated by an arbitrator with full back pay and benefits and if such employee would have been laid off during the period of separation; such employee shall be reinstated only up to the date he/she would have been laid off and the fifteen (15) day notification period shall be waived for this purpose.
10. If an employee has been laid off improperly and the Employer corrects the error, such employee shall be made whole only up to the date he/she would have been laid off if no error had been made.

**Section D. Reassignment of Staff Due to Layoff**

The following procedure for reassignment of staff shall be utilized if layoffs result in an imbalance of staff or in the event that the Appointing Authority elects to close (either permanently or temporarily due to renovation or emergency) a building, cottage, wing, ward or dorm or both.

For purposes of this Section, the following definitions will apply:

1. "Displaced Employee": an active employee who must move from his/her assignment location because of a staffing imbalance resulting from layoff or because of a closure or both.
2. "Vacancy": any position which the Employer seeks to fill. Original vacancies which were posted prior to the notice requirements indicated below shall not be considered vacancies for this purpose.

The following procedure shall be followed in the order indicated:

1. All employees in the assignment location from which employees will be displaced shall be provided written notice ten (10) calendar days prior to the date of the move. This written notice shall indicate available assignment locations. Employees shall only be offered positions which are on the same shift on which they are working at the time of notice. Within four (4) calendar days of receipt of the notice, employee(s) must indicate in writing their rank order of preference for some of the available assignment locations.
2. The Appointing Authority shall grant such requests in seniority preference order to qualified employees.
3. For employees who are not senior enough to receive one of their preferences and for whom movement across shift lines would be required, the following procedure will be used:
  - a. These displaced employees will be ranked in seniority order by shift.
  - b. An equivalent number of least senior employees by shift (on the same shift) will be identified.
  - c. The displaced employees will then be permitted to "bump" the least senior employees on their shift. Such employees must designate their preference regarding which position they wish to bump within four (4) calendar days after being notified that they may bump on their shift. If they do not indicate a preference, the most senior will go to the most senior, etc. If the displaced employee is also one of the least senior on the shift, such employee cannot "bump".
  - d. Such bumped least senior employees will then be moved into the remaining vacant positions at the Employer's option.

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Any reassignment, bumping or transfer in accordance with this Section shall not be considered a schedule change for the purpose of requiring the payment of premium pay.

At the time of written notice to the affected employee(s), the Employer shall announce the closing as either temporary or permanent. If it is temporary, employees who are moved shall be returned to their former assignment locations when it is reopened.

When the Employer intends to phase down or partially close down an area, the employees within the assignment location(s) will be notified in writing regarding the anticipated date of final closing once such date is known. If the date of final closure changes, employees in the assignment location will be notified of such change.

Any position from which an employee is involuntarily reassigned pursuant to this section shall not be filled for a period of six (6) months following the effective date of the reassignment unless such position has first been offered to the involuntarily reassigned employee and such employee has declined the offer.

In the event that there are more positions to be filled than there are displaced employees, the Employer shall select which vacancies need to be filled first and use only the number of positions equal to the number of displaced employees. Any positions remaining vacant after the application of this section shall be considered original vacancies and filled in accordance with Article 14, Section C.

### **Section E. Bumping.**

The employee scheduled for layoff may elect to either accept layoff or bump to the least senior position in a former classification in his/her Agency or work location (or Department, in the Department of Natural Resources, unless a secondary agreement is in effect) as provided in this Section. An employee scheduled for layoff who fails or is unable, in accordance with Section C.3., to exercise the option to bump to the least senior position in a former classification shall be laid off.

For purposes of this Article, the least senior position is defined as:

1. A vacant position which the Employer intends to fill; or
2. The position occupied by the least senior employee as defined in Article 12 above.

Within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of notification of layoff, the employee scheduled for layoff shall notify the Employer of his/her decision to either accept layoff or bump into the least senior position at the work location or Agency in a former classification series at and below any level at which the employee had satisfactorily completed the required probationary period.

An employee seeking to bump into another position must meet all requirements in accordance with Section C.3. In all Departments, any proposed variations in the procedures provided in this Article will be subject to secondary negotiations.

As a result of bumping downward, an employee shall not earn more than the maximum rate of the lower class bumped into or more than the rate previously earned in a higher class from which the employee bumped. When an employee bumps downward he/she shall be paid at that step in the lower level pay range which credits the service in the higher level range(s) to the step at which the employee was paid when promoted from a lower level.

#### **Section F. Exercise of Rights under this Article**

Employees shall exercise bumping or reassignment rights under the provisions of this Article only as indicated below:

1. a. Full-timers first replace less senior full-timers.
  - b. The least senior full-timers are then given the option of replacing less senior part-timers or of accepting layoff; then of replacing less senior permanent-intermittents or of accepting layoff.
2. a. Part-timers first replace less senior part-timers.
  - b. The least senior part-timers are then given the option of replacing less senior permanent-intermittents or of accepting layoff; then of replacing less senior full-timers or of accepting layoff.
3. a. Permanent-intermittents replace less senior permanent-intermittents.
  - b. The least senior permanent-intermittents are then given the option of replacing less senior part-timers or of accepting layoff; then of replacing less senior full-timers or of accepting layoff.

The attribute of full-time, part-time, or intermittent accrues to the position, not to the individual. Therefore, if an employee bumps (for example) from a full-time to a part-time position, that employee will work part-time. Part-time and permanent-intermittent employees may only replace full-time employees if they have achieved Civil Service status in the classification.

#### **Section G. Recall Lists**

Agency recall lists shall be maintained by seniority for each class and level and employment type in each series for each Agency or work location affected by layoff. Each laid-off employee shall automatically be placed on the Agency recall list for the class and level from which he/she is laid off. An employee who has been laid off from a closing Agency shall have the right to designate one other open Agency as their home Agency and shall be placed on the Agency's recall list.

The Employer shall, when issuing the layoff notice, inform the employee of his/her rights under this Article and Section, and shall provide to the employee at that time the proper form for designating the several recall lists, classifications, work locations, etc., as required below.

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Each laid-off employee shall have the right to have his/her name placed on a Departmental Recall list, in order of seniority, for the class and level from which he/she is laid off, for each work location or Agency at which he/she will accept recall to employment.

The employee shall notify the Employer in writing of his/her designation within seven (7) calendar days subsequent to being laid off. Return from a Departmental recall list shall be in order of seniority.

In addition, the laid-off employee shall have the right to have his/her name placed upon the Agency recall list in seniority order, for such additional classes and levels in which he/she has satisfactorily completed a probationary period prior to being laid off. Such employee shall also have the right to have his/her name placed on Departmental lists(s) for such position(s) as provided above. Use of approved class clusters for recall is a proper subject of bargaining at the secondary level.

Employees with ten (10) or more years of seniority, who are currently on layoff or who are laid off during the term of this Agreement, shall have the opportunity to place their names on the Agency recall lists, for the primary class only, in seniority order for Agencies within their Department other than the one from which they were laid off in accordance with this Section. These employees shall continue to have the opportunity to place their names on the Departmental recall list in accordance with this Article. An employee who accepts or refuses recall to employment from such Agency recall list shall have his/her name removed from recall lists in accordance with Section I, (4) below.

An employee may delete in writing a classification or designated work location from any list upon which his/her name appears without penalty at any time prior to the recall notice being sent. An employee who bumps to another class and/or level shall be automatically placed on the Agency recall list for the classification and level from which he/she bumped.

A laid-off employee shall also have the right to have his/her name placed on Statewide recall lists, in seniority order, for any classes and levels in which he/she has satisfactorily completed a probationary period as provided above. Use of approved class clusters for recall is a proper subject of bargaining at the secondary level.

Employees who are laid off and have at least one year of service within the last ten (10) years in a Department other than the one from which the employee was laid off, shall have the option, upon written notice to the Employer which has most recently laid off the employee, to have their name placed on the Departmental recall list for the Department for which the employee formerly worked.

An employee who has been separated and is able to return to work from disability retirement or Workers' Compensation will be placed on recall lists in proper seniority order upon medical certification of their physical and/or mental ability to return to perform the essential functions of the job. Employees able to return from Long Term Disability under these conditions shall be placed on the Departmental

recall list, provided such written request is made within two (2) years of initial receipt of current Long Term Disability benefits. Such certification shall be presented to the Department/Agency Human Resource Officer of the affected Department.

Employees must indicate in writing to which classes, work locations, and Departments they are willing to accept recall.

If there is an error in the administration of the system which leads to improper recall, such recall shall be corrected.

#### **Section H. Recall from Layoff.**

The provisions of this Section shall be applied subject to the exceptions listed in Section C.3. of this Article. The Employer will generate a new recall list for each vacancy for the pay period current at the initiation of the hiring process, and provide a copy of such list to the Union. Notice of recall shall be sent to the employee at his/her last known address by registered or certified mail. An employee whose primary agency has closed and then reopened (under the jurisdiction of the same Department) shall have recall rights to that agency in accordance with this Article and Appendix C.

When the Employer intends to fill a vacancy, provisions of Article 14, Assignment and Transfer, shall first be exhausted. Thereafter, the Employer shall recall the most senior employee who is on the Agency recall list for such classification and level to fill the remaining open position.

If no employee is on such Agency recall list, the Employer shall recall the most senior employee from the Departmental recall list for the class and level as provided in Section G of this Article. The only exception shall be when an Agency is closing, in which case an employee who is on the Interagency Transfer List who has more seniority than the senior employee on the Departmental recall list shall be awarded the appointment to the vacancy.

If no employee is on such Departmental recall list, the Employer shall recall the most senior employee from the Statewide recall list for the class and level as provided in Section G of this Article. If it has been 90 days since the recall list has been generated for the position, before a conditional offer of employment is made to a potential new employee a recall list will be pulled. Once that list is exhausted, the Employer may proceed to make the offer of employment to the outside candidate.

Recall lists shall not be combined with any other registers for the purpose of providing the Employer with candidates for an opening.

The employee's right to recall shall exist for a period of up to five (5) years from the date of layoff unless forfeited in accordance with Article 22, Section Q, Severance Pay.

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Employees may extend their recall rights for three (3) additional years by submitting a written request before the expiration of the five (5) year period to the Agency from which they were laid off. Employees laid off from closed Agencies shall submit such request to the Central Departmental Human Resource Office. Such employees must also designate at least one open Agency to which they will accept recall.

### **Section I. Removal of Name From Recall Lists**

If an employee fails to respond within ten (10) calendar days from the mailing date of the recall notice, his/her name shall be removed from recall lists. In addition, his/her name shall be removed from recall lists as provided below:

1. An employee who refuses recall to employment in his/her Agency in his/her primary classification shall be removed from all recall lists as a voluntary resignation. An employee's name shall not be removed from the Agency recall lists if the employee refuses recall because such employee is medically disabled or on active military duty.
2. An employee who accepts recall to employment in his/her Agency and his/her primary classification shall be removed from all recall lists for all classifications.
3. An employee who refuses or accepts recall to a secondary classification on the Agency recall list shall be removed from all lists for such secondary classification.
4. An employee who refuses or accepts recall to a primary or secondary classification on a Departmental recall list shall be removed from all list(s) for such classification except at the Agency from which he/she was laid off or a designated home Agency. An employee's name shall not be removed from the Department recall lists if the employee refuses recall because such employee is medically disabled or on active military duty.
5. An employee who refuses or accepts recall to his/her primary class on a Statewide recall list shall be removed from all Statewide recall lists. An employee who refuses or accepts recall to a secondary class on a Statewide recall list shall be removed from that Statewide secondary recall list.
6. An employee convicted of a felony may be removed from all recall lists for just cause.
7. The parties agree that, while either voluntary or involuntary separation of an employee from employment in State Government serves to eliminate recall rights, an exception will be made as follows. Laid-off Bargaining Unit employees who are hired, not recalled, to a position in State Government and who separate before completing either a required probationary period or the required training shall be retained on all recall lists unless such separation is for cause. Upon repayment of any monies received from the State for sick leave credits, employees' previous sick leave balances shall be restored.

For purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

1. A Primary classification is the classification from which an employee is originally laid off.
2. A Secondary classification is any classification in which an employee has satisfactorily completed a required probationary period, any lower level classification in that same series, or any approved class cluster properly negotiated at the secondary level.
3. An Agency recall list is a recall list for the designated home Agency or the Agency from which the employee is laid off.
4. A Departmental recall list is a recall list for all Agencies or work locations within the Department from which the employee is laid off.
5. Class refers to class and level.
6. A Statewide recall list is a recall list for all Departments that employ Bargaining Unit employees within the Institutional Unit.

#### **Section J. Temporary Recall (90 calendar days or less)**

In accordance with the provisions of this Article, employees shall designate agreement to be recalled by work location on a temporary basis when laid off. Temporary recall shall also be on the basis of seniority. An employee who fails to accept temporary recall to a work location previously designated shall be removed from that list. Removal from a temporary list shall not affect the employee's place on a permanent recall list.

#### **Section K. Layoff and Recall Information to Union**

The Appointing Authority agrees to provide to the Local Union copies of current seniority list(s), which will be used to determine the employees who are to be laid off or reassigned in accordance with Section D. of this Article.

The Employer agrees to provide to the Local Union copies of all Agency departmental and state-wide recall lists utilized during the recruitment process, as well as copies of relevant transfer lists and job postings. The Employer will inform the Local Union of any changes in, additions to, or deletions from such list(s).

#### **Section L. Annual Leave**

A laid-off employee who is recalled from the Agency recall list within a period that does not exceed two (2) pay periods shall be given the option of "buying back" annual leave credits up to the balance paid out at the time of layoff. A laid-off employee who is recalled from the Department or Statewide recall list within a period that does not exceed two (2) pay periods shall be given the option of "buying back" annual leave credits up to a maximum of ten (10) workdays. Repayment shall be at the same rate at which the annual leave was paid off.



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Employees who are being laid off under this Article shall have the option of freezing all, or any part, of their annual leave upon layoff. These annual leave hours shall be paid unless the employees indicate in writing, prior to the date of layoff, to the Appointing Authority or designee the number of hours to be frozen.

Employees who opt to freeze annual leave shall at any point after sixty (60) days from layoff, but before recall rights expire, receive payment without undue delay for the frozen annual leave by notifying the Appointing Authority or designee in writing of the intent to accept pay for the annual leave. Hours paid off under this Section shall be paid at the employee's last base rate of pay. For purposes of this Section, "layoff" means the termination of active state employment solely as a direct result of a reduction in force.

### **Section M. Transfer for Employees During Layoff Periods**

Employees at Agencies where there are announced layoffs by the Department Director may place their names on recall lists and be recalled in accordance with Sections G and H of this Article, and in accordance with the following procedure:

At the time that employee(s) receive layoff notice an equivalent number of additional employees in the classification may place their names on recall lists. It is understood by the parties that the intent of this language is to provide a one to one opportunity for senior employees to place their names on recall lists in the event of announced layoffs in the Institutional Unit. Therefore when employees have placed their names on recall lists in accordance with this Section, the following procedure will be used:

1. Should the announced layoff(s) take place, then an equivalent number of names of employees, who have placed their names on recall lists in accordance with this section, will be removed from the recall lists, starting with the least senior employee and progressing to the most senior employee on the recall list.
2. Should employee(s) be recalled to another position as a result of placing their name on recall lists, then an equivalent number of employee(s) will be removed from the layoff list, starting with the most senior employee and progressing to the least senior employee on the layoff list.

### **Section N. Transfer for Employees at Closing Agencies**

Employees at Agencies that have been designated for closure by the Departmental Director shall have the same transfer rights as provided in Section H of this Article, and may also place their names on the Statewide recall list in seniority order. Employees working in an Agency who have been laid off from one of the closed Agencies and who wish to transfer to another Agency may also place their names on the Departmental recall list in seniority order for one other Agency.

**Section O. Right to Interagency Transfer**

At the time that an employee(s) receives their layoff notice at an Agency, an equivalent number of additional employees in the classification at the Agency may put their names on the Interagency Transfer List (Departmental recall list) in seniority order and shall therefore have the same transfer rights as provided in Section H of this Article.

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**ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER**

**Section A. Definitions.**

1. **Original Vacancy.** An original vacancy shall be defined as a position which the Employer seeks to fill. A position from which an employee has been laid off or a temporarily vacant position (ninety [90] days or less) is not a vacancy.
2. **Subsequent Vacancies.** Subsequent vacancies are those arising as the result of the filling of an original vacancy.
3. **Remaining Vacancies.** Vacancies which no qualified applicant is seeking.
4. **Transfer.** Transfer shall be defined as the filling of a vacancy or change in assignment at the employee's initiative or request.
5. **Seniority.** Seniority shall be as defined in Article 12, Section A.2, except that probationary employees, and employees in unsatisfactory status, shall not be eligible to exercise any seniority transfer rights under this Article.

**Section B. Right of Assignment.**

Except as provided in this Article, the Employer shall have the right and responsibility to assign employees within an Agency or work location. In filling a vacancy the Employer shall continue to have the right to assign a qualified employee subject only to the provisions of this Article.

**Section C. Filling of Vacancies.**

**1. General.**

Vacancies in classifications in this Unit at work locations or Agencies in this Unit shall be filled only in accordance with the provisions of this Article. For a listing of work locations see Appendix A. For the duration of this Agreement, the Resident Care Aide series shall be regarded as three (3) classifications consisting of 6's, 7's, and E8's.

Employees applying for a transfer within their current classification and work location or Agency shall be given consideration in filling a vacancy in accordance with the following:

- a. The Employer reserves the right to appoint a qualified employee to a vacancy. In evaluating qualifications the Employer will consider:
  - (1) Whether the employee's experience and performance indicate overall ability to perform the work required in a satisfactory manner;
  - (2) Availability without undue delay excluding authorized sick leave for less than two (2) weeks and approved annual leave; and

- (3) (a) Manual Communication skill (for Department of Education only);
- (b) Treatment team composition requiring a minority group individual for treatment methodology (for Department of Health and Human Services, youth facilities, only);
- (c) Civil Service Commission approved selective certification which may include selective certification by sex or manual communication skill.

The exceptions listed in (a) through (c) above shall only be made where there is a valid occupational requirement and no alternative exists for preferring the less senior employee. The Appointing Authority shall give the Local Union concurrent written notice when it requests approval from the Civil Service Commission for selective certification. Under no circumstances shall the exception listed in (3)(c) above form the basis for transfer out of line seniority until after the Local Union has been provided with a written copy of Civil Service Commission approval for such selective certification.

- b. Should the Employer raise a question of physical fitness of an employee to perform required work, the employee will not be held to a higher standard of fitness than that which is currently necessary to secure employment in the particular classification.
- c. The designation of assignment locations shall be an appropriate subject for secondary negotiations in the Departments of Corrections and Military and Veterans Affairs. In the, Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Natural Resources and State Police assignment locations shall be as provided in Appendix E of the Primary Agreement. Current assignment locations shall remain in effect unless altered by such secondary negotiations except as indicated below.

In the event that the Appointing Authority needs to make a change in an existing assignment location or to create new assignment locations, such change or creation shall be discussed in Agency Labor-Management meetings. If agreement between the Agency and the Local Union cannot be reached at such meetings, the proposed change or creation shall be discussed in Department Labor-Management meetings. If agreement cannot be reached at such meeting, the Appointing Authority may implement the change or new assignment location. The Union may grieve such change or creation by notifying the Department in writing of its intention to grieve within thirty (30) calendar days of the implementation. Such grievances may be scheduled directly for arbitration without the necessity for a conference or Step Three (3) response.

When a new assignment location is created, employees shall be given the opportunity to add such assignment location to their list of preferred assignment locations.

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### **2. Original Vacancies.**

Original vacancies shall be posted at such time as the Employer has reached a decision to fill them. Such vacancies shall be posted in a conspicuous place in each assignment location. Each posting shall contain the assignment location including shift, classification and level, current schedule of days off, and selective certification, if any. Each posting shall also indicate if the posted position has been identified as test-designated in accordance with Article 23. The date on which such vacancy is first posted shall also be indicated. Original vacancies will be posted for a period of five (5) calendar days, except that vacancies which are posted during the week in which Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years occurs shall be posted for seven (7) calendar days.

Employees who are interested in transferring to the assignment location in which the posted vacancy exists shall indicate their interest by submitting written bids to the Appointing Authority or designee. The senior qualified employee bidding for the position shall be awarded the position by priority preference within fourteen (14) calendar days after the closing of the posting period. Employees who have bid for a position in accordance with the above procedure may not withdraw their bids after the close of the posting period.

The Appointing Authority shall furnish the Local Union President or designee with a copy of each job posting at the same time the job is posted. The Appointing Authority shall further furnish the Local Union President or designee with a copy of the list of employees bidding and an indication of which employee received the job.

In the event that there is more than one vacancy at any one time, the Appointing Authority may simultaneously post all available vacancies. Employees may bid on any or all vacancies and prioritize their preferences. In the event that there is more than one vacancy in any one assignment location, the Employer shall post all of these in one posting.

An employee who gets a job in a different assignment location as the result of bidding successfully for such job shall not be entitled to another appointment as the result of bidding or from any vacancy transfer list during a six (6) month period from the effective date of the appointment.

### **3. Subsequent Vacancies.**

Subsequent vacancies shall be filled by transfer of a qualified employee who has applied for the vacancy by properly designating the assignment location (which includes shift) of the vacancy on the vacancy transfer list provided for below.

Vacancy Transfer List: The Employer will establish vacancy transfer lists from which subsequent vacancies will be filled by a qualified employee. Seniority of employees on these lists shall be based upon the Seniority Lists prepared at the end of the first pay period in December and at the end of the first pay period

in June. Employees may designate their preferences, add or delete preferences for any number of assignment locations at any time. Such designations, additions or deletions must be in writing, signed and dated by the employee. Written designations received by the Appointing Authority or designee by 4:00 p.m. on the last Friday of a pay period shall be added to or deleted from lists and the resultant lists shall be used to select employees for all subsequent vacancies beginning on the first day of the next pay period.

An employee who is transferred to a position from any vacancy transfer list on which his/her name appears is obligated to accept the position.

Procedures to implement the above vacancy transfer list and its operation including priority preferences shall be agreed upon in Agency Labor-Management meetings. The Local Union and Agency shall work out a method of purging the vacancy transfer list. In addition, the Agency and Local Union shall develop a method of keeping the vacancy transfer list current. Agreements reached at such Agency Labor-Management meetings shall be put in writing and signed by the parties. All agreements reached under the prior Agreement shall remain in effect unless or until changed by mutual local written Agreement.

In utilizing the vacancy transfer list to fill the vacancy, the Employer shall select the senior qualified employee who has designated a preference for the assignment location in which the vacancy is to be filled. An employee who is appointed from the vacancy transfer list shall not be entitled to another appointment as the result of bidding or from any vacancy transfer list during a six (6) month period from the effective date of the initial appointment from the vacancy transfer list.

In notifying the applicant(s) on the vacancy transfer list, the Employer shall furnish the employee the classification, shift, assignment location, selective certification requirements if any, and scheduled days off of the vacancy.

An employee departing on vacation may furnish the Employer, prior to departure, a written indication of the priority order of one or more of the employee's designated assignment locations on the vacancy transfer list which he/she will accept upon return from vacation. If such a vacancy arises during the period of the scheduled vacation, the vacancy will be held open for the employee.

#### **4. Remaining Vacancies.**

In the event that no qualified applicants bid for a job, and there are no qualified applicants on the vacancy transfer list for the assignment location in which a vacancy occurs, the Appointing Authority shall have the option of filling such vacancies by other methods. The Appointing Authority may return an employee from a leave of absence pursuant to Article 17, Section F., or reinstate an employee pursuant to an arbitration decision, or may involuntarily reassign an employee in accordance with the provision of this Article. However, when filling

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a full time remaining vacancy by means other than those referenced above in this Section, the Appointing Authority shall recall a laid-off employee from the appropriate recall list prior to filling the position with a Permanent-Intermittent employee currently working in the work location. If there are no names on any of the recall lists, the Appointing Authority shall have the option of filling the vacancy by any other methods which are consistent with other provisions of this Agreement. Such methods may include (but not necessarily in this order): new hiring; reinstatement; rehire; interclassification, interagency, or interdepartmental transfer; placement of state employee trainees; volunteers (not necessarily by seniority); promotion; and demotion. The subject of intradepartmental transfers shall be a proper subject of secondary negotiations in the Department of Health and Human Services, youth facilities, and the Department of Corrections.

The Employer may make involuntary reassignments to remaining vacancies in accordance with Section D. below. Involuntary reassignments not in accordance with Section D. below, shall only be by inverse seniority from the assignment location of the Employer's choice.

Except as provided in Section D. below, any position from which an employee is involuntarily reassigned shall not be filled for a period of six (6) months following the effective date of the involuntary reassignment, unless such position has first been offered to the involuntarily reassigned employee, and such employee has declined the offer.

### **Section D. Exchange Reassignment.**

In the situations listed below the Employer shall have the right to reassign an employee within his/her classification and work location.

1. Where an employee has been disciplined and the circumstances of the disciplinary action indicate that the employee should be reassigned (Oral and Written counseling shall not be considered disciplinary actions).
2. Where written, recorded, and investigated complaints from residents, or staff indicate that performance or conduct is not satisfactory (in any grievance hearing over application of this Section, the Employer will only be required to show that the complaints received and investigated justified the action taken). The Employer's actions under this Subsection shall not be unreasonable, arbitrary or capricious. When the Employer utilizes this Subsection the Agency shall notify the Local Union.

The timeliness issue shall be applied in accordance with Article 8, Section D. for temporary employee exchange reassignment.

3. When an employee requests a transfer and the Employer and the Local Union agrees that the transfer would be in the mutual interest of both parties. The denial of an exchange reassignment shall not be grievable.

4. When an employee is not performing successfully in a new assignment which the employee has obtained by application of bidding or of the vacancy transfer list or otherwise, as verified by an unsatisfactory service rating.

In the event that a remaining vacancy exists, the Employer shall assign such employee to that vacancy. In the event that there is no remaining vacancy, the Employer shall reassign such employee and make in conjunction therewith a direct exchange reassignment.

Whenever the Employer makes a direct exchange reassignment pursuant to Subsections 1 through 4 above, the Employer will first seek a volunteer for the direct exchange from the assignment location to which the direct exchange reassignment is to be made. In the event more than one employee volunteers, the most senior qualified volunteer shall receive the direct exchange reassignment. If there is no qualified volunteer at the assignment location to which the employee is to be reassigned, the least senior employee in the particular classification at such assignment location shall be selected for the direct exchange reassignment, in which case the least senior employee so reassigned shall enjoy all rights and protections under Article 14, Section H. below. At the option of the Employer, a probationary employee may be utilized for direct exchange reassignment and consideration for such use, while not mandatory, is encouraged.

When two employees request exchange reassignments within the same classification at the same work location or at a different work location the Employer may grant such request with Local Union agreement. The denial of an exchange reassignment shall not be grievable.

#### **Section E. Temporary Reassignment.**

During the period in which the selection process provided in Section C. above is being administered, or if an employee is on a leave of absence or on sick leave for ninety (90) calendar days or less, the Employer may temporarily fill a vacancy to fulfill operational needs.

For temporary assignments of more than ninety (90) calendar days, the Employer shall utilize the Agency temporary recall list as provided in Article 13, Layoff and Recall, if one exists.

In making temporary assignments of ninety (90) calendar days or less, the Employer may utilize a relief pool if one has been established. In the absence of a relief pool, the Employer shall go to the assignment location providing the temporary employee and seek volunteers. The Employer shall select the most senior qualified volunteer. In the event that there are no volunteers, the Employer shall select the least senior qualified employee in that assignment location to fill the temporary assignment.

In the Department of Corrections, only for the purpose of temporary re-assignment, the definition of work location shall be in accordance with Appendix K.



**Section F. Relief Assignments.**

Relief assignments may be made on a day-to-day basis by the Employer in order to insure and establish adequate staffing in an assignment or work location. A relief assignment may be utilized by the Employer as a regular assignment. If a relief pool has been established, relief assignments shall be made from such pool. In the event that there is no relief pool or in the event that there are no employees available in an existing relief pool, the Employer may make relief assignments as indicated in this Section. A relief pool shall be considered an assignment location. If the Employer wishes to establish a relief pool, this shall be dealt with as the establishment of any new assignment location. When such relief employees are not available and an assignment location is required to provide relief to another location, the Employer shall first seek volunteers. In the event more than one employee volunteers, the most senior qualified volunteer shall receive the relief assignment. If there are no volunteers, the least senior qualified employee within the same classification from the assignment location providing the relief will normally be assigned to such relief assignment. An employee involuntarily performing a relief assignment shall not be replaced in his/her regular assignment except in extraordinary circumstances.

The manner of providing relief assignments shall be discussed at an agency Labor-Management Meeting within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this agreement. If an agreement is reached, it shall be reduced to writing, signed by the parties, and appended to the secondary agreement. If no agreement is reached, the subject of relief assignment at that agency shall be subject to secondary negotiations.

In the Department of Corrections, only for the purpose of relief assignment, the definition of work location shall be in accordance with Appendix K.

In the Department of Health and Human Services, youth facilities, only for the purpose of relief assignment, the definition of assignment location shall be defined as a shift.

**Section G. Reassignment of Staff.**

The following procedure for reassignment of staff shall be utilized if layoffs result in an imbalance of staff or in the event that the Appointing Authority elects to close (either permanently or temporarily due to renovation or emergency) a building, cottage, wing, ward or dorm or both.

For purposes of this Section, the following definitions will apply:

1. "Displaced Employee": An active employee who must move from his/her assignment location because of a staffing imbalance resulting from layoff or because of a closure or both.

2. "Vacancy": Any position which the Employer seeks to fill. Original vacancies which were posted prior to the notice requirements indicated below shall not be considered vacancies for this purpose.

The following procedure shall be followed in the order indicated:

1. All employees in the assignment location from which employees will be displaced shall be provided written notice at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the date of the move. This written notice shall indicate available assignment locations. Employees shall only be offered positions which are on the same shift on which they are working at the time of notice. Within four (4) calendar days of receipt of the notice, employee(s) must indicate in writing their rank order of preference for some of the available assignment locations.
2. The Appointing Authority shall grant such requests in seniority preference order to qualified employees.
3. For employees who are not senior enough to receive one of their preferences and for whom movement across shift lines would be required, the following procedure will be used:
  - a. These displaced employees will be ranked in seniority order by shift.
  - b. An equivalent number of least senior employees by shift (on the same shift) will be identified.
  - c. The displaced employees will then be permitted to "bump" the least senior employees on their shift. Such employees must designate their preference regarding which position they wish to bump within four (4) calendar days after being notified that they may bump on their shift. If they do not indicate a preference, the most senior will go to the most senior, etc. If the displaced employee is also one of the least senior on the shift, such employee cannot "bump".
  - d. Such bumped least senior employees will then be moved into the remaining vacant positions at the Employer's option.

Any reassignment, bumping or transfer in accordance with this Section shall not be considered a schedule change for the purpose of requiring the payment of premium pay.

At the time of notice to the affected employee(s), the Employer shall announce the closing as either temporary or permanent. If it is temporary, employees who are moved shall be returned to their former assignment locations when it is reopened.

When the Employer intends to phase down or partially close down an area, the employees within the assignment location(s) will be notified regarding the anticipated date of final closing once such date is known. If the date of final closure changes, employees in the assignment location will be notified of such change.

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Any position from which an employee is involuntarily reassigned pursuant to this Section shall not be filled for a period of six (6) months following the effective date of the reassignment unless such position has first been offered to the involuntarily reassigned employee and such employee has declined the offer.

In the event that there are more positions to be filled than there are displaced employees, the Employer shall select which vacancies need to be filled first and use only the number of positions equal to the number of displaced employees. Any positions remaining vacant after the application of this Section shall be considered original vacancies in accordance with this Article, Section C.

### **Section H. Involuntary Assignment.**

Employees who have been transferred as the result of exercising their seniority rights in accordance with Section C. above shall not be involuntarily assigned for the six (6) month period following such seniority transfer. Such six (6) month protection shall not apply in the following cases:

1. If such employees are affected by a layoff, layoff reassignment or by a bump;
2. If the building, cottage, wing, ward or dorm in which such employees are working is closed either temporarily or permanently;
3. If they are among the least senior employees in an assignment location from which involuntary transfers are made.

If a permanent reassignment is on another shift, the Employer shall select the least senior qualified employee in the assignment location from which the reassignment will be made. This employee may elect either to be reassigned across shifts or to "bump" the least senior qualified employee from the affected shift who will then be reassigned across shifts.

If problem(s) arise in the application of this provision, an Agency Labor-Management meeting will be held without undue delay to attempt to resolve the problem(s). If problem(s) are not resolved at that meeting, a Department Labor-Management meeting will be held without undue delay to attempt to resolve the problem(s). Time limits for filing grievances will be tolled until after the above meetings have been held.

### **Section I. Return from Leave of Absence.**

The Employer may remove an employee from his/her assignment after the employee has been on an approved leave of absence for more than ninety (90) calendar days, excluding leaves of absence related to any injury or illness compensable under the State's Workers' Compensation statute.

An employee who has been removed from his/her assignment pursuant to the above paragraph and who returns to employment from a leave of absence of more than ninety (90) days may be temporarily assigned until a permanent assignment is made in accordance with this Article.

**Section J. Information to the Union.**

The Employer will notify the Union of all subsequent vacancies to which this Article applies on a biweekly basis. Vacancies included in such notification shall be filled promptly in accordance with this Agreement. Upon request, the Union shall be granted access to such records as vacancy transfer lists and all other information that may be necessary to fulfill its obligation to provide fair representation to members of this Unit.

Whenever the Employer determines to make a direct exchange reassignment pursuant to Subsections 1 through 4, Section D., above, every possible effort will be made to notify the Union prior to the exchange and inform the Local Union representative of the intended direct exchange reassignment. The Union may suggest a different direct exchange reassignment, including a different assignment location for the direct exchange reassignment. When necessary, relief assignment should be utilized for a twenty-four (24) hour period to give the Union an opportunity, if it desires, to discuss the impending reassignment with the affected employee(s).

**Section K. Return from Seasonal Layoff.**

In the Department of Education, the current practice shall continue. At the beginning of the school year, initial assignments shall be made in the following way:

1. All seasonal residential assignments (dormitories/cottages) will be deemed open;
2. A master listing of residential work assignments will be made up by the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind.
3. Each seasonal employee will be given the opportunity to review the master listing showing the number of open assignments in each assignment location.
4. Assignments shall be filled in order of seniority, based on the preferences of the employees.
5. Upon an employee's return from seasonal layoff, work assignments away from the residence/cottage shall be made by the Department based upon qualifications (e.g., manual communication skills); experience; and employee preference.

Seniority shall be considered in making these work assignments and shall control among employees of substantially equal qualifications and experience. However, at the Michigan School for the Blind (Blind Department), the Employer may utilize RCA's in the education setting with those students they normally supervise in the residence/cottage.

Changes shall be taken up in secondary negotiations in the Department of Education.

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### **Section L. Exercise of Rights Under this Article.**

Full time employees will be able to exercise rights granted under this Article with regard to other full time employees only; part time employees will be able to exercise their rights under this Article with regard to other part time employees only. Permanent-intermittent employees will be able to exercise their rights under this Article with regard to other permanent-intermittent employees only. Seasonal employees will be able to exercise their rights under this Article with regard to other seasonal employees only.

However, permanent-intermittent or part time employees with status may place their name on the vacancy transfer list in accordance with established agency procedure for full time remaining vacancies. Such permanent-intermittent or part time employees whose names appear on this vacancy transfer list shall be offered the remaining vacancy in accordance with the language in Section C.3 above prior to offering the remaining vacancy to a new hire only. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply in all Departments with the exception of the Department of Health and Human Services, youth facilities, where the existing secondary agreement on cross employment type transfers shall apply.

Employees in limited term appointments and temporary employees shall not have any rights under this Article except employees who have been laid off from an indefinite appointment who have accepted recall to a limited term appointment shall be able to exercise their bidding rights under this Article. Employment preference rights for employees in limited term appointments are as provided in Article 13, Section A.

### **Section M. Effect of Transfer on Overtime.**

Employees who exercise seniority transfer rights under this Article for positions shall not be entitled to overtime pay as a result of having their schedules changed with less than the notice required in Article 15, Section E. An employee who is selected for a position shall be provided at least four (4) calendar days notice if the transfer involves a change in shift or "R" days unless mutually agreed.

### **Section N. Right to Interagency Transfer.**

At the time that an employee(s) receives their layoff notice at an Agency, an equivalent number of additional employees at the Agency may put their names on the Interagency Transfer List (Departmental recall list) in seniority order and shall therefore have the same transfer rights as provided in Article 13, Section H.

### **Section O. Transfer Out of Classification.**

An employee may be transferred to another vacancy in a classification for which he/she qualifies at any work location or Agency within the Unit. To be eligible for such a transfer, an employee must have status in a classification at the same level, and must meet or exceed the requirements for the classification to which the transfer is to be made. Whenever an employee is transferred to a new

classification, the employee shall be required to satisfactorily complete a new probationary period.

**Section P. Transfer Expenses.**

Employees transferring under the provisions of this Article shall not be eligible for payment of moving expenses by the Employer, except as may be mutually agreed otherwise. In the case of reassignment, the Employer may reimburse employees for moving expenses in accordance with Article 22, Section N.

If the Employer conducts interviews related to this Article, at the employee's Agency or work location, an employee selected for interview shall be allowed necessary and reasonable time for such interview without loss of pay or benefits.

The provisions of this Article do not obligate the Employer to retrain, or to provide for retraining of, any employee in order to permit him/her to transfer under these provisions.

**Section Q. Permanent-Intermittent Employees.**

1. Permanent-intermittent employees shall not be used for the purpose of eroding permanent full-time employment.
2. Permanent-intermittent employees are entitled to all benefits in accordance with Article 16. Seniority is accrued in accordance with Article 12, based on hours worked.
3. Permanent-intermittent employees shall have their holiday pay calculated in accordance with current practice except where such an employee works full-time for all non-holiday hours during the pay period in which the holiday occurs, whereupon they will be entitled to full holiday credit.
4. The scheduling, furloughing, return from furlough, layoff and recall of permanent-intermittent employees shall continue in accordance with current departmental practices until negotiated otherwise in secondary negotiations. Any and all other issues arising out of the employment of permanent-intermittent employees shall be discussed in Labor-Management meetings.
5. Permanent-intermittent employees who have acquired status shall have transfer rights in accordance with Section L. above.
6. The Employer agrees to provide a minimum call-in guarantee of two (2) hours for permanent-intermittent employees who are scheduled to work or called in to work in accordance with departmental practice and who after arriving at the work site, are advised that they are not needed, or work less than two (2) hours. The minimum call-in guarantee above two (2) hours shall be a subject of secondary negotiations.

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7. Permanent-intermittent employees who work on assigned shift and who, after returning home, are called back to work, will be paid a minimum of three (3) hours at the regular rate of pay.
8. Permanent-intermittent and part time employees who have worked two thousand eighty (2,080) hours or more in a fiscal year shall have the option of becoming permanent full time employees by notification to the Human Resource Director of the Agency. In the Department of Education only, employees who are in pay status two thousand eighty (2,080) hours or more in a fiscal year shall have such option. If an employee elects to accept permanent full-time employment, their current position will be converted to full-time and be posted as an original vacancy. Such employee shall have bidding rights as specified in Article 14, Section C.
9. The Employer agrees to equalize offers of work to permanent-intermittent employees within the six (6) month equalization period under Article 15, Section L.2.A.

### **Section R. Limited Term Employees.**

When an employee has been in any limited term appointment(s) for four thousand one hundred sixty (4,160) continuous service hours (excluding military service hours) in the same department, the employee shall have the option of becoming a full time permanent employee by written notification to the Human Resource Director of the Agency, unless the employee is working in a project which has an established ending date. An employee in a limited term appointment for less than four thousand one hundred sixty (4,160) continuous service hours (excluding military service hours) may apply to become a full time permanent employee by written request to the Human Resource Director of the agency. AFSCME's Local President shall be advised of any employee who is working on a project with an established ending date. This provision shall not apply to employees in the Department of Corrections Central Office. If an employee elects to accept permanent full-time employment, their current position will be converted to full-time and be posted as an original vacancy. Such employee shall have bidding rights as specified in Article 14 Section C.

### **Section S. Voluntary Leaves of Ninety (90) Day or More**

When an employee voluntarily leaves their assignment location for a period of ninety (90) calendar days or more, the Employer shall fill the assignment location in accordance with Section C above. Should the employee seek to return to their previous assignment location, the employee shall be assigned in accordance with the applicable section(s) of Article 14 Section C.

**ARTICLE 15****HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME****Section A. Work Period.**

The work period is defined as ten (10) work days within the fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days which coincides with the current biweekly pay period.

**Section B. Weekend Work.**

The "manner of scheduling weekend work" means such matters as rotational schedules. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement the Employer may schedule employees to work additional hours on weekends. The manner of scheduling employees to work on weekends current on the effective date of the Agreement shall be maintained, except as follows: should operational needs or programmatic changes occur which the employer deems to necessitate a change in current practices at an Agency, the Appointing Authority or designee will request a Labor-Management meeting under Article 10 above for the purpose of discussion of the proposed change. The Union may propose alternatives to the Agency proposal, which alternatives shall be reviewed and considered before implementing a change. The Employer shall notify the Union in writing of its decision to implement such a change. If the Union wishes to grieve the Employer's decision, the Union shall file such grievance at Step Three within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the decision. Any change in current practice shall be subject to the grievance procedure, wherein the initial burden of proof shall be upon the Agency to demonstrate the justification for the change.

Should the Union desire to alter the current practice in this regard, the Local President shall request a Labor-Management meeting under Article 10 above for the purpose of discussion of the proposed change. Such proposal must be based upon operational needs and/or programmatic changes or the demonstrated needs of the employees, provided the proposed change has no substantial adverse impact on programs or operations. Changes based on the demonstrated needs of the employees may not be implemented more often than every twelve (12) months in any given portion of the work force.

In the event the Appointing Authority denies the Union proposal, such denial shall be subject to the grievance procedure, wherein the initial burden of proof shall be upon the Union to demonstrate justification for the proposed change.

**Section C. Work Day.**

The work day shall consist of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours commencing at 12:01 a.m. except where mutually agreed. Employees will be compensated on the basis of the calendar day on which their shift begins for the regular hours of that shift.



**Section D. Work Shift.**

The work shift shall normally consist of eight (8) consecutive hours of work which may be interrupted by a meal period.

**Section E. Work Schedules.**

Work schedules are defined as an employee's assigned hours, days of the week, days off, and shift rotation. Schedules not maintained on a regular basis or fixed rotation shall be posted as far in advance as possible, but at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the beginning of the pay period to be worked.

Changes in scheduled shifts or in starting time on a scheduled shift may be made up to ninety-six (96) hours prior to the beginning of the pay period to be worked. Any other changes in scheduling may be made up to forty-eight (48) hours prior to the beginning of the pay period to be worked. Any changes in scheduling shall be confirmed in writing to the employee through direct memo only in accordance with the time limits stated above.

The work schedule of the employee shall not be altered solely to avoid premium overtime. Any change in work schedule not in compliance with this Section shall result in compensation for hours worked outside the regularly scheduled shift at one and one-half (1½) times the employee's regular rate of pay. In the event two employees volunteer to change their work schedule, the Appointing Authority or designee shall grant such request subject to operational considerations, and such scheduling change shall be exempt from the one and one-half time compensation required by this Section.

The provisions of this Section shall apply to all employees, including part-time but excluding permanent-intermittent. The subject of notifying permanent-intermittent employees of changes in their work schedule shall be an appropriate subject for secondary negotiations in all Departments.

**Section F. Change of Shift.**

In the event of an employer-initiated change in shift from a pre-established work schedule, employees must be off regularly scheduled work for a minimum of two (2) shifts or their equivalent unless a scheduled day or days off intervenes between such shift change. Employees who work regularly scheduled swing shifts within a work period or who are on a regularly scheduled rotational schedule between shifts shall be exempt from the provisions of this Section.

**Section G. Meal Periods.**

In accordance with current practice, work schedules shall provide for the work day to be broken at approximately mid-point by an uninterrupted, unpaid meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes. However, this shall not preclude work schedules which provide for a paid meal period. Those employees who receive an unpaid meal period, and are required to work at their work assignments and are

not relieved for such meal periods shall have such time treated as hours worked for the purpose of computing overtime.

In the Department of Corrections, those employees who receive a paid meal period and are required to remain at their work assignment for such meal periods shall be provided a meal without charge from the same menu provided the residents. To be eligible, the employee shall be:

1. Employed and assigned within the security perimeter of a correctional facility where departmental food service facilities are available; and
2. Required to remain at the correctional facility for the full regular shift during the period provided for consuming the meal; and
3. Entitled to receive full pay for the period during which the meal is to be consumed.

The provisions of, and length of, meal periods in accordance with practice current on the effective date of the Agreement shall be maintained, except as follows: should operational needs or programmatic changes occur which the Employer deems to necessitate a change in current practices at the Agency, the Appointing Authority or designee will request a Labor-Management meeting under Article 10 above for the purpose of discussion of the proposed change. The Union may propose alternatives to the Agency proposal, which alternative shall be reviewed and considered before implementing a change. The Employer shall notify the Union in writing of its decision to implement such change. If the Union wishes to grieve the Employer's decision, the Union shall file such grievance at Step Three of the grievance procedure within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the decision. Any change in current practice shall be subject to the grievance procedure, wherein the initial burden of proof shall be upon the Agency to demonstrate the justification for the change.

Should the Union desire to alter the current practice in this regard, the Local President shall request a Labor-Management meeting under Article 10 above for the purpose of discussion of the proposed change. Such proposal must be based upon operational needs and/or programmatic changes or the demonstrated needs of the employees, provided the proposed change has no substantial adverse impact on programs or operations. Changes based on the demonstrated needs of the employees may not be implemented more often than every twelve (12) months in any given portion of the work force. In the event the Appointing Authority denies the Union proposal, such denial shall be subject to the grievance procedure, wherein the initial burden of proof shall be upon the Union to demonstrate justification for the proposed change.

In the Department of Corrections, the issue of employees foregoing lunch periods, or lunch periods being extended beyond 30 minutes shall be a proper subject for secondary level negotiations regardless of current practice.

**Section H. Lounge and/or Eating Areas.**

Where current practice provides, the Employer shall continue to provide adequate lounge and/or eating areas, separated from clients and employees' normal areas of work.

The Employer recognizes the desirability of providing an adequate lounge and/or eating area conveniently located and accessible to all employees. In those work locations that do not presently provide such accommodations, the Employer will make a reasonable attempt to provide space for this purpose. Space provided shall be separated from patients/residents and employees' normal work areas and accommodate all those employees who are scheduled to utilize the same at any given time.

The Employer shall, in all lounge and/or eating areas, provide heat, lights, furniture, and where practical an electrical outlet.

**Section I. Rest Periods.**

There shall be two (2) rest periods of fifteen minutes each during each regular shift; one during the first half of the shift and one during the second half of the shift. The Employer retains the right to schedule employees' rest periods and to shorten such periods to fulfill emergency operational needs. Current practices regarding breaks taken in the course of operational duties or on an irregular basis may be maintained.

**Section J. No Guarantee or Limitation.**

This Article shall not be construed as a guarantee or limitation of the number of hours per work day or work period.

**Section K. Pyramiding.**

Premium payment shall not be duplicated (pyramided) for the same hours worked.

**Section L. Overtime Procedure.**

**1. Definitions.**

**a. Overtime:**

In accordance with Fair Labor Standards Act, for Agency based employees in the Departments of Health and Human Services, Corrections and Military and Veterans Affairs, overtime is time that an employee, including part-time and permanent-intermittent employees, is in pay status in excess of eight (8) hours in a day or eighty (80) hours in a biweekly pay period for all consecutive hours in excess of eight (8) hours. For all other employees, overtime is time that an employee, including part-time and permanent-intermittent employees, is in pay status in excess of eight (8) hours in a day or in excess of forty (40) hours in a week or for all consecutive

hours in excess of eight (8) hours. Employees who are authorized and do work in excess of the hours described above shall be paid at the rate of one-and-one-half (1½) the employee's straight time base hourly rate or compensatory time in accordance with Section N. below.

For purposes of determining pay status, annual leave buyback, banked leave time, compensatory time, administrative leave, holiday pay, and military leave, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, shall be treated as time worked.

**b. Scheduled Overtime:**

Scheduled overtime work is defined as any overtime work which the Employer knows will be necessary forty-eight (48) hours or more in advance of the overtime work. However, all scheduled overtime shall be offered no later than forty-eight (48) hours in advance. Should violations of this language become reoccurring, an Agency labor management meeting shall be held at the request of either party. The parties shall explore the causes of the situation and attempt to agree on a remedy. In the event a remedy is not reached, a Departmental labor management meeting shall be held as expeditiously as possible. If resolution is not reached, Letter of Understanding #8 shall be available. Nothing in this section shall prohibit grievances from being filed in accordance with Article 9.

**c. Non-Scheduled Overtime:**

Work which the Employer needs to schedule less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance.

**d. Overtime Subdivision (Overtime Equalization Unit):**

The definition of overtime subdivisions shall be defined in secondary negotiations, except for the Department of Health and Human Services hospitals and centers, which shall be as listed in Appendix G.

**2. Application.**

In the Department of Health and Human Services, youth facilities, overtime procedures shall be a proper subject for Department Labor-Management meetings.

The Employer has the right to schedule overtime work as required in a manner most advantageous to the Employer and consistent with the requirements of State employment, the public interest, and consistent with the terms of this Agreement.

Whenever and wherever possible, overtime shall be on a voluntary basis, and involuntary overtime shall be avoided.

Should incidental situations arise which cause the Employer to choose other than the appropriate employee in accordance with Sections (a) or (b) below,

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the Employer shall notify the Union, in writing, no later than three (3) calendar days after the choice.

Any employee who was not chosen for overtime shall be offered, on a one time basis, the next available overtime. Should the employee decline the offered overtime, no hours will be charged to the employee's total of overtime worked. The employee will be placed in the regular rotation on the overtime list, as if the employee had worked the overtime.

In situations involving overtime not in accordance with Sections (a) or (b) below that continue to occur on a regular basis, on the request of either party, the Employer shall meet with the Union at the Agency and reach agreement, addressing the situation as soon as practical, but no later than seven (7) calendar days while continuing to assign overtime in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 above. Should no agreement be reached at the Agency, the issue may be raised at the Department Labor-Management meeting.

In the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, employees who work overtime to cover the absence of non-Civil Service workers employed by a contract vendor shall receive a premium of up to \$0.50/hour for all overtime hours worked in such assignment to be included in calculations for overtime rates if and only if the vendor is contractually obligated to provide full reimbursement of such state employee overtime including said premium.

### **a. Voluntary Overtime**

The voluntary overtime procedure is an appropriate subject for secondary negotiations in the Departments of Education, Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Health and Human Services hospitals and centers, Corrections, and Military and Veterans Affairs.

In the Department of Health and Human Services hospitals and centers, three representatives from each local union and three agency management representatives shall meet no more than three times within thirty days of the Civil Service Commission approval of this Agreement to establish a voluntary overtime procedure. Any agreement shall be placed in writing. Should the parties not reach an agreement the issue shall be subject to secondary negotiations.

Scheduled and non-scheduled overtime work will be on a voluntary basis starting with the most senior employee who has indicated a willingness to work overtime in the overtime subdivision.

Scheduled and non-scheduled voluntary overtime lists will be prepared by overtime subdivision. Voluntary overtime will be equalized by hours on a continuing basis within the several classifications in each overtime subdivision during each three (3) month period beginning with the fiscal year except in the Department of Education which shall be equalized in January and September of each year.

Lists showing fiscal year accumulation of overtime within each overtime subdivision during a preceding six month period shall be posted every six months.

Should an employee who has volunteered for overtime decline to work such overtime, the employee shall be credited with working the number of hours of overtime utilized for purposes of equalization only. If an employee is added to the list, the employee will be credited with the maximum number of hours of any employee on the list. Employees who refuse twice to work overtime in the four week period indicated below shall have their names removed from all lists for the remainder of the current four week period only.

Except in the Departments of Education, State Police, and Department of Health and Human Services youth facilities the following procedure shall apply. In the Department of Health and Human Services hospitals and centers, the topic of changes to the following procedure is an appropriate subject for secondary negotiations.

Voluntary overtime sign up will be on a four week basis. Employees must give their written designations to the Appointing Authority or designee no later than 4:30 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the effective date of the overtime lists. Employees signing the four week period lists shall indicate the following for working overtime:

- (1) Shift(s) they are willing to work;
- (2) Day(s) they are willing to work;
- (3) Assignment location(s) they are willing to work.

A copy of these lists will be made available to the Local Union upon request.

The manner of offering voluntary overtime shall be discussed at the first Agency Labor-Management meeting after the effective date of this Agreement. If no Agreement is reached, either the Local Union or the Agency may place this on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled Department Labor-Management meeting. If no new Agreement is reached, mutually accepted Agreements now utilized shall remain. If no Agreement has been reached current contract language shall continue. The parties may alter the size of the overtime bank upon mutual agreement at any time. All Agreements reached under this Section shall be reduced to writing and signed by both parties. Voluntary overtime shall be offered in the manner and order listed below:

- (1) Volunteers shall be sought from the list(s) of the available on-duty employees within the classification from the voluntary overtime list(s).
- (2) If no volunteer from the list is obtained, voluntary overtime shall be opened to all available, on-duty employees within the classification being sought.

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- (3) If no volunteers are obtained, voluntary overtime shall be offered to other qualified employees within the Bargaining Unit, for example, a DSA, PTA, ATA, or LPN may be used to work in an RCA position provided they have prior experience as an RCA. However, if an RCA volunteers, the RCA shall be given the overtime over the other qualified employees.
- (4) If no on-duty volunteers are obtained, the Call List shall be used. The Call List consists of those employees on the four week overtime list who have indicated a willingness to be called at home for voluntary overtime. Mandatory overtime may be used until available employees are obtained from the Call List.

In the Departments of Education, State Police, and Department of Health and Human Services youth facilities, current practice of assigning voluntary overtime shall remain in effect.

If it is determined that an employee did not receive overtime work for which the employee was eligible under the provisions of this Section, the employee shall receive preference for future overtime work until such situation is corrected. Any employee who has been bypassed for overtime shall be offered, on a one time basis, the next available overtime. Should the employee decline the offered overtime, no hours will be charged to the employee's total of overtime worked. The employee will be placed in the regular rotation on the overtime list, as if the employee had worked the overtime.

### **b. Involuntary Overtime**

In the Department of Health and Human Services hospitals and centers, if not successful, supervisors will then go to the involuntary overtime list that consists of 100% of the employees on a shift in a classification series and assign the overtime. The involuntary overtime list will be arranged in seniority order, and initially the least senior employee will be assigned the overtime and so on through the list on a rotational basis. An employee that is not on duty, for any reason, at the time they are to be assigned involuntary overtime will be bypassed and placed at the top of the list for the next involuntary overtime assignment.

Employees added to the list will be placed on the list according to their seniority and will be assigned involuntary overtime when their name comes up in the rotation.

At the end of the first full pay period in January, April, July and October of each year, the list will restart with the least senior employee.

The involuntary overtime procedure is an appropriate subject for secondary negotiations in all Departments.

In all Departments, employees may not be mandated to work beyond the end of a voluntary overtime shift, beyond two consecutive shifts, or the

employee's last regular scheduled shift proceeding their seniority vacation. Employees required to work involuntary overtime shall be notified of same as soon as possible, but not later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the overtime assignment before involuntary overtime can be required provided that the Appointing Authority has received not less than sixty (60) minutes notice from employees indicating that they will not be able to work their regularly scheduled assigned shift. The Local Union President or designee shall be able to review, upon request, the Employer's records on employee call-ins.

In the Department of Health and Human Services hospitals and centers, in the event that incidents of involuntary overtime (excluding holidays) approximate or exceed five (5%) percent of the total work force within classification grouping within any biweekly work period, the parties shall, within the following biweekly work period, upon the request of either party, hold a special Agency Labor-Management meeting to explore the causes of this situation and attempt to agree upon remedies to correct the situation. The mandatory overtime list will be reasonably available for review by the Union and upon request, the Union shall be provided a copy no more than once every bi-weekly work period. Should the problem become recurring or should similar situations exist at more than one work location, the parties shall upon the request of either party, address the matter in a special Department Labor-Management meeting to be held as expeditiously as possible.

In emergency situations (such as concerted employee activity, snowstorms, tornadoes, major utility breakdowns, or similar situations) where volunteers are not available, the Employer may assign involuntary overtime as needed. The Employer shall notify the Union immediately of the emergency condition, and the expected duration of the condition.

In those cases where an employee does not call in and fails to appear for a scheduled shift, the Employer may, without notifying the Union, assign involuntary overtime until a volunteer can be found. If an overtime bank has been established, the Employer shall use such bank. If no overtime bank has been established, the Employer shall use the least senior employee in the classification at the assignment location on the previous shift.

If the Employer assigns involuntary overtime and an employee has personal reasons for not working such overtime and finds a qualified volunteer to fill in for him/her the Employer shall use such volunteer.

No more than once each quarter, beginning at the end of the first full pay period in each January, April, July and October, an employee subject to mandatory overtime may request an exemption for personal reasons. When this occurs the next person in line for mandatory service shall take the assignment. If an employee uses their exemption and is later involuntarily assigned overtime on the same day their exemption shall be returned.



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The issue of mandatory overtime coverage for educational release shall be a proper subject for Agency Labor-Management meetings. Employees who are attending school in accordance with the guidelines established for the use of the Education and Resource Fund, whether they are receiving tuition reimbursement or not, may be excused from mandatory overtime in order to attend class(es) in accordance with this paragraph. If the Agency receives written request from an employee to be excused from mandatory overtime, the Agency will meet with local Union officials to try to work out an agreement to excuse the individual. Agreements must be in writing and signed by both parties. While it may not be possible to excuse all those who request, all reasonable efforts shall be made by both parties to accommodate employees to encourage them to pursue their education. If the issue cannot be mutually agreed to, the provisions of Article 15, Section L. shall be applied.

### **c. Payment of Overtime**

It shall be the regular practice of the Employer that payment for overtime is to be made the pay day of the first pay period following the pay period in which the overtime is worked.

### **d. Call-Back Pay**

Call-back is defined as the act of contacting an employee at a time other than regular work schedule and requesting that the employee report for work. Contacting an employee at work to have that employee work an additional period of time at the end of the current shift shall not constitute call-back. Employees who are called back and whose call-back time is adjacent to their regular working hours shall be paid only for those hours worked. Employees who are called back and whose call-back hours are not adjacent to their regular working hours shall be guaranteed a minimum of three (3) hours compensation.

### **Section M. Flexible Hours.**

Nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit the Employer in establishing, modifying or abolishing such voluntary flextime systems of scheduling as are consistent with program needs of the Employer and which do not violate terms of this Agreement. Plans proposed by the Employer for consideration by employees shall be provided to the Local Union prior to being presented to the affected employees and shall be presented to the affected employees for consideration only upon agreement by the Local Union and Council 25. If any plans proposed would result in layoff of a permanent employee, such plan will be negotiable. Overtime rates shall apply to all hours in excess of eighty (80) in a work period and to all hours in excess of twelve (12) worked outside the regular daily flextime schedule in accordance with Section L .1.(a) above.

Should flexible hours be agreed to, compensation for holidays shall be paid in accordance with Article 16, Section E. Administration of Holidays and Leave Benefits, and Section L .1.(a) above.

It is agreed that the issue of flexible hours shall be a proper subject of discussion for Agency Labor-Management meetings at the Union's request.

**Section N. Compensatory Time.**

Employees may choose either to receive cash payment or compensatory time for holiday hours worked in excess of eighty (80) in a pay period. Overtime credit earned on a particular day may not be split between cash pay and compensatory time. Employees may accumulate up to a maximum of one hundred and twenty (120) hours of such compensatory time.

In the Department of Corrections, employees may choose to receive compensatory time for overtime worked (including holiday hours worked in excess of 80 hours in a pay period), up to a limit of 144 hours in a fiscal year. Corrections Department employees may accumulate up to a maximum of one hundred (100) hours of such compensatory time.

Employees who wish to use compensatory time may do so only with prior approval of their supervisor. Such compensatory time must be utilized before the employee can use annual leave except where an employee at the applicable Annual Leave "cap" would thereby lose annual leave. Departmental practices in the administration of compensatory time shall continue unless altered in secondary negotiations.

Upon separation for any reason the employee shall be paid for all unliquidated compensatory time.

In the Department of Education, and MCTI in the Department of Health and Human Services and the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy in the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, the provisions of this Section shall be negotiated in secondary negotiations at the request of either party.

At the employee's option, the employee may be paid for compensatory time credits which have been unused. The employee must notify the agency in writing for the number of hours for which he/she wishes payment no later than November 15 of each year. Payment for such unused compensatory time shall be made in the first full pay period in December. Employees may not designate more hours for payment than they have accrued as of November 15th of each year.

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**ADMINISTRATION OF HOLIDAYS AND LEAVE BENEFITS**

**Section A. Sick Leave Application.**

The parties will fully utilize the methods currently available to resolve Union and Employer difficulties in regards to unscheduled absences. Methods may include, but are not limited to: special Labor-Management meetings, creation of Agency Labor Management study committees, and Steward/supervisor programs, in an attempt to remedy the situation.

The parties, upon mutual agreement at the Agency level, will encourage trial implementation of programs that do not violate the AFSCME Agreement or Department or Agency policies.

It is the intent of the parties to explore means and methods of reducing unscheduled absences.

1. Sick leave may be used by an employee for:
  - a. Illness, disability, or injury of the employee, or exposure to contagious disease endangering others, any of which necessitates the employee's absence from work;
  - b. Appointments with doctor, dentist, or other professional medical practitioner to the extent of time required for such appointments when it is not possible to arrange such appointments for non-duty hours; or
  - c. In the event of illness or injury in the immediate family which necessitates the employee's absence from work. Immediate family shall be spouse, parent(s) or foster parent(s), children or stepchildren, brother(s), sister(s), parent(s)-in-law, grandparent(s), grandchildren, or any person(s) for whose financial or physical care the employee is principally responsible.
2. All sick leave used shall be certified by the employee and verified by such other evidence as required by the Employer. Falsification of such evidence shall be cause for discipline up to and including dismissal. When the Employer has reasonable grounds for doing so, the Employer may require the employee to provide acceptable verification.
3. Employees may notify the appropriate employer representative as soon as the need for sick leave is known, however all employees shall call in no later than time frame established by the department.

In the Department of Corrections, the existing secondary Agreement shall remain in effect unless altered by further secondary negotiations, subject to Civil Service Commission approval.

Proper medical verification shall consist of a written statement from the employee's physician indicating the date seen by the physician, verifying the illness or injury

of the employee or immediate family, the medical condition necessitating the absence and prognosis of the employee and the employee's ability to return to normal duties, any limitations, or needed accommodations and their duration, and the date of such return.

Such records are, by their very nature, confidential and such confidentiality must be preserved and protected. Where the employee claims that such verification might compromise the confidential nature of the illness or disability, the employee may submit such verification directly to the Agency Human Resource Officer in the Department of Health and Human Services, hospitals and centers; the Facility Director in the Department of Health and Human Services; the Central Office Human Resource Office in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; the Human Resource Medical Leave Officer in the Department of Education; the Human Resource Office or Disability Unit in the Departments of Corrections; Human Resource Director in the Department of Natural Resources; the Appointing Authority or designee in the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and ; the Disability Management Section in the Department of State Police.

### **Section B. Annual Leave Application and Scheduling.**

The parties agree that seniority vacations are important to employees in this Bargaining Unit. To the extent possible all employees in this Bargaining Unit shall be granted a seniority vacation if requested. The parties also recognize that operational considerations may limit the number of employees who are granted seniority vacations at any one time. It may therefore be necessary to grant such seniority vacations at times other than those requested.

Consistent with the operational needs of the Employer, annual leave, including banked leave time (BLT), may be granted at such times during the year as requested by the employee, in the order received. Operational needs shall include (among other things) vacation schedules as provided below.

Vacation is defined as a period of four (4) or more consecutive work days of annual leave. Requests for vacation commencing on or between April 1 through September 30 may be made on or between the preceding January 1 through January 31; requests for vacations commencing on or between October 1 through March 31 may be made on or between the preceding July 1 through July 31.

Consistent with the operational needs of the Employer, such requests for vacation shall be honored in accordance with the employee's seniority. Alternative annual leave and vacation scheduling procedures may be discussed at the Agency level. In the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, the issue of seniority vacations shall be an acceptable issue for secondary negotiations. Agreements reached shall be reduced to writing and signed by the Local Union President and Appointing Authority. When a holiday falls during an employee's scheduled vacation, such holiday shall not be charged against the employee's vacation time.

Approval of seniority vacations may not be unreasonably withdrawn by supervision; however, an employee may withdraw a request for seniority vacation

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not later than the Monday prior to the start of the pay period during which the vacation would occur. Employees who request a vacation during the "window period" shall be notified of its approval or disapproval as follows:

- April vacations- - - - - not later than February 15
- May 1 through September 30 - - - - not later than February 28
- October vacations - - - - - not later than August 15
- November 1 through March 31 - - - not later than August 31

The Employer shall post a listing of those vacation requests approved above no later than the end of the pay period following the above time periods.

Vacations requested outside the window periods shall be acted upon and the employee notified within seven (7) calendar days of the request, and in no case less than two (2) days prior to the effective date and time of the leave requested providing the time has been requested more than two (2) days in advance. Employees are encouraged to make requests twenty-one (21) days in advance of the time requested.

Incidental annual leave requests of less than four (4) days made outside the window periods shall be acted upon and the employee notified within forty-eight (48) hours of the request. Incidental requests made less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance shall be acted upon as soon as possible.

In the event a vacation request begins with one six-month period and ends within the following six-month period, such request may be made during the earlier window period, and shall be treated as a vacation occurring entirely within the earlier six-month period. Employees may make up to two requests during the same window period, indicating order of preference among requests. However, an employee shall not be entitled to more than one (1) seniority vacation during each specified six-month period.

Annual leave and/or vacation may be requested and approved based on anticipated accrual of leave credits by the effective date of the requested vacation.

Annual leave and/or vacation approved by supervision may not be unreasonably denied or unreasonably withdrawn by the Employer.

Methods for scheduling annual leave for employees who are approaching the maximum hour limit (the total of hours in the employee's annual and personal leave counter) may be discussed and agreed to at Agency Labor-Management meetings. Agreements reached shall be reduced to writing. For those employees approaching the maximum hour limit (within sixteen (16) hours of reaching annual leave accumulation cap), annual leave requests of up to sixteen (16) hours shall be approved providing such requests have been made no later than the Tuesday prior to the start of the pay period involved. Annual leave requests under this paragraph shall be granted in eight (8) hour segments. Consistent with operational

needs of the Employer, requests for annual leave in excess of sixteen (16) hours may be granted.

Employees may request and be granted vacation outside the window period on a "first-come/first-serve" basis without regard to seniority, provided the time requested is available for vacation purposes in line with operational needs.

In the event the employee does not have sufficient leave credits (annual leave or compensatory time) to cover an approved vacation, the vacation must be shortened to coincide with the available leave credits or, in the case of substantiated mitigating circumstances, the Appointing Authority or designee may authorize a deviation from this provision.

The parties recognize that emergencies arise which prevent employees from coming to work or cause them to come to work late. The Appointing Authority or designee may request verification to clarify the emergency, if there are reasonable grounds for doing so. When the Appointing Authority or designee makes such request, the employee shall be provided, in writing, what information is needed to clarify the emergency. The Appointing Authority reserves the right to refuse to excuse an absence where there are reasonable grounds for doing so or if the employee fails to provide verification.

Emergency annual leave shall not be unreasonably requested or unreasonably denied.

With prior approval, annual leave may be utilized in the same fashion as sick leave in the event an employee's sick leave credits are exhausted (except as indicated in Section C). If it is impossible for an employee to request such prior approval, approval may be granted after the employee returns to work.

If employees have a health emergency, they may use annual leave rather than sick leave if they provide acceptable verification to clarify such health emergency. The Appointing Authority reserves the right to refuse to excuse an absence where there are reasonable grounds for doing so or if the employee fails to provide verification. In the event that annual leave is utilized in the same fashion as sick leave, the employee's attendance record will reflect that sick leave was used although the hours will be deducted from the employee's annual leave accruals.

Employees on annual leave who become ill or are injured and who thereby require (1) hospitalization, (2) emergency surgery/treatment and convalescence therefrom, or (3) a return to home and confinement thereto, may convert such period of time to sick leave. Employees required to return from annual leave because of death or unexpected illness of a person for which sick leave could normally be used may convert such time to sick leave.

In the event an employee's request for annual leave cannot be granted, the Employer shall indicate the reason in writing for the denial to the affected employee. The Employer will implement a procedure for retaining denied annual leave requests by the applicable division or department. Available annual leave

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shall then be granted in accordance with this Section (in the order received). The file of requests shall be available to the Union and affected employees for monitoring. Details of implementing the procedure may be discussed at the request of either party in Agency Labor-Management meetings.

The parties further agree that, should difficulties arise in the application of the above paragraph, a Department Labor-Management meeting will be held to address the problems. Until such meeting is held, the Union agrees not to file grievances on the matter. In the event that the problem cannot be resolved at such meeting, time limits for filing of grievances shall be tolled until after the meeting has been held.

Upon request, any full time permanent employee shall be granted eight (8) hours off using accrued annual leave or comp time on the day that coincides with their birth date. Compensatory time must be used prior to use of annual leave unless the employee is at the annual leave "CAP". If the employee's birth date occurs on a holiday or "R" day, this day off shall be scheduled within the same pay period as the birth date as requested by the employee. Requests must be made in writing at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance of the employee's birthday.

At the request of either party, a committee will be formed to discuss issues related to the scheduling of annual leave hours and the "CAP". The Union will be represented by five members, with at least two being from the Department of Health and Human Services, hospitals and centers, and at least one being from the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs.

### **Section C. Unexcused Absences.**

It is hereby agreed and understood between the parties that the use of language in the Section regarding use of leave credits or unscheduled absences is intended to improve the attendance of employees. Employees shall not be subject to disciplinary action solely on the basis of the number of leave hours banked. This provision shall not be utilized by the Employer in an arbitrary or capricious manner.

For purposes of the Article, "unexcused absence" is defined as an employee's absence from scheduled work for any period of time for which the employee does not provide requested acceptable verification; and "occurrence" is defined as one time regardless of duration.

An employee who has had notices of lost time for two (2) occurrences of unexcused emergency absence within four (4) pay periods of work shall have all subsequent emergency occurrences treated as unapproved lost time regardless of the reason for such absence. However, an employee who had sixty (60) calendar days of attendance without an occurrence of unexcused absence shall no longer fall under the provisions of this Section until and unless a new series of occurrences arise.

Any approved absence from work shall not serve to circumvent the provisions of this Section. This time away from work shall be bridged in the calculation of the

reference periods. Lost time is not, in and of itself, discipline. Situations where the application of this Section results in an undue hardship on the employee may be appealed directly to Step Two of the grievance procedure.

**Section D. Holiday Notice.**

Employees scheduled to work a holiday shall be given, whenever possible, thirty (30) calendar days advance notice.

**Section E. Designated Holidays.**

On the following holidays, permanent full-time employees shall be allowed eight (8) hours paid absence from work, and other-than-full-time employees shall be allowed paid absence from work in accordance with Article 14, Section Q:

New Year's Day (January 1)

Martin Luther King Day (3rd Monday in January)

President's Day (3rd Monday in February)

Memorial Day (Last Monday in May)

Independence Day (July 4)

Labor Day (1st Monday in September)

Election Day (general election day in even numbered years)

Veterans Day (November 11)

Thanksgiving Day (4th Thursday in November)

Thanksgiving Friday (Day after Thanksgiving)

Christmas Eve Day (December 24)

Christmas Day (December 25)

New Year's Eve Day (December 31)

**Section F. Holiday Scheduling.**

1. Monday through Friday employees: Should a holiday fall on Saturday, Friday shall be considered as the holiday and should a holiday fall on Sunday, Monday shall be considered as the holiday. In the Department of Education where holidays normally observed on a Monday have been scheduled on the preceding Sunday such practice may continue. In the Department of State Police, the holiday scheduling shall be consistent with the academic scheduling at the Training Academy, provided that affected employees shall be notified of such holiday schedule not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date on which the holiday falls. Substitute scheduling of holidays may also continue



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in Departments presently following this practice. In the Department of Health and Human Services, youth facilities, for employees who work a fixed schedule other than a Monday through Friday fixed schedule, should the holiday fall on the employee's regularly scheduled first day off, during the week in which the holiday falls, then, the preceding regularly scheduled work day shall be considered the holiday. Should the holiday fall on the employee's second regularly scheduled day off during the week that the holiday falls, then, the next regularly scheduled work day shall be considered the holiday.

2. Seven-day rotational schedule employees and employees who work a fixed schedule other than Monday through Friday: The holiday shall be observed on the date of occurrence.
3. Current practices regarding rescheduling of R-days which fall on holidays shall be reduced to writing and maintained, unless altered by the parties by mutual agreement. The issue of rescheduling R-days which fall on holidays shall be a subject for secondary negotiations in the Department of Health and Human Services, hospitals and centers. The issue of rescheduling R-days which fall on holidays shall be discussed at Department Labor-Management meetings in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Health and Human Services, youth facilities at the request of either party. Any new agreements shall be reduced to writing.
4. In the Department of Corrections R-days which fall on holidays may be rescheduled during the bi-weekly pay period in which the holiday occurs, provided that notice of the change is provided at least 48 hours prior to the bi-weekly pay period.

In those Agencies which reschedule R-days, employees may be allowed to trade rescheduled R-days, subject to supervisory approval.

### **Section G. Eligibility.**

Permanent full-time employees, regardless of work schedule, qualify for paid holiday absence by being in full pay status:

1. The last scheduled work day immediately preceding the holiday and the first scheduled work day immediately following the holiday when both days fall within the same biweekly work period; or
2. The last scheduled work day immediately preceding the holiday when the holiday occurs or is observed on the last scheduled work day of the biweekly work period; or
3. The first scheduled work day following the holiday when the holiday occurs or is observed on the first scheduled work day of the biweekly work period. If a holiday occurs or is observed on the first scheduled work day of a new employee's initial biweekly work period, such employee shall not qualify for paid holiday absence for that day.

4. An employee shall not be eligible for both holiday absence pay and any other form of paid leave on a contractual holiday.

#### **Section H. Work on a Holiday.**

Employees required to work on a holiday shall have such day treated as a regular work day. Employees who are in pay status for more than eighty (80) or forty (40) hours (depending on their base for overtime payment) in a pay period as a result of working such holiday shall have the time in excess of eighty (80) or forty (40) hours in a pay period treated as regular overtime work. Employees may choose either to receive cash payment or, with Departmental approval, compensatory time for such hours worked in excess of eighty (80) or forty (40) in a pay period in accordance with Article 15 (Hours of Work), Section N.

#### **Section I. Bereavement Leave.**

Employees shall be allowed reasonable and necessary time off by mutual agreement in the event of the death of a member of the immediate family. Such time shall be covered by accrued sick leave, comp time and/or annual leave credits. In the event of a dispute, an employee shall be guaranteed a minimum of five (5) days leave, if requested.

Employees shall be allowed reasonable and necessary time off by mutual agreement in the event of the death of someone other than those listed in Article 16.A.1.c. above. Such time shall be covered by accrued sick leave, comp time and/or annual leave credits. In the event of a dispute, an employee shall be guaranteed a minimum of one occurrence of one day per year if requested. For leave involving the death of a brother in-law, sister in-law, son in-law or daughter in-law, the employee shall be guaranteed the day of the funeral off, plus time off for any necessary travel to attend the funeral, not to exceed an additional two days leave.

#### **Section J. Annual Leave Donation.**

Upon employee request, unless provided otherwise in the collective bargaining agreement, annual leave credits may be donated and transferred to other employees facing a financial hardship under the following conditions:

1. Donations:
  - a. Annual leave donations must be in whole hour increments and must be for a minimum of eight hours and cannot exceed a maximum of 40 hours per employee annually.
  - b. A direct donation to a particular employee may occur at any time.
  - c. Employee donations are irrevocable.
  - d. The right to donate hours is not limited to employees in this Bargaining Unit where reciprocal agreements exist with other exclusive representatives or

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is provided for in Civil Service Commission Rules and procedures for non-exclusively represented employees. Donations must be between employees within the same Department.

2. Right To Receive Annual Leave Donations: An employee may receive donated annual leave credits under the following conditions:
  - a. The employee must have successfully completed his/her initial probationary period and must be facing financial hardship due to serious injury or the prolonged illness of the employee or his/her dependent spouse, child, or parent. A financial hardship is defined as facing 40 or more hours of lost time due to the circumstances at hand.
  - b. The employee must have exhausted all of his/her own leave credits (compensatory time, annual leave, sick leave, BLT and deferred hours), and not be receiving LTD or Workers' Compensation.
  - c. The employee's absence from work must have been approved by the Employer.
  - d. The employee may receive a maximum of 240 hours as provided in Section 1. above.
  - e. Accepted donations shall not exceed hours used by the receiving employee.
3. Procedure: Where the Local President, Council 25 and facility administration agree that annual leave donation is appropriate, the request, along with a list of employees wishing to make donations and signed donation forms, shall be forwarded to the Department Labor Relations Manager or designee, as appropriate. Such request should also include the circumstances of the hardship.

**ARTICLE 17****LEAVES OF ABSENCE****Section A.**

Employees shall have the right to request a leave of absence without pay in accordance with the provisions of this Article after the successful completion of their probationary period or as otherwise provided in this Article.

**Section B. Request Procedure.**

Any request for a leave of absence without pay shall be submitted in writing by the employee to the employee's Agency Human Resource Officer at least fourteen (14) calendar days in advance of the proposed commencement date for the leave, except under emergency (which may include medical reasons) circumstances. The request shall state the reason for and the length of the leave of absence being requested.

The Agency Human Resource Officer shall consult with the Appointing Authority and furnish a written response.

Requests for leaves of absence shall be answered within fourteen (14) calendar days following receipt of all pertinent information or requested documentation.

**Section C. Approval.**

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, employees may be granted a leave of absence without pay for a period up to six (6) months. The Appointing Authority shall consider its operational needs, the employee's length of service, performance record and leave of absence history in reviewing requests for a leave of absence. Appointing Authority determinations under this Section shall not be arbitrary, discriminatory or capricious. Only under bona fide mitigating circumstances may a leave of absence be extended beyond six (6) months.

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, an employee may elect to carry a balance of annual leave not to exceed one hundred sixty (160) hours during a leave of absence. Such leave balances shall be made available to the employee upon return from a leave of absence but may be utilized only with prior approval of the Appointing Authority.

Payment for annual leave due an employee who fails to return from a leave of absence shall be at the employee's last rate of pay.

**1. Educational Leaves of Absence.**

The Employer may approve an individual employee's written request for a full-time educational leave of absence without pay for an initial period of time up to two (2) years. An employee denied a medical leave of absence, or extension, shall have an educational leave approved, provided they meet the

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requirements of this Section. To qualify for such an educational leave, the employee must be admitted as a full-time student as determined by the established requirements of the educational institution relating to full-time status. Before the leave of absence can become effective, a curriculum plan and proof of enrollment must be submitted by the employee to his/her Appointing Authority. At the request of the Employer, the employee shall provide evidence of continuous successful full-time enrollment in such curriculum plan in order to remain on or renew such leave. Such education shall be directly related to an employable classification in the employee's Department. Such employee may return early from such a leave upon approval by the Employer. The Employer shall approve or deny the request for leave of absence without undue delay. Any denial shall include a written explanation of the denial, if requested by the employee.

Employees may also request approval for an education leave for education which is not directly related to an employable classification in the employee's Department.

Employees granted a leave of absence under this provision shall not have return rights upon expiration of the leave and shall be so advised before going on the leave, however, upon written request, they shall be entitled to have their name placed on the Departmental recall list in accordance with Article 13 provided such request is made within two (2) years of the commencement of the leave. Employees recalled under this provision shall not have such time treated as a break in service.

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Employees at downsizing agencies shall be entitled to up to a two (2) year educational leave of absence which may or may not be directly related to an employable classification in the employee's Department. Employees granted a leave of absence under this provision shall not have return rights upon expiration of the leave and shall be so advised before going on the leave. However, upon written request, they shall be entitled to have their name placed on the Department and Statewide recall lists in accordance with Article 13 provided such request is made within two (2) years of the commencement of the leave. Employees recalled under this provision shall not have such time treated as a break in service.

Employees who complete a course of study which may make them eligible for employment in a different field of employment shall be given assistance by the Employer in getting their names on Civil Service registers for classifications for which they are eligible.

## 2. Medical Leaves of Absence.

Upon depletion of accrued sick leave credits, an employee upon request shall be granted a leave of absence for personal illness, injury or temporary disability necessitating his/her absence from work if that employee is in satisfactory

employment status. This guarantee shall only apply when the employee has had less than six (6) months medical leave of absence within the preceding five (5) years. Time off on medical leave of absence due to pregnancy shall not be counted against the six (6) month guarantee. An employee whose leaves including any extensions totals less than six (6) months during the five (5) year period shall be granted a subsequent leave(s) up to a cumulative total of six (6) months within such five (5) year period. Employees with twenty (20) years or more of continuous service shall be granted up to an additional six (6) months of medical leave of absence beyond the guarantee as referenced above. In all other cases an employee may be granted such leave for the above reasons. Such leave may be granted for a period of up to six (6) months upon providing required medical information. The employee's request shall include a written statement from the employee's physician indicating the medical condition and prognosis necessitating the employee's absence from work and the expected return to work date. The Employer shall not count paid leave time toward any medical leave of absence entitlement.

In addition to the operational needs of the Employer and the employee's work record, the Appointing Authority in considering requests for extension will consider verifiable medical information that the employee will be able to return at the end of the extension period with the ability to return to normal duties (any limitation and duration and date of such return).

Prior to returning to work from a medical leave of absence, the employee will be required to present medical certification of his/her fitness to resume performing normal duties (any limitations and duration and date of such return).

The Employer reserves the right to have the employee examined by a physician selected and paid by the Employer for the employee's initial request, extension and/or return to work. Employees who object to examination by a state employed doctor may be examined by a mutually approved doctor. In the absence of mutual agreement, the parties will select a physician from recommendations from a county or local medical society, by alternate striking if necessary.

Such records are, by their very nature, confidential and such confidentiality must be preserved and protected. Where the employee claims that such verification might compromise the confidential nature of the illness or disability, the employee may submit such verification directly to the Appointing Authority.

Employees who, after providing the information as required by this Article, are subsequently denied a medical leave of absence, shall upon providing medical certification of the employee's ability to return to perform the essential functions of the job, be entitled upon request to have their name placed on all applicable recall lists, provided that such medical certification is presented within two (2) years of the date of the denial. Such employees shall be considered as laid off with recall rights as described in this Section. Employees recalled under this provision shall not have such time treated as a break in service.

**3. Military Leave.**

Whenever an employee enters into the active military service of the United States, the employee shall be granted a military leave as provided under Civil Service Commission Rules and the applicable federal statutes. If Civil Service Commission Rules or Regulations are revised, the parties shall meet to discuss their application to bargaining unit members.

**a. Temporary Military Leave of Absence.**

Any employee occupying a classified position by appointment of unlimited duration and who is a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States shall be entitled to a temporary military leave of absence when ordered, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, to active duty training or inactive duty training. A temporary military leave of absence for active duty training shall be with pay equivalent to the difference between the employee's military pay and the regular state salary for each day of absence from scheduled state employment, if the military pay is less for those same days. Such leave shall not exceed fifteen (15) calendar days of absence from scheduled employment in any calendar year. Continuous state service shall be allowed for the period of temporary military leave of absence. An employee in full pay status shall be entitled to holiday pay for a designated holiday which occurs or is observed during the period of temporary military leave of absence. Military pay earned on a holiday shall not be considered in determining the amount of state salary for the holiday.

**b. Emergency Military Leave of Absence.**

Any employee occupying a classified position by appointment of unlimited duration and who is a member of a reserve component of the armed forces and is ordered to perform state emergency duty, by compulsory call of the Governor or the President, shall be granted a military leave as provided under Civil Service Commission Rules and the applicable federal statutes. If Civil Service Commission Rules or regulations are revised, the parties shall meet to discuss their application to bargaining unit members.

**4. Parental Leave.**

Upon written request an employee shall, after the birth of his/her child, or adoption of a child, be granted a parental leave for up to six (6) months. Parental leave shall commence immediately following the mother's medical leave or upon adoption of a child. Parental leave for males shall commence no later than six (6) weeks following delivery, or upon adoption of a child. In those instances where both spouses are covered by this provision, such leaves may be taken either concurrently or consecutively. The Employer may grant an extension of such leave upon the request of the employee, based on operational needs of the Employer. The Employer shall consider requests for annual leave immediately prior or subsequent to maternity/paternity leaves in the same manner as requests for annual leave at other times. Parental leaves

shall not count toward the six (6) month medical leave under Section C.2 above.

**5. Family and Medical Leave Act.**

Under the provisions of the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), upon request, an employee who has worked for the state for at least twelve (12) months and 1,250 hours during the twelve (12) month period, is entitled to a combined total of twelve (12) work weeks of paid or unpaid leave in a twelve (12) month period for all qualifying leave types. The twelve (12) month period during which an employee's twelve (12) week entitlement occurs will be as provided in the Compensation Standards and Procedures approved by the Civil Service Commission.

a. Leave entitlement under the provisions of the FMLA shall be granted to eligible employees for:

- Care for a newborn or recently adopted child.
- Care for a foster child placed with the employee.
- To care for a spouse, parent or child with a serious health condition.
- To take time off work because of the employee's own serious health condition.

It is understood that when an employee uses his/her entitlement to FMLA leave, the amount of time used under the FMLA shall count towards the employee's guarantee of the like type of contractual leave of absence as indicated below:

FMLA Leave Types: Contractual Leave Types:

Birth or adoption . . . . . Parental Leave

Foster Care Placement . . . . None

Medical Leave for Self . . . . Up to three (3) months of Medical Leave of Absence in a five (5) year period

When both spouses work for the state, they are limited to a combined total of twelve (12) work weeks of FMLA leave in the case of a birth, adoption or foster care placement of a child.

b. Use of Leave Credits/Employee Initiated:

Employees entitled to leave under the FMLA may use accumulated annual or personal leave for any FMLA leave type. Accumulated sick leave credits must be depleted prior to going on an unpaid medical leave. Sick leave credits may be used for a family medical leave, but sick leave credits may not be used for



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a parental leave. The use of such time, and the order in which it is used, must be indicated by the employee, in writing, at the time the request is made. Employees are not required to request that leave credits be used, however, the use of leave credits may be required by the Employer in accordance with this Section. Employees on FMLA reduced work schedule or intermittent FMLA leave shall also have the option to use leave credits for the employee's FMLA time as provided in this Section. At the onset of an unpaid FMLA leave, employees may elect to be paid off on all or part of unused annual leave balance.

### c. Use of Leave Credits/Employer Initiated:

If leave usage qualifies under the FMLA, the employer will have the option to utilize the employees leave credits as follows:

Family Medical Leave - Sick leave to no less than eighty (80) hours balance.

### d. Reduced or Intermittent Schedule.

Employees who are on a reduced FMLA work schedule or FMLA intermittent work schedule shall have such time deducted from their twelve (12) week entitlement in a twelve (12) month period on a per hour basis except for part time and permanent-intermittent employees, whose time shall be pro-rated. Reduced or intermittent schedules may be taken for FMLA parental leave only with the approval of the Employer. The Employer may temporarily reassign (not to exceed the twelve (12) week entitlement) an employee requesting an FMLA intermittent or FMLA reduced work schedule by placing the employee in a vacant bargaining unit position. It is understood and agreed that the placement of employees in such positions shall not cause the displacement or replacement of Bargaining Unit members. When employees are temporarily reassigned in accordance with this Section, the Local Union will be notified, in writing, by the Agency Human Resource Director prior to the assignment being made. Such notice shall contain the name of the employee and the position to which the employee is being temporarily assigned, as well as the employee's work schedule and shift hours.

### e. Insurances.

While an employee is on an unpaid FMLA leave, the Employer shall pay the Employer's share of current medical insurance (excluding vision and dental). The employee is responsible for his/her share. If the employee does not return to work at the end of the unpaid FMLA leave, the Employer may recoup the Employer's share of insurance premiums paid during the unpaid FMLA leave, unless the reason the employee did not return was a continuation or recurrence of the same health related condition or circumstances beyond the control of the employee.

f. Return from FMLA Medical Leave.

Prior to returning to work from a FMLA medical leave of absence, the employee may be required to present a fitness for duty medical certification.

**Section D. Waived Rights Leave of Absence.**

The Employer may grant a waived rights leave of absence to an employee in those situations when an employee must leave his/her position for reasons beyond his/her control and for which a regular leave of absence is not granted. Employees do not have the right to return to state service at the end of a waived rights leave of absence but will have the continuous nature of their service protected, provided they return to work prior to the expiration of such leave. All requests for a waived rights leave of absence must be made to the employee's Appointing Authority in writing specifying the reason for the request. An employee granted a waived rights leave of absence may not carry any annual leave balance during such leave. An employee shall receive a written explanation concerning the conditions of a waived rights leave of absence.

Employees who wish to take an educational leave of absence when such education is not directly related to an employable classification in the employee's Department may request a waived rights leave of absence for this purpose. Consistent with operational needs, such leave shall be granted for not more than three (3) years. Employees who complete a course of study which may make them eligible for employment in a different field of employment shall be given assistance by the Employer in getting their names on Civil Service registers for classifications for which they are eligible.

**Section E. Jury and Witness Duty.**

Employees engaged in jury duty, including the jury selection process, shall be released from scheduled work assignment for such duty.

Employees so released may elect one of the following arrangements:

1. Leave of absence without pay, with employee retaining jury fees; or
2. Annual leave, with employee retaining jury fees; or
3. Administrative leave with pay, with all jury fees received (excluding travel and meal allowances) being remitted to the Agency.

An employee shall, upon being notified of jury duty, give notice to his/her Agency personnel office. During jury duty, the employee's schedule shall be changed to the day shift, Monday through Friday, except in the Department of Education, the employee shall have the option of working their regularly scheduled shift. This scheduling change shall be exempt from the provisions of Article 15. In those cases where an employee receives administrative leave, such leave shall not include shift differential.

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Employees subpoenaed to appear as witnesses in court shall be released for such appearance. Employees required to appear in court as witnesses to give testimony arising out of their duties as state employees shall be released for such appearance on administrative leave. Afternoon or night shift employees shall be permitted an equivalent amount of time off from scheduled work on their preceding or succeeding shift for such appearance. Employees shall remit to the Agency all witness fees received (excluding travel and meal allowances). An employee shall, upon being notified of witness duty, give notice to his/her Agency personnel office.

### **Section F. Return From Leave of Absence.**

An employee returning from an approved leave of absence of ninety (90) calendar days or less will be restored to his/her previous permanent assignment. An employee returning from an approved leave of absence of more than ninety (90) calendar days may be temporarily assigned until a permanent assignment is made in accordance with Article 14, Assignment and Transfer. In accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the Employer shall make a good faith effort to place the employee back in their assignment and position they held prior to their leave of absence. Employees who request an earlier return to work prior to the expiration of an approved leave of absence may return only with the approval of the Appointing Authority and will be temporarily assigned until a permanent assignment is made in accordance with Article 14, Assignment and Transfer.

### **Section G. Layoff.**

Employees on a leave of absence who would be laid off if they were in active employment status shall not be exempt from lay off by virtue of being on a leave of absence.

### **Section H. Voluntary Personal Leave.**

In recognition of the unusual circumstances existing in this Bargaining Unit, employees shall be entitled to one voluntary personal leave of absence for a period of six (6) months under the following conditions: (1) if there is an Agency, Department or Statewide temporary recall list for such employee's class and level and (2) if an employee on such recall list is willing to accept the six (6) month appointment.

Employees who are recalled to such six (6) month appointment shall not be entitled to exercise any rights under the Assignment and Transfer Article for such period of time. Such six (6) month appointment shall be considered a limited term appointment. The acceptance or rejection of such six (6) month appointment shall not affect the employee's rights to permanent recall. Upon mutual agreement only, the employee who has taken a voluntary personal leave of absence may return prior to the expiration of such leave.

**Section I. Seniority Accumulations During Leaves of Absence.**

An employee shall continue to accumulate Bargaining Unit seniority not to exceed six (6) years at his/her class/level during the following type of leaves:

1. medical;
2. military;
3. parental;
4. FMLA unpaid leave of absence not covered in 1 through 3 above.

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**PERSONNEL FILES**

**Section A. General.**

There shall be only one official personnel file maintained by the Department or at a facility for each employee. Where the official file is maintained at a facility, the Department shall have the right to maintain a copy at the central office. Where dual files are kept, the information concerning discipline and job performance in each shall be identical. In no event shall an employee's medical file or grievance forms and/or decisions be contained in his/her personnel file.

For purposes of this Article notes kept by a supervisor shall not be considered a personnel file. Such notes shall be kept in a confidential manner and shall be considered the property of the maker of such notes. A supervisor may place such notes in the employee's personnel file only if the employee has been given a copy of such notes. However, supervisory notes not kept in the employee's personnel file shall not be used in any personnel transaction or disciplinary action against the employee.

**Section B. Access.**

Access to individual personnel files shall be restricted to authorized management personnel, the employee and/or the Union representative when authorized in writing by the employee. An employee shall have the right, upon request, to review his/her personnel file and may be accompanied by a Union representative if he/she so desires. In the Department of Education, employees may make a written request to the Central Human Resource to review their files. Such files will be made available for the employees' review at their worksite within five (5) calendar days of receipt by the central personnel office. Nothing shall alter the current practice of the employee personally reviewing, or the Union representative reviewing the file at a mutually agreed time at the central personnel office. Upon request, the employer shall make copies of documents in a personnel file and furnish such copies to the employee.

**Section C. Employee Notification.**

A copy of any disciplinary action or material related to employee performance which is placed in the personnel file shall be provided to the employee (the employee so noting receipt, or the supervisor noting failure of the employee to acknowledge receipt) or sent by certified mail (return receipt requested) to the employee's last address appearing on the Employer's records.

If an employee disagrees with information contained in the personnel file, removal or correction of the information may be mutually agreed upon by the Agency Human Resource Officer and the employee. If such an agreement cannot be reached, the employee may grieve and/or submit a written statement explaining

his/her position which will become a part of the file for the same period of time as the disputed material.

**Section D. Non-Job Related Information.**

Information not related to the employment relationship shall not be placed in an employee's personnel file without the employee's consent.

**Section E. Time Limits.**

Except for records relating to disciplinary action for substantiated abuse or neglect of residents or recipients, records of disciplinary actions/interim service ratings shall be removed from an employee's file twenty-four (24) months, excluding unpaid suspensions and leaves of absence, following the date on which the action was taken or the rating issued, provided that no new disciplinary action/interim service rating has occurred during such twenty-four (24) month period. Written reprimand/counseling memoranda shall similarly be removed twelve (12) months, excluding unpaid suspensions and leaves of absence, following the date of issuance provided no new written reprimand/counseling memoranda has been issued during such twelve (12) month period. The provisions of this Section shall not be construed to mean that the Employer must remove such records at the expiration of the time limits mentioned above. Records which have become "dated" shall not be used for anything. Nothing in this Section is intended to preclude the use of records, even if "dated", as a defense in Civil Rights litigation. Such records shall be removed at the written request of the employee or at the time the Human Resource Officer becomes aware that such "dated" records are still in an employee's file. These provisions shall not prohibit the Employer from maintaining records of disciplinary action arising out of violations of prohibited practices as defined in the Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations.

"Substantiated" for the purpose of this Section shall mean disciplinary action not grieved or upheld in the grievance process in accordance with Article 9. Written reprimands for abuse or neglect shall be removed forty-eight (48) months following the date of issuance provided no new discipline for abuse or neglect has been issued during such forty-eight (48) month period.

Nothing in this Section shall preclude the Employer from removing such records from an employee's file prior to the above-cited time frames, upon mutual agreement with the affected employee.

**Section F. Employee History Record.**

The parties intend that disciplinary actions which are expunged in accordance with Article 18 shall be expunged from the computerized employee history record. However, the parties acknowledge the benefit of maintaining a seniority record which accurately reflects the actual hours worked by the employee. Therefore, where a disciplinary record is to be expunged, but the employee is not contractually entitled to be credited with service hours for the period of the disciplinary action,

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the Employer may enter a comment in the employee history record which notes the appropriate adjustment of the employee's hours for purposes of seniority.

**ARTICLE 19****MISCELLANEOUS****Section A. Wage Assignments and Garnishments.**

The Employer will not impose disciplinary action against an employee for any wage assignments or garnishments. The Employer may engage in corrective counseling with the employee. Where possible, the employee shall be given advance notice of garnishments and details therein.

**Section B. Employee Service Program.**

In accordance with the principles of the State Employee Services Program, the Employer shall advise employees relative to counseling and other reasonable or appropriate rehabilitation services available to employees where necessary. Use of such services by employees and records thereof shall be maintained with strict confidentiality.

**Section C. Notice of Examination.**

The Employer agrees to post or make available notices of examinations for all classifications and supply at least one (1) copy of such notices to the Union.

**Section D. Training.**

Policies, work rules and regulations concerning conduct and performance shall be available to employees. The Employer shall make every reasonable effort to provide training, review, and furnish necessary copies of such information to employees to enable them to effectively deal with circumstances normally met on the job. In furnishing information to employees, handbooks, summaries and other suitable formats may be used. Employees required to attend training on a scheduled R-day shall have their R-day rescheduled during the bi-weekly pay period upon timely request. A request would be considered timely if made in one (1) workday following the notice of the training. Employees required to attend training or staff meetings on their R-day shall be guaranteed a minimum of three (3) hours compensation unless the employee chooses to reschedule their R-day. Employees required to attend training or staff meetings on hours non-adjacent to their work schedule shall be guaranteed a minimum of three (3) hours compensation. This provision will not apply when an employee volunteers to attend required training. Notice of the training will be given to employees at least forty eight (48) hours prior to the bi-weekly pay period of the scheduled training.

If required attendance at training is away from the employees work location, they shall be reimbursed in accordance with Article 22, Section R.

The subject of providing confrontation avoidance technique training to employees who work with patients, residents, prisoners, or other persons in the care and/or custody of the Employer shall be an appropriate subject for agency/department



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labor-management meetings. Suggestions by employees for the Union relative to training shall be a proper subject for Labor-Management meetings. Where space and operational considerations permit, a regular practice area will be arranged for staff to maintain approved techniques. The use and location of such area will be an appropriate subject for discussion at Agency Labor-Management meetings.

### **Section E. Training Required For Reclassification.**

The Employer recognizes its obligation to provide advanced training which is necessary for employees to be reclassification to higher levels in a pre-authorized classification series. In view of this obligation, the Employer has developed alternative means for employees to achieve the necessary skills for such reclassification.

It shall be the responsibility of the Agencies/Departments to implement the necessary programs in order to allow employees to have this training. In the event that the completion of these training programs require employees to spend time in preparation and learning off the job, such employees shall not be compensated for the time spent.

Should the employing department require a new certification/license as a condition of continued employment in the employee's current classification, the Department will provide training necessary to obtain such certification/license.

### **Section F. Printing Agreement.**

Printing of this Agreement shall be by the Union. The parties shall mutually proof this Agreement against the tentative Agreement ratified by the parties and approved by the Civil Service Commission prior to final printing and distribution. The Union shall be responsible for providing copies of this Agreement to employees; the Employer shall be responsible for providing copies of this Agreement to supervisors of such employees. The Employer shall purchase its copies from the Union at the Union's cost.

### **Section G. Effect of Civil Service Commission Rules.**

The parties recognize that, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, they are subject to Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations. The parties therefore adopt and incorporate herein such Rules (excluding rules governing prohibited subjects of bargaining), provided that the subject matter of such Rules is not covered in the Agreement. The parties also adopt and incorporate herein the portions of the Compensation Plan which indicate pay codes, pay ranges, and step increases for employees, and longevity schedule.

Except as otherwise provided in the Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations, if the subject matter of any such Rule is addressed in this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall govern.

Where any provision of this Agreement governing a proper subject of bargaining is in conflict with any current Civil Service Commission Rule, the parties will regard Civil Service Commission approval of this Agreement as an expression of policy by the Civil Service Commission that the parties are to be governed by the provisions of this Agreement. Respecting any provisions not approved, the parties agree to jointly petition the Civil Service Commission to amend the application of any Rule which it determines to be in conflict with the application of the provisions of this Agreement. Upon approval of the parties' petition, if any, by the Commission, the parties will be governed by the provisions of this Agreement. In the event the Commission denies the parties' petition, the Rule(s) shall govern.

#### **Section H. Severability.**

In the event that any provision of this Agreement at any time after execution shall be declared to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, or abrogated by law, such invalidation of such part or portion of the Agreement shall not invalidate the remaining portions of this Agreement, it being the express intent of the parties that all other provisions not thereby invalidated shall remain in full force and effect. The parties shall promptly enter into collective bargaining negotiations for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement for such invalidated provision.

#### **Section I. Secondary Negotiations and Agreements.**

It is agreed that no provisions of any secondary Agreements shall supersede or conflict with any provisions of the primary Agreement and that no secondary Agreement shall become effective until and unless it has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the State Employer, Council 25 and the Civil Service Commission.

The parties shall meet to negotiate Departmental secondary Agreements no later than thirty (30) calendar days after Civil Service Commission approval of this primary Agreement. These negotiations shall continue, with regular meetings as mutually agreed, for no longer than sixty (60) calendar days and may include mediation as agreed to by the parties, or required by the Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations. Should the parties fail to reach agreement at secondary negotiations, the outstanding items may be submitted to impasse in accordance with Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations. Items not delegated to secondary negotiations shall be removed from any existing secondary Agreements.

#### **Section J. Non-Discrimination.**

The Employer agrees to a policy against all forms of illegal discrimination. In addition, the Employer agrees not to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or genetic information that is unrelated to the person's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position.

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The Union agrees to continue its policy to admit all persons otherwise eligible to membership and to represent all members without regard to sex, age, disability, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, height, weight, marital status, sexual orientation or genetic information, religion, or political partisanship.

There shall be no discrimination, interference, restraint, reprisal, or coercion by the Employer or the Employee representative against any member because of AFSCME membership or because of any activity permissible under the Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations and this Agreement.

### **Section K. Continuing Benefits.**

Any working conditions or job benefits which were in effect on the effective date of this Agreement and which are not provided for or abridged by this Agreement, will continue in force throughout the life of the Agreement unless altered by mutual consent of the Employer and the Union.

### **Section L. Uniform Allowance.**

In the Departments of Corrections, Military and Veterans Affairs, and Department of Health and Human Services, youth facilities, for those employees required to wear a uniform, the provision, amount, and administration of a uniform allowance shall be a proper subject for secondary negotiations.

### **Section M. Overpayment.**

In the event that an employee is overpaid or insufficient deduction for fringe benefits, Union dues, taxes or other mandatory deductions is made, the liability of the employee shall not exceed six (6) months prior to the date of notification from the Appointing Authority. The employee shall be afforded a period for repayment equal to the period of liability not to exceed six (6) months. Overpayments of \$1,500.00 or more may be repaid over a period of twelve (12) months, at the employee's discretion.

Employees are obliged to notify the Employer immediately of any overpayment. Appointing Authorities are obliged to immediately notify employees of an overpayment.

If an employee has been improperly compensated as the result of misrepresentation or fraud on the part of the employee, the discretion of the Appointing Authority to discipline such employee shall not be limited by the provisions of this Section.

If an employee has been overpaid as a result of violation of Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations by the Civil Service Commission or the Appointing Authority, the employee is liable for repayment only from the date of notification by the Appointing Authority.

**Section N. Sexual Harassment.**

No employee, the public, or person receiving services from an employee shall be subjected to sexual harassment by an employee during the course of employment in the State Classified Service. The Employer will make a good faith effort to attempt to prevent sexual harassment. When allegations of sexual harassment are made, the Employer will investigate them and, if substantiated, take corrective action.

For the purposes of this Article, sexual harassment is unwanted conduct of a sexual nature which adversely affects another person's conditions of employment and/or employment environment. Such harassment includes, but is not limited to;

1. Repeated or continuous conduct which is sexually degrading or demeaning to another person.
2. Conduct of a sexual nature which adversely affects another person's continued employment, wages, advancement, tenure, assignment of duties, work, shift or other conditions of employment.
3. Conduct of a sexual nature that is accompanied by a threat, either expressed or implied, that continued employment, wages, advancement, tenure, assignment of duties, work shift, or other employment conditions may be adversely affected.

**Section O. Polygraph Examinations.**

The Employer or its agent shall not require nor attempt to persuade an employee to take a polygraph examination, lie detector test or similar test. The Employer or agent shall not discipline or discriminate against an employee solely because an employee refused or declined a polygraph examination, lie detector test or similar test, by whatever name called.

**Section P. Legal Services.**

Whenever any claim is made or any civil action is commenced against any employee alleging negligence or other actionable conduct, if the employee was in the course of employment at the time of the alleged conduct and had a reasonable basis for believing that the conduct was within the scope of the authority delegated to the employee, the Appointing Authority in cooperation with the Attorney General shall, as a condition of employment, pay for or engage or furnish the services of an attorney to advise the employee as to the claim and to appear for and represent the employee in the action.

No legal services shall be required in connection with prosecution of a criminal suit against an employee. However, when a criminal action is commenced against an officer or employee of a state agency based upon the conduct of the officer or the employee in the course of employment, the State agency will pay for, engage, or furnish the services of an attorney to advise the officer or the employee as to the

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action, and to appear for and represent the officer or the employee in the action, if the employer has no basis to believe that the alleged conduct occurred outside the course of employment and no basis to believe the alleged conduct was not within the scope of the authority delegated to the officer or the employee. The determination of the officer or the employee's scope of delegated authority shall be made in the judgment of the Appointing Authority, in consultation with the Attorney General, which judgment shall not be subject to appeal.

Nothing in this Section shall require the reimbursement of any employee or insurer for legal services to which the employee is entitled pursuant to any policy of insurance.

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**DEFINITIONS**

**Section A. Work Location.**

Work location shall be defined as all the premises of a Department in a county, except that each of the following shall be considered a separate work location:

1. A building or related group of buildings with twenty-five (25) or more employees in the Bargaining Unit.
2. A building or group of buildings which constitute a facility in the Departments of State Police, Corrections, Department of Health and Human Services, Military and Veterans Affairs, and . Except that:

In the Department of Health and Human Services, hospitals and centers, employees stationed in locations other than a primary campus of a facility shall be deemed a part of the work location which processes their payroll, and such off-campus assignment location shall be deemed a part of the facility work location.

In the Department of Corrections, only for the purposes of temporary re-assignment or relief assignment (Article 14, Section E and F), the definition of work location shall be in accordance with Appendix K.

3. In the Department of Education the Michigan School for the Deaf shall be considered a work location.

**Section B. Probationary Employee.**

The term "probationary employee" as used in this Agreement relates to all employees who have not satisfactorily completed the required initial probationary period.

**Section C. Employee.**

The term "employee" as used in this Agreement means all employees in the Bargaining Unit.

**Section D. Local Union Representatives.**

The term "Local Union representatives" as used in this Agreement means those representatives designated by either the Local Union or by Council 25, such as President, Chief Steward, Steward, or Alternate Steward, who are members of this Bargaining Unit.

**Section E. Union Staff Representatives.**

The term "Union Staff representatives" as used in this Agreement means those persons designated by Council 25 as paid staff representatives.

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**NO STRIKE - NO LOCKOUT**

**Section A. No Strike.**

Inasmuch as this Agreement provides machinery for the orderly resolution of disputes which relate to this Agreement by an impartial third party, the Employer and Union recognize their mutual responsibility to provide for uninterrupted services. Therefore, for the duration of this Agreement:

1. The Union agrees that neither it, its officers, agents, representatives nor members, individually or collectively, will authorize, instigate, condone, or take part in any strike, work stoppage, sit down, sit-in, slowdown or other concerted interruption of operations of services by employees (including purported mass resignations or sick calls) and employees will maintain the full and proper performance of duties in the event of a strike.
2. When the Employer notifies the Union by certified mail that any of the employees in this Bargaining Unit are engaged in any such strike activity, the Union shall immediately inform such employees that strikes are in violation of this Agreement and contrary to the Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations. Failure or refusal of the Union to take such action shall be considered in determining whether or not the Union has violated sub-paragraph (1) above, either directly or indirectly.

**Section B. No Lockout.**

The Employer agrees that neither it, its officers, agents nor representatives, individually or collectively, will authorize, instigate, or condone any lockout.

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**COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS****Section A. Across the Board Increase.****1. Fiscal Year 2016-2017:**

- a. On October 1, 2016 each hourly rate shall be increased by one percent (1%).
- b. At the end of the first full pay period in October, 2016, each full-time employee who is on the payroll as of October 2, 2016, and who has accumulated no less than two thousand eighty (2080) hours of current continuous service since October 1, 2015, shall be paid a one-time cash payment of 1.5% of the annualized base hourly rate of pay in effect as of October 2, 2016, which shall not be rolled into the base wage. For a full-time employee who has accumulated less than two thousand eighty (2080) hours of current continuous service since October 1, 2015, this payment shall be pro-rated based on the ratio between the employee's actual continuous service hours earned after October 1, 2015, and two thousand eighty (2080) hours, times 1.5% of the annualized base hourly rate of pay in effect as of October 2, 2016.

At the end of the first full pay period in October, 2016, or the first subsequent pay period in Fiscal Year 2016-17 for which the employee receives a pay check, each permanent-intermittent employee, part-time employee or seasonal employee, who is on the payroll as of October 2, 2016, and who was either: 1) on the payroll on October 1, 2015, 2) on furlough on October 1, 2015, 3) on seasonal layoff on October 1, 2015, who has accumulated less than two thousand eighty (2080) hours of current continuous service between October 1, 2015, and September 30, 2016, shall be paid a one-time cash payment which shall not be rolled into the base wage. For each such employee, this payment shall be pro-rated based on the ratio between the employee's actual continuous service hours earned between October 1, 2015, and September 30, 2014, and two thousand eighty (2080) hours, times 1.5% of the annualized base hourly rate of pay in effect as of October 2, 2016.

**2. Fiscal Year 2017-2018:**

On October 1, 2017, the base hourly rate in effect at 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2017, for all steps in the pay ranges for all bargaining unit classifications shall be increased by three percent (3%).



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### **3. Fiscal Year 2018-2019:**

On October 1, 2018, the base hourly rate in effect at 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2018, for all steps in the pay ranges for all bargaining unit classifications shall be increased by two percent (2%).

4. Effective October 1, 2005 an optional signing bonus may be paid to attract eligible licensed practical nurses who possess skills that are in high market demand. A one-time lump sum bonus of up to \$1,500 may, at the employer's option, be paid to new hires in the following classes: Licensed Practical Nurse E9 and 10. Current employees in the listed classes are not eligible for the bonus. The bonus will only be paid to secure a commitment from a highly qualified candidate and when filling hard-to-fill positions. The employee must agree to pay back the entire bonus including tax withholding thereon, if the employee leaves the department within one year of the appointment. Payback remittances are owed and payable in full within thirty (30) calendar days of the termination date. Such remittance shall be taken as a negative gross pay adjustment from the employee's final pay warrant, if possible. The signing bonus is paid as a gross pay adjustment with the employee's first pay warrant.

### **Group Insurances.**

#### **Section B. Enrollment.**

New hires will be permitted to enroll in group insurance plans for which they are eligible during their first thirty-one (31) days of employment. Coverage under such plans is effective the first day of the bi-weekly pay period after enrollment.

Insurance elections made during the annual open enrollment process are effective the first day of the first full pay period in October, unless otherwise indicated.

Employee premium share for health, dental and vision insurance shall be as specified in the charts appended to this Agreement. Employees hired on or after January 1, 2000, who are appointed to a position with a regular work schedule consisting of 40 hours or less per bi-weekly pay period shall pay 50% of the premium for health, dental and vision insurance. This shall not apply to an employee appointed to a permanent-intermittent position. Eligibility for enrollment shall be in accordance with current contractual provisions. Employees who have a regular work schedule of 40 hours or less per biweekly pay period who are temporarily placed on a regular work schedule of more than 40 hours per biweekly pay period for a period expected to last six months or more shall be considered as working a regular work schedule of more than 40 hours for the period of the temporary schedule adjustment.

Financial incentives for selection of certain lower cost plans or for opting out of coverage will continue to be offered. The incentive amount and payment schedule

will be determined in conjunction with the annual rate setting process administered by the Civil Service Commission and the State Personnel Director.

Group insurance plan provisions shall be effective at the beginning of the first full pay period in October, unless otherwise specified.

**Section C. Health Insurance.**

The State agrees to continue to offer health plans that are compliant with the requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and its implementing regulations. No plan will be offered where the total aggregate cost when calculated in accordance with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations would exceed PPACA excise tax limits. Coverage details, including premium share, deductibles, co-pays and coinsurance and out-of-pocket maximum (OOPM) amounts and effective dates are described in Appendix J-2. Plans offered will include:

- The State Health Plan Preferred Provider Organization (SHP PPO)
- Health Maintenance Organization(s) (HMOs),
- A Catastrophic Health Plan

The aggregate cost for the SHP PPO and HMO's extending into 2020 must fall below the federal excise tax thresholds established by the IRS under PPACA. The aggregate cost which must be counted toward the applicable 2020 federal excise tax threshold will be calculated in accordance with IRS guidelines.

The employer agrees to provide notice as soon as administratively feasible, but not later than July 15, 2019, of the SHP PPO rates and HMO rates for FY 20. If the aggregate cost for any one of the health insurance plans offered by the State for enrollment (the SHP PPO or any HMO's) extending into 2020 exceeds federal excise tax thresholds established by the IRS, the parties agree that beginning with the Flexible Spending Account (FSA) enrollment for calendar year 2020, the medical spending account option will be reduced or eliminated to maintain aggregate cost below the applicable 2020 federal excise tax thresholds, unless prohibited by law, or if doing so would invalidate the plan in whole or in part resulting in additional costs to the employer and/or employees.

The State Health Plan PPO shall include coverage for the following:

**(1) Wellness and Preventive Coverage.**

In-network Wellness and Preventive Coverage will continue to be provided as required by the PPACA and as outlined in Appendix J-2.

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The SHP PPO will continue to offer voluntary care management services for high-risk, medically complex cases designed to work with the covered employee or enrolled dependent, provider and caregivers to ensure a clear understanding of the condition, prognosis and treatment options and help coordinate provider services.

### **(2) Prescription Drugs.**

In order to promote the usage of generic prescription drugs to reduce costs while maintaining the quality of care, the Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) will automatically substitute an approved generic drug for prescriptions written for multi-source brand name drugs, except for a list of narrow therapeutic index agents, e.g., Dilantin. In those instances when a physician prescribes a multi-source brand name drug and indicates on the prescription, "Dispense As Written" or DAW, the brand name drug will be dispensed and the enrollee will pay the applicable preferred or non-preferred brand name co-payment plus the difference in cost between the generic drug and the brand name drug. Brand name drugs are deemed to be non-preferred because of the availability of a generic equivalent or a therapeutically or chemically equivalent brand name drug. Maintenance drugs filled at a participating retail pharmacy will only be approved up to a 34-day supply.

The Employer shall continue to offer a mail order prescription drug option for maintenance drugs. At the employee's option, an employee may elect to purchase maintenance prescription drugs filled at up to a 90-day supply through the mail order option.

The employee co-pays for drugs at retail and through mail order are listed in Appendix J-2.

### **(3) Second Surgical Opinions**

An individual will be entitled to a second surgical opinion. If that opinion conflicts with the first opinion the individual will be entitled to a voluntary third surgical opinion. Second and third surgical opinions shall also be subject to applicable copays and deductibles as provided in Appendix J-2.

### **(4) Home Health Care.**

A program of home health care and home care services to reduce the length of hospital stay and admissions shall be available at the employee's option. The service must be prescribed by an attending physician who must certify that the home health care services are being used instead of inpatient hospital care, and that the patient is confined to the home due to illness. Services shall be covered to the extent that they would have been covered if the individual had remained or been confined in the hospital.

Home infusion therapy shall be covered as part of the home health care benefit or covered by its separate components (e.g. durable medical equipment and prescription drugs), however a patient shall not be required to be homebound.

**(5) Hospice Care.**

Hospice care shall be available to terminally ill enrollees. Services must be provided by a participating hospice program, and written statements of prognosis may be required. Covered hospice benefits include physical, occupational and speech language therapy, Home Health Aid services, medical supplies and nursing care. See Appendix J-2 for deductible and co-pay amounts.

**(6) Birthing Centers.**

Birthing center care shall be available to employees at their option in lieu of hospitalization. Birthing center care is covered under the delivery and nursery care benefits set forth in Appendix J-2.

**(7) Hearing Care Program.**

The hearing care program will include audiometric exams, hearing aid evaluation tests, hearing aids and fitting subject to the applicable office call fee for the examination and shall be available once every thirty-six (36) months unless significant hearing loss occurs earlier and is certified by a physician. When medically appropriate, binaural hearing aids are a covered benefit. See Appendix J-2.

**(8) Weight Reduction**

Employees and covered dependents enrolled in the SHP PPO will be eligible for a lifetime maximum reimbursement of \$300 for non-medical, weight reduction if they meet the following conditions:

- (a)** The employee or covered dependent is obese as defined by being more than one hundred (100) pounds overweight or more than fifty percent (50%) over ideal weight and weight loss clinic attendance is prescribed by a licensed physician, or
- (b)** The employee or covered dependent is more than fifty (50) pounds overweight or more than twenty-five percent (25%) over ideal weight, has a diagnosed disease for which excess weight is a complicating factor, and weight loss clinic attendance is prescribed by a licensed physician.

The \$300 amount will not apply to the SHP PPO deductibles.

**(9) Durable Medical Equipment.**

Durable medical equipment (DME) and prosthetic and orthotics appliances are covered benefits as outlined in Appendix J-2, Medically necessary

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orthopedic inserts prescribed by a licensed physician are included as a covered benefit.

### **(10) Dependent and Long Term Nursing Care.**

The parties agree to work cooperatively to provide assistance in identifying and referring employees and dependents to appropriate custodial care facilities and to agencies for custodial care at home.

### **(11) Smoking Cessation**

The SHP PPO shall include a smoking cessation program which shall include smoking cessation counseling.

### **(12) In-and-out-of-network process.**

An employee may be eligible to receive a waiver to allow in-network coverage by out-of-network providers if in-network providers are not available within a standard distance below, or based on the type of services required.

Waivers will be available if the Third Party Administrator (TPA) determines access to network providers is not within the standard distance. The standards for the waiver are as follows:

Where there are not two (2) primary care physicians within fifteen (15) miles;

Where there are not two (2) specialists within twenty (20) miles;

Where there is not one (1) hospital within twenty-five (25) miles.

Failure to seek services from a PPO provider will result in a Plan member being treated as out-of-network unless the covered member was seeking services as the result of an emergency. If there is not adequate access to a PPO provider, exceptions will be handled on a per case basis. A member is considered to have access to the network based on the type of services required, except as provided above.

If a member does not have access to the network, the member will be treated as in-network for all benefits. The member will be responsible for the applicable in-network deductibles, co-payments and coinsurance.

If a member does not have access to the network but then additional providers join the network so that the member would now be considered in-network, the member will be notified and given a reasonable amount of time in which to seek care from an in-network provider. Care received from a non-network provider after that grace period will be considered out-of-network and the out-of-network deductibles, co-payments, coinsurance and out-of-pocket maximums will apply. If a member is undergoing a course of treatment at the time he or she becomes in-network, the in-network rules will continue for that course of treatment only pursuant to the PPO Standard Transition Policy. Once the course of treatment has been finished, the

member must use an in-network provider or be governed by the out-of-network rules.

The in-and-out-of-network process is further outlined in Letter of Understanding #9.

**(13) Subrogation.**

In the event that a Plan member receives services that are paid by the SHP PPO, or is eligible to receive future services under the SHP PPO, the SHP PPO shall be subrogated to the participant's rights of recovery against and is entitled to receive all sums recovered from, any third party who is or may be liable to the participant, whether by suit, settlement, or otherwise, to the extent of recovery for health related expenses. A participant shall take such action, furnish such information and assistance, and execute such documents as the SHP may request to facilitate enforcement of the rights of the SHP and shall take no action prejudicing the rights and interests of the SHP.

**(14) Telemedicine**

An optional telemedicine program will be available for health and mental health services, subject to applicable office visit copays and deductibles. See Appendix J-2.

**(15) Miscellaneous**

The State pays the entire premium if an active employee, his/her spouse or both are eligible for Medicare benefits, in most instances.

**(16) Labor Management Healthcare Committee**

The Union shall be entitled to continue to participate in statewide Labor Management Healthcare Committee meetings.

Health Maintenance Organization (HMO).

As an alternative to the State Health Plan, enrollment in HMOs may be offered to those employees residing in areas where qualified licensed HMOs are in operation. HMO Coverage information is provided in Appendix J-2.

**Section D. Dental Expense Plan.**

- (a)** The State agrees to continue to offer dental plans. Coverage details, including premium share, co-pays, annual maximum and separate lifetime

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orthodontic maximum and effective dates are described in Appendix J-2.  
Plans offered will include:

- The State Dental Plan Preferred Provider Organization
- A Dental Maintenance Organization (More Dental Maintenance Organizations shall be explored)
- A Preventive Dental Plan

**(b)** Covered Dental Expenses: The Dental Expense Plan will pay for incurred claims for employee and/or enrolled dependents at the applicable percentage of either the actual fee or the usual, customary and reasonable fee, whichever is lower, for the dental benefits covered under the Dental Expense Plan.

Coverage for the following services under each plan is listed in Appendix J-3.

**(1)** Diagnostic Services:

Oral examinations and consultations twice in a fiscal year.

**(2)** Preventive Services:

Prophylaxis - teeth cleaning three (3) times in a fiscal year, four (4) times when medically necessary;

Topical application of fluoride for children up to age 19, twice in a fiscal year;

Space maintainers for children up to age 14.

Oral exfoliate cytology (brush biopsy) will be covered when warranted from a visual and tactile examination.

**(3)** Radiographs:

Bite-wing x-rays once in a fiscal year, unless special need is shown;

Full mouth x-rays once in a five (5) year period, unless special need is shown.

**(4)** Minor Restorative Services (fillings):

Amalgam, silicate, acrylic, porcelain, plastic and composite restorations;

Gold inlay and outlay restorations.

**(5)** Major Restorative Services:

Onlays and crowns when the teeth cannot be restored with another filling material.

**(6) Oral Surgery:**

Extractions, including those provided in conjunction with orthodontic services;

Cutting procedures; Treatment of fractures and dislocations of the jaw.

**(7) Endodontic Services: Root canal therapy;**

Pulpotomy and pulpectomy services for partial and complete removal of the pulp of the tooth;

Periapical services to treat the root of the tooth.

**(8) Periodontic Services:**

Periodontal surgery to remove diseased gum tissue surrounding the tooth;

Adjunctive periodontal services, including provisional splinting to stabilize teeth, occlusal adjustments to correct the biting surface of a tooth and periodontal scaling to remove tartar from the root of the tooth;

Treatment of gingivitis and periodontitis-diseases of the gums and gum tissue.

**(9) Bonding:**

The dental plan covers cosmetic bonding for the eight (8) front teeth of children between the ages of 8-19 years of age. Cosmetic bonding is a covered benefit when it is required because of severe tetracycline staining, severe fluorosis, hereditary opalescent dentin, or amelogenesis imperfecta.

**(10) Prosthodontic Services:**

Repair or rebasing of an existing full or partial denture;

Initial installation of fixed bridgework;

Implants;

Initial installation of partial or full removable dentures (including adjustments for six [6] months following installation);

Construction and replacement of dentures and bridges (replacement of existing dentures or bridges is payable when five [5] years or more have elapsed since the date of the initial installation).

**(11) Sealants:**



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Coverage for sealants on permanent molars that are free of any restorations or decay. Sealant treatment is payable on a per tooth basis. Dependents up to age 14 are eligible for the sealant application. The benefit is payable for only one application per tooth within a three (3) year period.

### **(12) Orthodontic Services:**

Minor treatment for tooth guidance;

Minor treatment to control harmful habits;

Interceptive orthodontic treatment;

Comprehensive orthodontic treatment;

Treatment of an atypical or extended skeletal case;

Post-treatment stabilization; Separate lifetime maximum of \$1,500 per each enrollee; Orthodontic services for dependents up to age 19; for enrolled employee and spouse, no maximum age. Orthodontic coverage shall be extended to each dependent up to age 25 if the dependent is a full-time student at an accredited institution.

### **(c) Dental At-Point-of-Service PPO**

Employees and dependents enrolled in the State Dental Plan may access the improved benefit levels specified in Appendix J-3 by utilizing dental care providers that are members of the Point-of-Service PPO.

## **Section E. Vision Care Insurance.**

**(a)** The State agrees to continue to offer a vision plan. Coverage details for participating and non-participating providers, are described in Appendix J-4. Except for employees appointed to a position with a regular work schedule consisting of 40 hours or less per bi-weekly pay period as provided above, the Employer shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of the applicable premium for employees covered by this Agreement for the Group Vision Plan.

**(b)** Benefits payable for participating providers under the Plan will be as follows:

**(1) Examination:** Payable once in any twelve (12) month period with an employee copayment identified in Appendix J-4.

**(2) Suitability Exam:** A contact lens suitability exam determines whether you can wear contact lenses. The fee for this exam is included in the allowance for the contact lenses.

- (3) Replacement Frequency:** The Plan will cover eyeglass lenses, frames or contact lenses once every twelve (12) months if there is a prescription change.
- (4) Eyeglass Lenses:** Lenses are payable once every twelve (12) months with an employee co-payment identified in Appendix J-4 for eyeglass lenses and frames. The standard lens size definition is 60 millimeters in diameter. If a larger lens is selected, the employee must pay for the additional expense attributable to lens size greater than 60 millimeters in diameter.
- (5) Special Lenses:** The Plan will cover slab off prism and prism lenses with no additional charge to the employee. Lenticular lenses are payable as defined in item 3 above.
- (6) Contact Lenses**  
**Medically Necessary:** The Plan will cover medically necessary contact lenses once every twelve (12) months with an employee co-payment identified in Appendix J-4. Medically necessary means (a) must correct the member's acuity to 20/70 or better in the better eye or (b) the member has one of the following visual conditions: kerataconus, irregular astigmatism, or irregular corneal curvature.
- Not Medically Necessary:** The Plan will pay a maximum allowance identified in Appendix J-4 and the employee shall pay any additional charge of the provider for such contact lenses. The contact lens evaluation is included in the cost of the contact lens allowance. The copayment provision under (3) is not required.
- (7) Frames:** The maximum frame allowance is identified in Appendix J-4 and the employee shall pay any additional charge from the provider for the frames.
- (8) Lens Options:** The Plan will cover Rose Tint 1 and Rose Tint 2 or Photochromatic tint at no additional charge to the employee
- (c)** Plan payments for out of network providers are identified in Appendix J-4.
- (d)** Computer Glasses: Employees who are required to use computers and other digital devices or microfiche readers on a full-time basis shall be eligible for reimbursement for an initial Vision Testing Examination at rates provided herein on regardless of when they were last examined, or on an annual basis in conjunction with a routine eye exam.

Such employees who require prescription corrective lenses which are different than those normally used, are eligible for an additional pair of glasses at the

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benefit level described in Appendix J-4 . These lenses and frames are in addition to those provided under the Vision Care Insurance. An employee obtaining glasses for working who does not otherwise wear glasses would not be covered by this provision.

- (e) Safety Glasses: Employees who are required to use safety glasses on a full-time basis, as determined by the departmental employer, and who use prescription eyeglasses shall be eligible for a pair of prescription safety glasses at the benefit level described in Appendix J-4. These lenses and frames are in addition to those provided under the Vision Care Insurance.

### **Section F. Long Term Disability Insurance.**

1. The Employer shall maintain Group LTD Insurance coverage.
2. An employee is eligible for a group plan of income protection in case of total non-work-related disability which guarantees income equal to two-thirds of the employee's current basic rate of pay (limited to a maximum payment of \$3,000 per month). Effective October 1, 2002, the monthly maximum benefit will increase to \$5,000 for disabilities beginning after September 30, 2002. Payment begins after use of the employee's accumulated sick leave, but in no event before the fourteenth day of disability. If the employee has fewer than 23 days of accumulated sick leave when first insured, the income guarantee applies for a maximum of two years (Plan I). If the accumulation is 23 days or more, the guarantee applies until age 65 is reached (Plan II). Sick leave accumulations are reviewed biweekly. Plan I enrollees who then have more than 23 days of accumulated sick leave are reclassified to Plan II. If the employee has other employment-connected or group sponsored income benefits or is receiving Social Security Disability payments, these are included as a part of the 66-2/3% guaranteed income.
3. State pays a percentage of premium cost. This percentage varies for individual employees according to applicable plan of insurance coverage.
4. There shall be a no waiting/qualifying period for a recurrence of the same disability within a ninety (90) calendar day period.
5. Effective October 1, 2005 the benefit period for "mental/nervous" claims shall be limited to 24 months from the beginning of the time a claimant is eligible to receive benefits. The limitation does not apply to mental health claims where the claimant is under in-patient care.
6. Effective October 1, 2005 the eligibility period for Plan II claimants who remain totally disabled shall be until age 65, or for a period of 12 months, whichever is greater.
7. The Employer agrees that P.I. and part time employees in this Bargaining Unit shall be entitled to sign up for LTD insurance during the open enrollment period.

Eligibility for coverage is based on the average number of hours worked per pay period during the preceding Fiscal Year. To be eligible, the employee would have to average at least 32 hours per pay period. It is not the intent that an employee must have at least 32 hours each pay period. The formula for 40% or more of full time is that an employee must be in pay status at least 832 hours during the previous Fiscal Year. The 832 hours would average out to 32 hours per pay period. Thus, if an employee was in pay status 80 hours per pay period for 11 pay periods and 0 hours for the remaining 15 pay periods, the employee would still be eligible because he/she would have 880 hours in pay status.

The premium charged to covered employees each pay period is determined in the same manner as it is for full time employees.

The rate charged would continue to be tied to the employee's sick leave balance.

The benefit is based on the employee's average biweekly hours worked the preceding Fiscal Year but is calculated using the employee's current hourly rate. Thus, an employee who worked an average of 40 hours per pay period last Fiscal Year and is currently earning \$10.00 per hour would have their benefit determined as if they had been earning \$400.00 per pay period. Obviously, to determine the actual benefit, this would then be converted to a monthly income figure as called for in the LTD plan.

8. The Employer shall provide a Rider to the existing LTD insurance. All employees who are covered by LTD insurance shall automatically be covered by this Rider as well. The Rider shall provide insurance which will pay directly to the carrier, 100% of health insurance (or HMO) premiums while such employee is on LTD insurance for a maximum of six (6) months for each covered employee. The Employer agrees to pay 100% of cost of such Rider. If not prohibited by the IRS, an employee whose LTD Rider has expired may transfer immediately to a State-employee spouse's health plan.
9. An employee may "freeze" any sick leave accrued during the period when he/she is using up sick leave because of the disability which leads directly to receiving LTD benefits.

### **Section G. Life Insurance.**

- (a) **Employee Life:** The Employer shall provide a State-sponsored group life insurance plan which has a death benefit equal to two (2) times annual salary rounded up to the nearest \$1,000, with a minimum \$10,000 benefit. The Employer shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of the premium for this benefit. Less than full-time employees who are working 40% or more of full time shall have their benefit level determined as if they were working full-time in a full-time position.

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**(b) Dependent Life:** An employee may enroll legal spouse and/or eligible children in a dependent life insurance plan. Dependent children must be unmarried and between the ages of 14 days and 23 years. The age ceiling under the optional life insurance plan shall not apply to dependents who are documented as being incapacitated by a physical or mental impairment, provided coverage does not terminate for any other reason.

- (1)** Employee pays one hundred percent (100%) of premium for optional dependent coverage via payroll deduction.
- (2)** Employee may choose between seven (7) levels of dependent coverage:
  - (a)** Level one insures spouse for \$1,500 and children from age 15 days to 23 years for \$1,000.
  - (b)** Level two insures spouse for \$5,000 and children from age 15 days to 23 years for \$2,500.
  - (c)** Level three insures spouse for \$10,000 and children from age 15 days to 23 years for \$5,000.
  - (d)** Level four insures spouse for \$25,000 and children from age 15 days to 23 years for \$10,000.
  - (e)** Level five insures children only from age 15 days to 23 years for \$10,000.
  - (f)** Level six insures spouse for \$50,000 and children from age 15 days to 23 years for \$15,000.
  - (g)** Level seven insures children from age 15 days to 23 years for \$15,000.

**(c) Accidental Death Insurance.**

The State shall provide a State-sponsored Accidental Death Insurance Plan which has a benefit of \$100,000 in case of an employee's accidental death in line of duty.

### **Section H. Continuation of Group Insurances.**

**(a) Upon Layoff.**

- (1)** Employees who are laid off, at the time of layoff, may elect to continue enrollment in the SHP PPO (or alternative plan) and life insurance plan by paying the full amount (100%) of the premium. Such enrollment may continue until the employee is recalled or for a period of three (3) years, whichever occurs first. Such employees may also elect to continue enrollment in the Group Dental (or alternative plan)

and/or Group Vision Plans by paying the full amount (100%) of the premium. Such enrollment may continue until the employee is recalled or for a period of eighteen (18) months, whichever occurs first. In accordance with Paragraph (2) of this Section, the Employer shall pay the Employer's share of such premiums for two (2) pay periods for employees selecting these options.

**(2)** Employees laid off as a result of a reduction in force may elect to pre-pay their share of premiums, if any, for the SHP PPO (or alternative plan), Group Dental Plan (or alternative plan), Group Vision Plan, and life insurance for two (2) additional pay periods after layoff by having such premiums deducted from their last pay check. The Employer shall pay the Employer's share of premiums for the SHP PPO (or alternative plan), Group Dental Plan (or alternative plan), Group Vision Plan, and life insurance for two (2) pay periods for employees selecting this option. Coverage for the State Health Plan (or alternative plan), Group Dental Plan (or alternative plan), Group Vision Plan, and life insurance shall thereafter continue for these two (2) pay periods. Election of this option shall not affect the laid off employee's eligibility for continued coverage as outlined in Paragraph (1) of this Section.

**(b) Upon Leave.**

Employees who are granted a leave of absence may elect to continue enrollment in the SHP PPO (or alternative plan) at the time the leave begins. Except as may be otherwise provided in the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act, for continuation of health plan benefits, such employees shall be eligible for continued enrollment during the leave of absence by paying the full amount (100%) of the premium. Such employees may also elect, at the time the leave begins, to continue enrollment in the life insurance plan for up to twelve (12) months by paying the full amount (100%) of the premium. Such employees may likewise elect to continue enrollment in the Group Dental Plan (or alternative plan) and/or Group Vision Plan for up to eighteen (18) months by paying the full amount (100%) of the premium.

**(c) Continuation of Life Insurance Coverage in the Event of Total Disability.**

Upon presentation of satisfactory evidence of total disability to Civil Service, which is defined as receiving benefits from one of the following:

- (1) The State's Long Term Disability Plan,
- (2) Social Security Disability coverage,
- (3) Workers' Compensation Insurance, or

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### (4) The State's Duty or Nonduty Disability Retirement Plan,

The employee shall receive life insurance coverage fully paid by the Employer for as long as the employee is totally disabled. All premium payments made by the employee prior to establishing Total Disability shall be reimbursed to the employee. The benefit level is the amount in force on the day the employee becomes totally disabled; however, if the employee is totally disabled on his/her 65th birthday, the employee shall be considered retired and the life insurance coverage shall be the same as if the employee had retired.

### **(d) Group Insurance Enrollment Upon Limited Term Recall.**

All employees covered by this Agreement who accept limited term recall into positions in these Bargaining Units are eligible for enrollment in all group insurance plans in which they were enrolled at the time of layoff. Coverages in such plans shall be the same as the coverage at the time of layoff. Eligibility for other benefits shall be in accordance with Appendix J-2 of the Master Agreement. Such employees shall not be considered as temporary (less than 720 hours) employees.

### **(e) Health Plan coverage for enrolled dependents will cease the 30th day after a Bargaining Unit member's death unless the covered Bargaining Unit member is eligible for an immediate pension benefit from the State Employees' Retirement System, or unless the dependents elect continued plan coverage in accordance with provisions of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA).**

### **Section I. Group Auto and Homeowners Plan.**

Employees in these Bargaining Units shall, upon completion of a successful bidding process, be eligible for enrollment in a group auto and homeowners plan with the employee to pay the entire cost of any premiums.

### **Section J. Voluntary Benefits.**

Employees in these Bargaining Units shall be eligible to enroll in a Voluntary Benefits plan established by the Employer. The entire cost of any premiums shall be paid by the employee through payroll deduction or by direct bill as permitted by the specific plan. Benefits offered may include home and auto insurance, voluntary group term life insurance, universal life insurance, and a pre-paid legal plan. Plan offerings will be announced through an annual open enrollment process, and in the event any optional coverage plan is cancelled or withdrawn, employees

enrolled in the plan will be sent written notice at least 30 calendar days in advance of the coverage end date.

### **Section K. Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs).**

The Employer shall maintain a flexible compensation plan for employees in these Bargaining Units, and employees are eligible to participate in Dependent Care and Medical Spending Accounts authorized in accordance with Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Code except as provided in the 2015 Letter of Understanding titled "Federal Excise Tax Implications".

### **Section L. Shift Differential.**

Employees shall be paid a shift differential of five percent (5%) per hour above their straight time rates for all hours worked in a day if fifty percent (50%) or more of their regularly scheduled hours fall between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. In the Department of Corrections only, employees shall be paid a shift differential of five (5%) percent per hour above their straight time rates for all hours worked in a day if their regular schedule for that day provides that the employee is scheduled to begin work at or after 2:00 p.m. but before 5:00 a.m. In addition, Food Services Leader Prisoner E-9's shall be paid a shift differential if their workday begins at or after noon.

If an employee is reassigned from a premium shift to the day shift for training purposes, the Employer shall continue to pay shift differential if such reassignment is for a period of five (5) working days or less.

If employees are temporarily reassigned from a premium shift to a day shift for investigation, such employees shall be entitled to shift differential for the full period of the temporary assignment under the following circumstances:

1. If no disciplinary action is taken, or
2. If disciplinary action is taken and is subsequently overturned.

While on sick, annual, deferred, holiday, or administrative leave no employee shall earn shift differential or hazard pay or any premium not normally included in the base rate of pay.

It is agreed that when employees are released from duty to carry out Union activities in accordance with the following provisions they shall receive base pay including applicable shift premium as follows: Article 9, Section G., Processing Grievances, Section H., Documents and Witnesses; Article 10, Section D., Union Representatives; Article 11, Section J., Safety Inspection, Section L., Health and Safety Committee.



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Shift premium shall not apply to Article 7, Section C., Executive Board or Section E., Union Convention and Schools; Article 8, Section E., Union Negotiating Committee; or for training conducted on the day shift.

This Article shall serve as a basis for the resolution of similar pay questions not specifically covered hereunder.

### **Section M. Compensation Under Conditions of General Emergency.**

#### **1. General Emergency**

Conditions of general emergency include, but are not necessarily limited to, severe or unusual weather, civil disturbance, loss of utilities, physical plant failures, or similar occurrences. Such conditions may be widespread or limited to specific work locations.

#### **2. Compensation in Situation of Closure**

When a state facility is closed by the Governor or her/his designated representative, affected employees shall be authorized administrative leave to cover their normally scheduled hours of work during the period of closure.

Individual employees of facilities ordered closed may be required to work to perform essential services during the period of closure. When such is the case, these employees shall be compensated in the manner prescribed for employees who work under conditions of declared inaccessibility.

#### **3. Compensation In Situation of Inaccessibility**

An employee who works at a state facility during a declared period of inaccessibility shall be paid his/her regular salary and, if overtime work is required, in accordance with the overtime provisions of this Agreement. In addition such employees shall be granted compensatory time off equal to the number of hours worked during the period of declared inaccessibility. Compensatory time shall not accrue at the premium rate.

### **Section N. Moving Expenses.**

Employees are eligible for all the benefits under Article 22, Section N., moving expenses, under the following circumstances:

1. If the employee is to be laid off (as defined in Article 22, Section Q.1.a. severance pay), or if an employee transfers in lieu of lay-off in accordance with Article 13, Section O., or once the Director of the Department of Community Health has officially designated that an agency is to be closed and
2. If the employee accepts employment with the State of Michigan at another location and moves their residence closer to the new work location.

3. The maximum benefit for moving, travel, storage, etc. under this provision shall be \$3,000.00.
4. If the employee voluntarily separates within the first 6 months from the new employment, the Employee shall repay to the State all monies received under this provision.
5. Any unemployment benefits which the Employee receives as a result of being laid off shall be deducted from the maximum \$3,000.00.

**a. Persons Covered.**

All authorized full-time employees currently employed by the State of Michigan being relocated for the benefit of the State, who actually move their residence as a direct result of the relocation, and who agree to continue employment in the new location for a minimum of one year are entitled to all benefits provided by this policy. New employees not presently (on the effective date of this Agreement) working for the State of Michigan shall not be entitled to benefits provided in this Article.

**b. By Commercial Mover.**

The State will pay the transportation charges for normal household goods up to a maximum of 14,000 pounds for each move. Charges for weight in excess of 14,000 pounds must be paid directly to the mover by the employee.

- (1) Household Goods: Includes all furniture, personal effects and property used in a dwelling, and normal equipment and supplies used to maintain the dwelling except automobiles, boats, camping vehicles, firewood, fence posts, tool sheds, motorcycles, snowmobiles, explosives, or property liable to impregnate or otherwise damage the mover's equipment, perishable foodstuffs subject to spoilage, building materials, fuel or other similar non-household good items.
- (2) Packing: The State will pay up to \$600 for packing and/or unpacking breakables. The employee must make arrangements and pay the mover for any additional packing required.
- (3) Insurance: The carrier will provide insurance against damage up to \$.60 per pound for the total weight of the shipment. The State will reimburse the employee for insurance costs not to exceed an additional \$.65 per pound of the total weight of the shipment.

In addition to the above packing allowances, the State will pay the following accessorial charges which are required to facilitate the move: Appliance Service; Piano or organ handling charges; Flight, elevator or distance carrying charges, Extra labor charges required to handle heavy items, e.g. pianos, organs, freezers, pool tables, etc.

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Charges for stopping in transit to load or unload goods and the cost of additional mileage involved to effect a stop in transit must be paid by the employee. Also, extra labor required to expedite a shipment at the request of the employee must be paid by the employee.

### **c. Mobile Homes.**

The State will pay the reasonable actual cost for moving a mobile home if it is the employees' domicile, plus a maximum \$500 allowance for blocking, unblocking, securing contents or expando units, installing or removal of tires (on wheels) on or off the trailer, removal or replacement of skirting and utility connections will be paid by the State when accompanied by receipts. "Actual Moving Cost" includes only the transportation cost, escort service when required by a governmental unit, special lighting permits, tolls or surcharges. "Actual Moving Cost" does not include the moving of oil tanks, out buildings, swingsets, etc. that cannot be dismantled and secured inside the mobile home.

Mobile home liability is limited to damage to the unit caused by negligence of the carrier, and to contents up to a value of \$500. Additional excess valuation and/or hazard insurance may be purchased from the carrier at the expense of the employee.

The repair or replacement of equipment of the trailer, e.g., tires, axles, bearings, lights, etc., are the responsibility of the owner.

### **d. Storage of Household Goods.**

The State will pay for storage not in excess of sixty (60) days in connection with an authorized move at either origin or destination, only when housing is not readily available.

### **e. Temporary Travel Expense.**

From effective date of reassignment, up to sixty (60) calendar days of travel expense at the new assigned workstation are allowed. Extension beyond sixty days, but not to exceed a total of one hundred eighty (180) days, may be allowed due to unusual circumstances in the full discretion of the Employer. Authorized travel shall include one (1) round trip weekly between the new workstation and the former residence.

### **f. To Secure Housing.**

A continuing employee and one (1) additional family member will be allowed up to three (3) round trips to a new official workstation for the purpose of securing housing. Travel, lodging, and food costs will be reimbursed up to a maximum of nine (9) days in accordance with the Standardized Travel Regulations.

## **Section O. Sick Leave Allowance.**

An employee who separates from the State classified service for retirement purposes in accordance with the provisions of the state retirement act or death, shall be paid for fifty percent of unused sick leave as of the effective date of separation. Upon separation from the State classified service for any reason other than retirement or death, the employee shall be paid for a percentage of unused sick leave in accordance with the Table of Values as follows:

TABLE OF VALUES

Sick Leave Balance - Hours	Percentage Paid
Less than 104	0
104 – 208	10
209 – 416	20
417 – 624	30
625 – 832	40
833 or more	50

No pay off shall be made to an employee hired on or after October 1, 1980.

1. Allowance - Every permanent employee in the state classified service shall be entitled to 4 hours of sick leave with pay for each completed 80 hours of service or to a pro-rated amount if paid service is less than eighty (80) hours in the pay period. The pro-rated amount shall be based on the number of hours in pay status divided by eighty (80) hours multiplied by four (4) hours. Paid service in excess of 80 hours in a bi-weekly period shall not be counted.
2. Crediting - Sick leave shall be credited at the end of the bi-weekly work period.

**Section P. Annual Leave Allowance.**

1. Upon entry into the classified service each permanent employee will be credited with an initial annual leave grant of 16 hours which is immediately available upon approval of the Appointing Authority. The 16 hours initial grant shall not be credited more than once in a calendar year.
2. Permanent employees are entitled to annual leave in accordance with the schedule below with pay for each 80 hours of paid service, or to a pro-rated amount if paid service is less than eighty (80) hours in the pay period.  
 Permanent employees who have completed five years of currently continuous service shall earn annual leave with pay in accordance with their total classified service including military leave, subsequent to January 1, 1938 as follows:

**ANNUAL LEAVE TABLE**

Service Credit		Annual Leave
0–1 year	=	4.0 hrs./80 hrs. service
1–5 years	=	4.7 hrs./80 hrs. service
5–10 years	=	5.3 hrs./80 hrs. service
10–15 years	=	5.9 hrs./80 hrs. service
15–20 years	=	6.5 hrs./80 hrs. service
20–25 years	=	7.1 hrs./80 hrs. service
25–30 years	=	7.7 hrs./80 hrs. service
30–35 years	=	8.4 hrs./80 hrs. service
35–40 years	=	9.0 hrs./80 hrs. service
40–45 years	=	9.6 hrs./80 hrs. service
45–50 years	=	10.2 hrs./80 hrs. service
		etc.

3. Permanent full time nonprobationary employees shall receive two personal leave days (16 hours) to be used in accordance with normal requirements for annual leave usage. These leave hours shall be placed in the annual leave counter in accordance with the procedures applicable to such counters in the State's payroll system. Employees may request this personal leave day 24 hours in advance. Requests made under this provision shall not be unreasonably denied or unreasonably withdrawn. Such leave shall be granted to less than full time, nonprobationary employees on a pro rata basis in accordance with current practice regarding holidays. However, if such an employee is in work status for a minimum of forty percent (40%) of full time during the previous fiscal year, they shall be granted sixteen (16) hours of personal leave. Such leave time shall be granted to employees returning from leave of absence on their return. Such leave time shall be granted to persons entering the Bargaining Unit (for example, from recall from layoff) on a prorata basis. However, no employee shall be entitled to more than one grant of personal leave in each fiscal year. Such leave time shall be credited to the employees' annual leave balances on each October 1.
4. Annual leave shall be credited at the end of the biweekly work period. Annual leave shall be available for use only in biweekly work periods subsequent to the biweekly work period in which it is earned. When paid service does not total 80 hours in a biweekly work period, the employee shall be credited with a pro-

rated amount of leave for that work period based on the number of hours in pay status divided by eighty (80) hours multiplied by the applicable accrual rate. No annual leave shall be authorized, accumulated or credited in excess of the schedule below, except that an employee who is suspended or dismissed and who is subsequently returned to employment with full service benefits shall be permitted annual leave accumulation in excess of the schedule below. Upon return to employment, the employee shall be granted up to one year from that date to liquidate the amount of annual leave above maximum by means of paid time off work. Should employment be terminated for any reason during that one-year period, the employee or beneficiary shall be paid for no more than 240 hours of unused credited annual leave.

No annual leave in excess of 240 hours shall be included in final average compensation for the purpose of calculating the level of retirement benefits.

5. Employees who voluntarily transfer from one state department to another state department shall be paid at their current rate of pay for their unused annual leave. However, the employee may elect to transfer all hours of accumulated annual leave. An employee who is suspended shall not be entitled to payment for unused annual leave.
6. Annual leave shall not be credited or used in anticipation of future leave credits. In the absence of applicable leave credits, payroll deductions for the time lost shall be made for the work period in which the absence occurred. An employee may utilize annual leave only in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

ANNUAL LEAVE ACCUMULATION SCHEDULE

Years	Accrual	Payoff Cap	Accumulation Cap
1-5	4.7	256	296
5-10	5.3	271	311
10-15	5.9	286	326
15-20	6.5	301	341
20-25	7.1	306	346
25-30	7.7	316	356
30-35	8.4	316	356
etc.			

**Section Q. Severance Pay.**

In recognition of the fact that the deinstitutionalization of the Department of Health and Human Services, hospitals and centers, resident population has resulted and will continue to result in the layoff of a large number of State employees, and in recognition of the fact that such layoffs are likely to result in the permanent termination of the employment relationship the parties hereby agree to the establishment of severance pay for certain employees.

**1. Definitions**

- a. Layoff - For purposes of this Section, layoff is defined as the termination of active State employment solely as a direct result of a reduction in force. Other separations from active State employment such as leaves of absence, resignation, suspension or dismissal shall not be considered a layoff under the terms of this Section.
- b. Week's Pay - Week's pay is defined as an employee's gross pay for forty (40) hours of work at straight time excluding such things as shift differential and "P" rate at the time of layoff.
- c. Year of Service - Year of Service is defined as year of seniority as defined in Article 12, Section A, paragraph 1.

**2. Eligibility**

The provisions of this Section shall apply only to Department of Health and Human Services, hospitals and centers, Agency-based employees with more than one year of service who have been laid off because of a reduction in the resident population in State institutions. Further, the following employees shall not be eligible to receive severance pay:

- a. Employees who are in unsatisfactory employment status. However, if an unsatisfactory service rating is removed for any reason, such employees shall be considered eligible for severance pay in accordance with other provisions in this Section. The provisions of this Subsection (Q2a) shall not apply to employees with ten (10) or more years of seniority.
- b. Severance pay will not be denied due to retirement status. Offsets may be made in accordance with federal law (ADEA/OWBPA).
- c. Employees with a temporary or limited term appointment having a definite termination date.

**3. Time and Method of Payment**

After an employee has been laid off for six (6) months in accordance with the provisions of this Section, he/she shall be notified by the Agency in writing that he/she has the option of remaining on the recall list(s) or of accepting a lump sum severance payment and thereby forfeiting all recall rights. The employee must notify the Agency in writing of his/her decision either to accept the

severance payment or to retain recall rights. An employee who does not notify the Agency in writing of his/her decision shall be deemed to have elected to retain recall rights.

If the employee chooses to remain on recall and rejects the payment, the employee has the option at any time within the next six (6) months of accepting the lump sum severance payment and thereby forfeiting all recall rights. An employee who reaches such decision during the second six (6) month period shall notify the Agency in writing of his/her decision.

An employee who has been laid off for thirty-six (36) months shall be notified by the Agency in writing that he/she must choose either to accept the lump sum severance payment or to reject such payment. By rejecting such payment, the employee shall retain recall rights in conformance with the provisions of this Agreement and shall have no further opportunity to receive severance payment. The employee must notify the Agency in writing of his/her decision within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the Agency's notification. An employee who does not notify the Agency in writing of his/her decision to accept the severance payment shall be deemed to have permanently rejected such payment and to have retained recall rights in accordance with Article 13. If an employee elects to accept the lump sum payment, the employee's name shall be removed from all recall lists and such payment shall be made by the Agency within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of the employee's decision.

#### **4. Disqualification**

An employee laid off as defined in this Section who has not elected in writing to accept severance payment shall be disqualified from receiving such payment under the following conditions:

- a. If the employee is deceased.
- b. If the employee is hired for any position by an Employer outside of the classified service and the initial base hourly rate for the position is 75% or more of the employee's final base hourly rate in the position from which the employee was laid off:
  - (1) If such employment requires a probationary period, upon successful completion of such period.
  - (2) If no probationary period is required, upon date of hire.
  - (3) If a probationary period is required and the employee does not successfully complete such required probationary period and is therefore separated, such time of employment shall be bridged for purposes of the time limits in Subsection 3 above.

An employee who has notified the Employer by the time the employee is laid off that he/she is engaged in supplemental employment shall not be disqualified under the provisions of this Subsection.



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- c. An employee who refuses recall or a new State employment hiring within a seventy five (75) mile radius of the Agency from which he/she was laid off.
- d. An employee permanently recalled to another job in State government.

### **5. Effect of Recall**

- a. An employee temporarily recalled for less than sixty (60) calendar days shall have such time bridged for purposes of counting the time in accordance with Subsection 3 above.
- b. An employee permanently (more than sixty (60) calendar days) recalled to a position in this Bargaining Unit and subsequently laid off shall have the same rights as if he/she were laid off for the first time. The time limits listed in Subsection 3 above shall be applied from the date of the most recent layoff.

### **6. Effect of Hiring**

If an employee has accepted severance payment and is hired into the State Classified Service or into a State-funded position caring for residents within two (2) years of the acceptance of severance payment, such employee shall repay to the State the full net (gross less employee's FICA and income taxes) amount of the severance payment received. Such repayment shall not be required until after the employee has successfully completed a required probationary period. Once such employee has successfully completed the required probationary period, that employee shall have a one (1) year period to make the repayment to the Agency from which the severance payment was received.

Employees who repay their severance payment after being hired into a position in the State Classified Service shall not be considered to have had a break in service as a result of earlier acceptance of severance pay.

### **7. Payment**

An employee who elects in writing to receive severance pay shall receive an explanation of the terms of such severance pay. The employee and Appointing Authority or designee shall sign the form which explains all the conditions attendant to acceptance of severance pay and the signatures shall be witnessed. No employee is entitled to receive severance pay until and unless he/she has signed the above mentioned form. The employee shall receive a copy of the signed form.

The Employer shall deduct from the amount of any severance payment any amount required to be withheld by reason of law or regulation for payment of taxes to any federal, state, county or municipal government. Eligible employees as indicated in Subsection 1-6 above shall receive severance payment according to the following schedule:

- a. Employees who have from one (1) through five (5) years of service: One week's pay for every full completed year of service, years 1-5;
- b. Employees who have more than six (6) full years of service: Two week's pay for every full completed year of service, years 6-10.
- c. Employees who have more than eleven (11) full years of service: Three week's pay for every full completed year of service from year 11 on.

For amounts, see schedule below.

Employees who work less than full time (80 hours per pay period) shall be eligible in accordance with Subsections 1-6 above, to receive a proportional severance payment in accordance with the following formula:

The Agency shall calculate the average number of hours such employee worked for the calendar year preceding such employee's layoff. This number shall then be used to determine the proportion of such employee's time in relation to full time employment. This proportion shall then be applied to the above payment schedule for purposes of payment. (See attached example).

However, no employee shall be entitled to receive more than fifty-two (52) weeks of severance pay.

**8. Effect on Retirement**

The acceptance or rejection of severance pay shall have no effect on vested pension rights under the Retirement Act. The parties agree that the severance payment shall not be included in the computation of compensation for the purpose of calculating retirement benefits and will seek and support statutory change if such legislation is necessary to so provide.

**9. Special Severance Pay**

Employees who are indefinitely laid off after January 1, 1994, are eligible for severance payments in accordance with this Section, on or after October 1, 1995. The provisions of this Subsection will not apply to Department of Health and Human Services, hospitals and centers, employees entitled to severance pay under this Section and severance payments to those employees not paid from this fund.

Cumulative payments shall not exceed \$500,000 during the term of this agreement and shall not be payable after September 30, 2014.

SEVERANCE PAY SCHEDULE

Hours	Years	Weeks Pay
2088-4176	1	1
4177-6264	2	2

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6265-8352	3	3
8353-10440	4	4
10441-12528	5	5
12529-14616	6	7
14617-16704	7	9
16705-18792	8	11
18793-20880	9	13
20881-22968	10	15
22969-25056	11	18
25057-27144	12	21
27145-29232	13	24
29233-31320	14	27
31321-33408	15	30
33409-35496	16	33
35497-37584	17	36
37585-39672	18	39
39673-41760	19	42
41761-43848	20	45
43849-45936	21	48
45937-48024	22	51
48025-50112	23	52
50113-52200	24	52
52201-54288	25	52
etc.		

EXAMPLE OF SEVERANCE PAY FOR LESS THAN FULL TIME EMPLOYEE

Average number of hours worked in previous calendar year: 1980

Full time employee hours: 2088

Proportion (or percentage)  $\frac{1980}{2088} = 94.8\%$

2088

.948 x \$S.P. = \$Gross Amount to be paid

S.P. = Severance Payment from schedule

**Section R. Schedule of Travel Rates.**

Except as indicated below, employees shall be entitled to travel reimbursement at the rates and in accordance with the Standardized Travel Regulations and the Department of Technology, Management and Budget Administrative Manual 5-3-1 which are in effect on the date(s) of travel, except that receipts will not be required. Reimbursement shall be actual expenses up to the maximum amount. Copies of the Standardized Travel Regulations or reimbursement rates as described in the Compensation Plan shall be provided to the Local Union by the Agencies.

Employees who regularly receive a paid meal and who regularly eat meals with clients/residents, shall be reimbursed for meals eaten while transporting clients/residents during their shift at the rate and in accordance with standardized travel regulations.

**Section S. Workers' Compensation.**

In case of injury or illness for which an employee is eligible for work related disability benefits under Michigan Workers' Compensation Law, the Employer may authorize salary payment which, with work disability payments, and benefits payable under the No Fault Law, equals two-thirds of regular salary. Leave credits may be utilized to the extent of the difference between payment and the employee's regular salary.

**Section T. Public Acts 414, 232, 280, & 285.**

Employees covered under the above Public Acts and who are injured during the course of their employment as a result of an assault by a recipient (or inmate) or as a result of helping another employee in subduing a recipient or injured during a riot shall receive their full net wages as follows: The employee shall receive in addition to Workers' Compensation, a supplement from the Department which together with Workers' Compensation benefits shall equal but not exceed the weekly net wage of the employee at the time of injury. Claims shall be submitted by the employee on a standardized form and processed within thirty (30) calendar days, upon receipt of all necessary documents. Payment, if approved, under the act shall be paid without undue delay. The above describes existing eligibility for compensation under the Acts and may be subject to legislative or court change. A copy of a request for an employee to receive these benefits shall be sent to the Local Union by the Agency.

**Section U. Retirement Benefits.**

A description of the benefits available under the State Retirement Act is available from the personnel office or from the Office of Retirement Services in the

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Department of Technology, Management and Budget. These benefits are subject to change by action of the legislature.

### **Section V. Longevity Pay.**

An annual longevity payment payable on the pay date following the first full pay period in October of each year, in addition to salary is provided for all eligible employees.

An employee is credited with all prior service since January 1, 1930 in determining the amount of the longevity payment. However, the employee must have completed an aggregate of 10,400 hours of continuous service prior to October 1 before becoming eligible to receive the payment.

The regular rate add-on for longevity overtime will be calculated and paid retroactively for overtime worked in the previous fiscal year. This amount will be included in the longevity payment.

#### Schedule of Payments

Equivalent Hours of Service Prior to Oct. 1	Annual Payments
10,400 – 18,719	\$ 260
18,720 – 27,039	\$ 300
27,040 – 35,359	\$ 370
35,360 – 43,679	\$ 480
43,680 – 51,999	\$ 610
52,200 – 60,319	\$ 790
60,320 and over	\$1,040

Eligibility for payment at any bracket will occur upon completion of the equivalent hours of service indicated for the bracket.

### **Section W. "P" Rate.**

Positions are eligible for P-rate if:

1. They are responsible for custody or supervision of Department of Corrections residents on a regular and recurring basis in addition to regular job duties, or;

2. If they are located at a correctional facility and handle on a regular and recurring basis, personal, financial or other matters affecting the well-being of Department of Corrections residents, or;
3. If they are assigned on a regular and recurring basis (25% or more of work time) for the care or supervision of residents of the Center for Forensic Psychiatry.
4. Employees who qualify shall be compensated at the rate of forty cents (\$0.40) per hour for all hours in pay status.

Classifications within the Department of Corrections or Center for Forensic Psychiatry that may be eligible for P-rate are as follows:

- Activity Therapy Aide 6, 7, E8, 9
  - Client/Resident Affairs Representative 8, E9, 10
  - Cook E6, 7
  - Barber/Cosmetologist 7, E8, 9
  - Dental Aide 6, 7, E8
  - Food Service Leader-Prisoner E9
  - Practical Nurse Licensed E9, 10
  - Resident Care Aide 6, 7, E8
  - Teacher Aide 6, 7, E8
  - Domestic Services Aide
5. Positions are eligible for an additional ten cents (\$0.10) per hour (for a total of fifty cents (\$0.50)) if:
    - a. They meet the eligibility requirements for "P" rate as indicated in this Section; and
    - b. They are assigned to close, maximum and administrative segregation work units within the security perimeter of a Department of Corrections, Correctional Facilities Administration institution which is designated as having: a close, maximum or administrative segregation overall rating, or a close or medium rating which would contain administrative segregation units; and
    - c. They have two (2) years (4176 hours) or more of continuous service in the Bargaining Unit.
  6. The following interpretation is applied in reviewing an employee's eligibility for P-rate:

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- a. Within the Department of Corrections, the position in question must be physically located within an institution under the jurisdiction of the Correctional Facilities Administration. Positions in other departments must supervise residents assigned from the Correctional Facilities Administration.
- b. A position where the work location is within the security perimeter of a medium, close or maximum custody correctional facility, thereby placing the employee in an environment where physical confrontation will occur is eligible for P-rate.
- c. Within a given work area only, one classified position will be recognized as supervising the residents assigned to that work area. No two classified employees will be given credit for supervising the same residents.
- d. Regular and recurring, or regular face-to-face contact will be defined as contact with residents in person, 25% of the time, in an environment that would permit a physical act to occur.

### **Section X. Smoking Cessation.**

See Appendix J-2. Section

### **Section Y. Pay Equity.**

Upon completion of the reduction of the current eleven (11) service groups to five (5) service groups, the Employer agrees to meet and negotiate with the Union, upon written request, to determine if any further wage adjustments are required. Such negotiations shall be timed to occur at the time required by the normal budget cycle.

### **Section Z. Qualified Tax-Sheltered Plans.**

A qualified 457 and 401(K) tax-sheltered Plan shall be made available to employees in this Bargaining Unit, subject to applicable law and Federal regulation.

Employees in this Bargaining Unit may participate in the State of Michigan Dependent Care and Medical Spending Accounts authorized in accordance with Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Service Code except as provided in the 2015 Letter of Understanding titled "Federal Excise Tax Implications."

If new tax shelter plans are negotiated in other bargaining units, the Employer agrees to negotiate with the Union regarding implementation of such tax shelters for employees in this Bargaining Unit.

### **Section AA. Flexible Compensation Plan.**

Employees in this Bargaining Unit are eligible for a pre-tax dollar deduction of group insurance premiums from gross pay.

**Section BB. Vaccinations.**

Flu shots shall be provided to employees upon their request with the employee paying the cost of such shots if not covered by a third party.

Tetanus shots shall be provided to employees upon their request once every ten years. They shall be provided to employees when required as a result of a duty-incurred injury. The Employer shall pay for such shots if they are not covered by a third party.

Hepatitis B shots shall be provided to employees upon their request if the employee is working in an assignment location where there are Hepatitis B carriers. The Employer shall pay for such shots if they are not covered by a third party. The Employer shall make a titer test available to employees during the 60-day period following completion of the series of hepatitis B shots.

**Section CC. Employee Retirement Savings Deduction Plans.**

The parties acknowledge that recent amendments to federal tax laws permit employers to develop Employee Retirement Savings Deduction Plans. The Employer agrees that the desirability of implementing such a plan is an appropriate subject for consideration by the Employee Benefits Committee and agrees that the details of any such plan will be submitted to and discussed by the Employee Benefits Committee prior to implementation.

**Section DD. Employee Education and Resource Fund.**

On October 1, 2016, \$0 will be added to the fund. Money not used carries over to the next fiscal year. This fund will be administered by a labor-management committee of ten (10) persons consisting of an equal number of representatives of management and the Union. The committee shall consist of no more than one (1) employee from each of the following departments: Corrections, Education, Military and Veterans Affairs and one (1) employee from the Department of Health and Human Services hospitals and centers and one (1) employee from the Department of Health and Human Services youth facilities. All fund expenditures will be made based on criteria established by the committee and will require agreement of the parties. Actions of the committee shall not be subject to the grievance procedure set forth in Article 9.

This fund is to be used to develop mutually agreed objectives to further the goal of labor-management cooperation. No program established by the committee will replace the obligations of the Employer or the Union under the existing Agreement. The activities and programs of this committee will focus on the needs of both active and laid-off employees. Projects will be designed to address specific needs of employees.

Among the projects which may be addressed by this fund are (not in order of importance) tuition reimbursement for employees seeking a degree or certificate; assisting employees about to be laid off or already laid off in adjusting to the



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difficulties of being laid off; increasing communication skills and problem solving techniques in the work place.

The committee will need to establish specific goals and objectives as well as criteria for utilization of this fund.

Once the goals, objectives, and criteria have been developed, they shall be distributed to the departments and the Union locals for review, comment and approval.

### **Section EE. Uniform Cleaning Allowance.**

Each employee required to wear a uniform will be entitled to an allowance of \$125.00 per year to cover dry cleaning, laundering and tailoring expenses of the uniform. Annual payments of \$125.00 to eligible employees who have 2080 hours in pay status at the end of the last pay period of the calendar year shall be made by the end of the first full pay period in February. Eligible employees with less than 2080 hours shall receive a prorated amount in a ratio to 2080 hours to the hours in pay status as above.

### **Section FF. School and Community Participation Leave.**

1. Intent. The parties recognize the positive role parental and other adult involvement in school and community activities plays in promoting school and community success.

The parties intend by this Section to foster employee involvement in school sponsored activities and community programs.

2. Leave Credits. Permanent and limited term employees who have completed 1040 hours of satisfactory service shall annually receive eight (8) hours of paid school and community participation leave to be used in accordance with normal requirements for annual leave usage, provided, however, that such leave may be utilized in increments of one (1) hour if requested.

Employees may use the leave to participate in any school sponsored activity including but not limited to, tutoring, field trips, classroom programs, school committees, including preschool programs, assisting with athletic or music programs, theater, and school clubs and in accordance with any applicable collective bargaining agreements governing the program.

The leave may also be used for active participation in any structured secular community activity sponsored by a governmental agency, or a non-profit community organization or agency, and not for mere attendance at community events. Employees may use the leave to participate in community activities such as serving as a volunteer docent for the State of Michigan museum, coaching or umpiring in community sponsored youth athletic leagues, making deliveries for meals on wheels, serving as a volunteer with the American Red Cross, and work for Habitat for Humanity.

The use of the leave is intended for active participation in school and community programs and not for mere attendance at such activities or for personal athletic or recreational activities.

Employees shall be permitted to use annual leave and other leave credits to participate in such programs. Additionally, in accordance with this Agreement and to the extent that operational considerations permit, an employee may, with supervisory approval, adjust his/her work schedule to allow attendance or participation in school and community activities while working the regular number of work hours.

To request school and community participation leave, employees shall complete a form provided by the Employer. School and community participation leave shall be credited to employees on each October 1 and shall not carry forward beyond the fiscal year.

**Section GG. Pro-rated pay for Seasonal Employees.**

At the employee's request, school year seasonal employees may have their yearly pay prorated over 26 pay periods.

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**DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING**

**Section A. Definitions.**

As used in this article:

1. **Alcohol test** means a chemical or breath test administered for the purpose of determining the presence or absence of alcohol in a person's body.
2. **Drug** means a controlled substance or a controlled substance analogue listed in schedule 1 or schedule 2 of part 72 of the Michigan public health code, Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, being sections 333.7201, *et seq.*, of the Michigan Compiled Laws, as may be amended from time to time.
3. **Drug test** means a chemical test administered for the purpose of determining the presence or absence of a drug or metabolites in a person's bodily fluids.
4. **Random selection basis** means a mechanism for selecting test-designated employees for drug tests and alcohol tests that (1) results in an equal probability that any employee from a group of employees subject to the selection mechanism will be selected and (2) does not give the Employer discretion to waive or mandate the selection of any employee selected under the mechanism.
5. **Reasonable suspicion** means a belief, drawn from specific objective facts and reasonable inferences drawn from those facts in light of experience, that an employee is using or may have used drugs or alcohol in violation of a departmental work rule or a civil service commission rule or regulation. By way of example only, reasonable suspicion may be based upon any of the following:
  - a. Observable phenomena, such as direct observation of drug or alcohol use or the physical symptoms or manifestations of being impaired by, or under the influence of, a drug or alcohol.
  - b. A report of on-duty or sufficiently recent off-duty drug or alcohol use provided by a credible source.
  - c. Evidence that an individual has tampered with a drug test or alcohol test during employment with the State of Michigan.
  - d. Evidence that an employee is involved in the use, possession, sale, solicitation, or transfer of drugs or alcohol while on duty, while on the Employer's premises, or while operating the Employer's vehicle, machinery, or equipment.
6. **Rehabilitation program** means an established program to identify, assess, treat, and resolve employee drug or alcohol abuse.
7. **Test-designated employee** means an employee who occupies a test-designated position.

**8. Test-designated position** means any of the following:

- a. A safety-sensitive position in which the incumbent is required to possess a valid commercial driver's license or to operate a commercial motor vehicle, an emergency vehicle, or dangerous equipment or machinery.
- b. A position in which the incumbent possesses law enforcement powers or is required or permitted to carry a firearm while on duty.
- c. A position in which the incumbent, on a regular basis, provides direct health care services to persons in the care or custody of the state or one of its political subdivisions.
- d. A position in which the incumbent has regular unsupervised access to and direct contact with prisoners, probationers, or parolees.
- e. A position in which the incumbent has unsupervised access to controlled substances.
- f. A position in which the incumbent is responsible for handling or using hazardous or explosive materials.

**Section B. Prohibited Activities.**

An employee shall not do any of the following:

1. Consume alcohol while on duty.
2. Consume drugs while on duty, except pursuant to a lawful prescription issued to the employee.
3. Report to duty or be on duty with a prohibited level of alcohol or drugs present in the employee's bodily fluids.
4. Refuse to submit to a required drug test or alcohol test.
5. Interfere with any testing procedure or tamper with any test sample.

**Section C. Testing.**

The Employer may require an employee, as a condition of continued employment, to submit to a drug test or an alcohol test, as provided in this Article.

An employee may refuse to submit to a drug screening or alcohol test but the employee shall be warned that such refusal constitutes grounds for discipline equivalent to discipline imposed for a positive test result, and allowed an opportunity to submit to the testing as though the employee had originally complied with the order.

- 1. Random Selection Testing:** A test-designated employee shall submit to a drug test and an alcohol test if the employee has been selected for testing on a random selection basis.

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- 2. Reasonable Suspicion Testing:** An employee shall be required to submit to a drug test or an alcohol test if there is reasonable suspicion that the employee has violated this Article or a departmental work rule.
- 3. Preappointment Testing:** An employee not occupying a test-designated position shall submit to a drug test if the employee is selected for a test-designated position.
- 4. Follow-up Testing:** An employee shall submit to an unscheduled follow-up drug test or alcohol test if, within the previous 24-month period, the employee voluntarily disclosed drug or alcohol problems, entered into or completed a rehabilitation program for drug or alcohol abuse, failed or refused a preappointment drug test, or was disciplined for violating this Article or a departmental work rule.
- 5. Post-incident Testing:** A test-designated employee shall submit to a drug test or an alcohol test if there is evidence that the test-designated employee may have caused or contributed to an on-duty accident or incident resulting in death, or serious personal injury requiring immediate medical treatment, that arises out of any of the following:
  - a. The operation of a motor vehicle.
  - b. The discharge of a firearm.
  - c. A physical altercation.
  - d. The provision of direct health care services.
  - e. The handling of dangerous or hazardous materials.

### **Section D. Limitations on Certain Tests.**

- 1. Test selection.** An employee subject to testing under this rule may be required to submit only to a drug test, only to an alcohol test, or to both tests. However, preappointment testing shall be limited to drug testing. An employee selected for random drug and/or alcohol testing shall be directed to report to the collection site no later than the end of the first shift after the agency representative has received notice of that employee's selection. The employee must be on duty and the collection site must be able to provide the test.
- 2. Limitations on follow-up testing.** The Employer may require an employee who is subject to follow-up testing to submit to no more than six unscheduled drug or alcohol tests within any twelve-month period.
- 3. Limitations on random selection testing.** The number of drug tests conducted in any one year on a random selection basis shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the number of all test-designated positions. The number of alcohol tests conducted in any one year on a random selection basis shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the number of all test-designated positions.

The parties will review drug testing data on an annual basis and should there be a significant increase in positive drug and alcohol tests in the preceding year, the Employer reserves the right to increase the random selection basis up to 10%. Should the percent increase occur and there is a further significant increase in positive drug and alcohol tests during the next or subsequent annual review, the Employer will increase the random selection basis to 15% of the number of all test designated positions.

4. **Limitations on reasonable suspicion testing.** Before an employee is subject to reasonable suspicion testing, a trained supervisor must document the basis for the reasonable suspicion. In addition, an employee shall not be subject to a reasonable suspicion test until the Employer-designated drug and alcohol testing coordinator (DATC), or the DATC's designee, has given express, individualized approval to conduct the test.

#### **Section E. Drug and Alcohol Testing Protocols.**

1. **Drug testing protocol.** The employer will adopt the current "Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs," as amended, issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the "HHS Drug Guidelines") as the protocol for drug testing under this Article.
2. **Alcohol testing protocol.** The Employer will adopt the alcohol testing provisions of the current "Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs," as amended, issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation (the "DOT Alcohol Guidelines") as the protocol for alcohol testing under this Article.
3. **Changes in protocol.** During the term of this agreement, the parties may agree to amend the protocols without the further approval of the Civil Service Commission to include any final changes to the HHS Drug Guidelines or the DOT Alcohol Guidelines that are published in the Federal Register and become effective. If the parties agree to adopt any such final changes, the parties shall notify the State Personnel Director in writing of the changes and their effective date. Any other change in the protocols requires the approval of the Civil Service Commission.

#### **Section F. Union Representation.**

Employees may confer with an available union representative on site (if available on site), or through a telephone conference, whenever an employee is directed to submit to a reasonable suspicion alcohol or drug test, provided such contact will not unreasonably delay the testing process.

#### **Section G. Review Committee for Drug and Alcohol Testing.**

A Committee consisting of three (3) representatives of the Union and three (3) representatives of the Employer will meet, upon request of either party, to review

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testing data and discuss problems related to the administration of the testing program.

### **Section H. Prohibited Levels of Drugs and Alcohol.**

- 1. Prohibited Levels of Drugs.** It is a violation of this article for an employee to test positive for any drug under the HHS Drug Guidelines at the time the employee reports to duty or while on duty. A positive test result shall constitute just cause for the Employer to discipline the employee.
- 2. Prohibited Levels of Alcohol.** It is a violation of this article for an employee to report to duty or to be on duty with a breath alcohol concentration equal to or greater than 0.02. A confirmatory test result equal to or greater than 0.02 shall constitute just cause for the Employer to discipline the employee.

### **Section I. Penalties.**

1. The employer may impose discipline, up to and including dismissal, for violation of this article or a departmental work rule.
2. An employee selected for a test-designated position shall not serve in the test-designated position until the employee has submitted to and passed a preappointment drug test. If the employee fails or refuses to submit to the drug test, interferes with a test procedure, or tampers with a test sample, the employee shall not be appointed, promoted, reassigned, recalled, transferred, or otherwise placed in the test-designated position. The Civil Service Commission shall also remove the employee from all employment lists for test-designated positions and shall disqualify the employee from any test-designated position for a period of three years. In addition, if the employee interferes with a test procedure or tampers with a test sample, the employee may also be disciplined by the Employer as provided in Subsection 1 above. An employee's qualification for appointment in the classified service is a prohibited subject of bargaining and any complaint regarding action by the Civil Service Commission shall be brought only in a Civil Service technical appeal proceeding.

### **Section J. Required Treatment.**

In the event of a positive test, and in the further event that a sanction less than discharge is imposed, the employee shall be referred to a Substance Abuse Professional for assessment and treatment, if appropriate.

### **Section K. Self-reporting.**

- 1. Reporting.** An employee who voluntarily discloses to the Employer a problem with controlled substances or alcohol shall not be disciplined for such disclosure if, and only if, the problem is disclosed before the occurrence of any of the following:

- a. For reasonable suspicion testing, before the occurrence of an event that gives rise to reasonable suspicion that the employee has violated this Article or a departmental work rule.
  - b. For preappointment testing, follow-up testing, and random selection testing, before the employee is selected to submit to a drug test or alcohol test.
  - c. For post-incident testing, before the occurrence of any accident or incident that results in post-incident testing.
- 2. Employer action.** After receiving notice, the Employer shall permit the employee an immediate medical leave of absence subject to the provisions of Article 17, to obtain medical treatment or to participate in a rehabilitation program. In addition, the Employer shall remove the employee from the duties of a test-designated position until the employee submits to and passes a follow-up drug test or alcohol test. The Employer may require the employee to submit to further follow-up testing, as provided in subsection C-4 above, as a condition of continuing or returning to work.
- 3. Limitation.** An employee may take advantage of the provisions of sub-section K-1 above no more often than two times while employed in the classified service. An employee making a report is not excused from any subsequent drug or alcohol test or from otherwise complying in full with this article. An employee making a report remains subject to all drug and alcohol testing requirements after making a report and may be disciplined as the result of any subsequent drug or alcohol test, including a follow-up test.

#### **Section L. Identification of Test-Designated Positions.**

Each Appointing Authority shall first nominate classes of positions, subclasses of positions, or individual positions to be test-designated. The State Employer shall review the nominations and shall designate as test-designated positions all the classes, subclasses, or individual positions that meet one or more of the requirements of Section A, Subsection 8 of this Article. The designation by the State Employer shall not be limited by or to the nominations or recommendations of the Appointing Authority. The Appointing Authority shall give written notice of designation to each test-designated employee at least fourteen (14) days before implementing the testing provisions of this Article.

The State Employer agrees to provide to the Union, on a confidential basis, notice of such classes, subclasses, or individual positions that have been designated as test designated at least 30 days before implementing the testing provisions of this article.

The Union may file a grievance contesting the designation of a particular position. However, an employee occupying a position designated as a test-designated position who is given notice of the designation shall be subject to testing as provided in this Article until a final and binding determination is made that the employee is not occupying a test-designated position.



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### **Section M. Coordination of Rule and Federal Regulations.**

The provisions of this Article are also applicable to employees subject to mandatory Federal regulations governing drug or alcohol testing. However, in any circumstance in which (1) it is not possible to comply with both this rule and the Federal regulation or (2) compliance with this rule is an obstacle to the accomplishment and execution of any requirement of the Federal regulation, the employee shall be subject only to the provision of the Federal regulation.

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**TERMINATION**

This Agreement shall be effective upon Civil Service Commission approval, (except as specifically indicated) and shall continue in full force and effect until midnight, December 31, 2018 for all provision except Wages (Article 22, Section A) and Group Insurances (Article 22, Sections B-L and Appendices J-2, J-3, and J-4). Either party may give written notice to the other of its intention to negotiate a new Primary Agreement no later than April 1st of the final year of this Agreement.

Wages (Article 22, Section A) and Group Insurances (Article 22, Sections B-L and Appendices J-2, J-3, and J-4) are effective October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. Either party may give written notice to the other of its intention to negotiate a new agreement on Wages and Group Insurances for Fiscal Years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 no later than April 1, 2016.

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**WORK LOCATIONS/Agencies****with Corresponding AFSCME Local Unions and Chapters****As of September 1, 2015**

Department, Agency/Code/Work Location/MDOC CMIS Code/Local/Chapter

**EDUCATION**

Schools for the Deaf and Blind - (Flint)

3106 School for the Deaf 188

**MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

5101 Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center 261

5102 Grand Rapids Home for Veterans 261

5101 Michigan Youth Challenge Academy 261

5103 Jacobetti Home for Veterans 885

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

3902 Caro Center 831

3906 Hawthorn Center 129

3909 Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital 652

3920 Center for Forensic Psychiatry 1105

3945 Walter P. Reuther Psychiatric Hospital 2449

**Youth Facilities:**

4307 Shawono Center 1327

4307 Bay Pines Center 1327

4301 Michigan Career and Technical Institute (MCTI) 1327

Any newly created DHHS youth facilities.

**CORRECTIONS**

4735 Alger Correctional Facility (LMF) 3639

4740 Baraga Correctional Facility (AMF) 3639

4748	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility (IBC)	3638
4731	Carson City Correctional Facility (DRF)	3638
4744	Central Michigan Correctional Facility (STF)	3638
4727	Charles E. Egeler Reception & Guidance Center/Duane L. Waters Health Center (RGC)	3637
4732	Chippewa Correctional Facility (URF)	3639
4752	Cooper Street Correctional Facility (JCS)	3637
4754	Detroit Detention Center (DDC)	3637
4764	Detroit Reentry Center (DRC)	3637
4730	Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility (LRF)	3638
4720	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility (JCF)	3637
4729	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility (ARF)	3637
4724	Ionia Correctional Facility (ICF)	3638
4712	Kinross Correctional Facility (KCF)	3639
4718	Lakeland Correctional Facility (LCF)	3638
4741	Macomb Correctional Facility (MRF)	3637
4706	Marquette Branch Prison (MBP)	3639
4707	Michigan Reformatory (RMI)	3638
4704	Muskegon Correctional Facility (MCF)	3638
4743	Newberry Correctional Facility (NCF)	3639
4739	Oaks Correctional Facility (ECF)	3639
4746	Ojibway Correctional Facility (OCF)	3639
4751	Parnall Correctional Facility (SMT)	3637
4745	Pugsley Correctional Facility (MPF)	3639
4705	Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility (MTU)	3638
4742	Saginaw Correctional Facility (SRF)	3637
4752	Special Alternative Incarceration (SAI)	3637
4747	St. Louis Correctional Facility (SLF)	3638
4725	Thumb Correctional Facility (TCF)	3637
4722	West Shoreline Correctional Facility (MTF)	3638
4715	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility (WHV)	3637
4749	Woodland Center Correctional Facility (WCC)	3637

## APPENDIX A

### **STATE POLICE**

5501	Training Academy	950
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### **NATURAL RESOURCES**

7501	Ralph A. MacMullen Conference Center	1327
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### **LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS**




6401	Bureau of Services for Blind Persons	950
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**APPENDIX B**

**P.E.O.P.L.E. CHECKOFF**

During the current negotiations, the parties acknowledge the Civil Service Commission's current policy prohibiting payroll deduction and remittance for the purpose of contributing voluntarily to a political action committee. Accordingly, the parties jointly agreed not to conduct negotiations over the subject at this time.

In the event said Civil Service Commission Policy is amended to allow such payroll deduction and remittance, the parties agree, upon the request of the Union, and subject to such restrictions as the Civil Service Commission may establish, to meet in Special Conference to discuss the implementation of the P.E.O.P.L.E. Checkoff.

	<p><b>MICHIGAN COUNCIL 25, AFSCME, AFL-CIO</b>                  1034 N. Washington Ave., Lansing, Michigan 48906</p>								
<p><b>Authorization for Representation and Payroll Deduction of Union Dues</b></p>									
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Employee Identification Number									
<p>I hereby desire to be represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, and/or its appropriate affiliate as my exclusive bargaining agent in all matters affecting my wages, hours and other conditions of employment.</p>									
<p>Effective _____ I hereby request and authorize you to deduct from my earnings each pay period the sum of: \$ _____, on behalf of Local _____.</p>									
<p>This sum shall be paid to Michigan Council 25, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, and is payable as my union dues. Consent is additionally hereby given to increase or decrease the specific named sum above to that of any amount determined by official convention action of Michigan Council 25, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, in accordance with the provisions of its Constitution, or official constitutional action of my local union.</p>									
<p><i>(Please Print)</i></p>									
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Employee's Signature .....							Date .....		
Revised 3-11-2014 									

**APPENDIX C**

**UNIT CLASSIFICATIONS WITH PRE-AUTHORIZED LEVELS**

Pursuant to Article 13, Layoff and Recall Procedure, Section C.2., the following are the classification series in the Institutional Unit which have been determined by the Civil Service Commission as one classification refer to Civil Service Commission Rules – Job Specifications:

**Corrections**

Activities Therapy Aide 6, 7, E8

Dental Aide 7, E8

Domestic Services Aide 5, E6

Resident Care Aide 6, 7, E8

Teacher Aide 6, 7, E8

**Education**

Activities Therapy Aide 6, 7, E8

Resident Care Aide 6, 7, E8

Youth Specialist 7, 8, E9

**Military and Veterans Affairs**

Activities Therapy Aide 6, 7, E8

Physical Therapy Aide 6, 7, E8

Resident Care Aide 6, 7, E8

Youth Challenge Academy Advisor 9, 10, P11

**Health and Human Services**

Activities Therapy Aide 6, 7, E8

Barber/Cosmetologist 7, E8

Child Care Worker 8, E9

Client/Resident Affairs Representative 8, E9

Dental Aide 6, 7, E8

Domestic Services Aide 5, E6

Institution Training Technician 7, 8, E9

Physical Therapy Aide 6, 7, E8

Resident Care Aide 6, 7, E8

Teacher Aide 6, 7, E8

Youth Aide 6, 7, E8

Youth Group Leader 9, 10, P11

Youth Specialist 7, 8, E9

**Licensing and Regulatory Affairs**

Activities Therapy Aide 6, 7, E8

Domestic Services Aide 5, E6

Youth Specialist 7, 8, E9

An employee shall be recalled to the classification level from which they were laid off.

In the event that the Civil Service Commission determines that a classification is no longer preauthorized it shall be removed from the list.



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**Article 13, Section G & H**

Within 30 days of approval of this Agreement, the parties will jointly request a meeting with the Civil Service Commission for the purpose of establishing approved class clusters for recall.

Any approved class clusters will be incorporated into agreements at secondary negotiations.

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Assignment LocationsDepartment of Health and Human Services Hospitals and CentersCaro Center

“Assignment Locations” will be by building and shift. Shift will be the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Odd or Swing Shift.

Resident Care Aides

Cottage 10	Cottage 27 North
Cottage 13	Cottage 27 South
Cottage 14	Relief Pool (Relief Pool P.I.)
Cottage 15	Treatment Room/Clinic
Cottage 16	Transportation Pool

Domestic Services Aides

Cottage 10	Food Distribution
Cottage 13	Hospital Administration
Cottage 14	Sewing/Clothing
Cottage 15	Relief Pool (relief Pool P.I.)
Cottage 16	Activities
Cottage 27	Cleaning Crew

LPNs

Cottage 10	Cottage 16
Cottage 13	Cottage 27 North
Cottage 14	Cottage 27 South
Cottage 15	

As Assigned

Physical Therapy Aides

Activities Therapy Aides

Activities

Hawthorn Center

Assignment locations will be by shift.

Nursing Department

Erie  
Huron  
Michigan  
Ontario

Kitchen

DSA                      Cook  
  
Housekeeping  
AM - PM & Weekends

Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital

Assignment locations will be by shift.

Nursing Services

Edwards Unit  
Gero-Medical  
Unit

Flunt Unit  
Holder Unit

Linda Richards  
Unit  
MH Roll Unit  
Central Nursing Office  
Clinic (Central Nursing Office on weekends)

Morter Unit  
Schrier Unit

**Nutrition & Environmental Services**

MH Roll Unit  
Gero-Medical Unit  
Edwards Unit  
Schrier Unit  
Edwards/Schrier Units  
Gero-Medical/Morter Units  
Holder/MH Roll Units  
Cleaning Crew / Float Pool  
Consumer's Cafeteria

Linda Richards Unit  
Morter Unit  
Holder Unit  
Flunt Unit  
Flunt/Linda Richards Units  
Administrative Housekeeping

**Other Service**

Barber/Cosmetology  
  
Education and Training (Staff)  
  
Education Services (Patient)

**Center for Forensic Psychiatry**

Assignment locations will be by shift.

**Client/Resident Affairs Representative**

Forensic Services

**Barber/Cosmetologist**

Barber Shop

**Dental Aide**

Dental Clinic

**Domestic Services Aide**

Administration Office Area/Clinical Office Area/South Basement Area  
Evaluation Unit/Security/Nursing Office Area/East Basement Area  
Activity Therapy (Main Street)  
Clothing/Linen/Laundry  
Relief Pool

East 1 – Patient Unit  
East 2 – Patient Unit  
East 3 – Patient Unit  
East 4 – Patient Unit  
South 1 – Patient Unit  
South 2 – Patient Unit  
South 3 – Patient Unit (Unoccupied)  
South 4 – Patient Unit

**Walter Reuther Psychiatric Hospital**

Assignment locations will be by shift.

**Nursing Department**

R-1  
R-2  
R-3  
R-4  
R-5  
R-6  
Clinic  
Infection Control  
Education Department  
Transportation

**Housekeeping Department**

PT Department  
Activity Department

**Youth Facilities**

Assignment Locations for Shawono and Bay Pines shall be by shift and hall/wing/pod as follows:

**Shawono Center**

**Shawono Center – Shift 1**

**Shawono Center – Shift 2**

**Shawono Center – Shift 3**

**Shawono Center – Swing Shift**

**Bay Pines Center**

**Bay Pines Center – Shift 1**

**Bay Pines Center – Shift 2**

**Bay Pines Center – Shift 3**

**Bay Pines Center – Swing Shift**

Shift 1 Begins Between 4:00 A.M. to 11:59 A.M.  
Shift 2 Begins Between 12:00 Noon to 7:59 P.M.  
Shift 3 Begins Between 8:00 P.M. to 3:59 A.M.  
Swing Shift Schedule combination of shifts.

The definition of a swing shift shall be as follows:

- 1/2 - Day/Afternoon (3 or more day shifts)
- 2/1 – Afternoon/Days (3 or more afternoon shifts)
- 2/3 – Afternoon/Midnight's (3 or more afternoon shifts)
- 3/2 – Midnight/Afternoons (3 or more midnight shifts)
- 3/1 – Midnight/Days (3 or midnight shifts)
- 1/3 – Day/Midnight's (3 or more day shifts)

Relief assignments shall be by shift as defined in Article 14, Section F.

**Michigan Career and Technical Institute**

Dorms AM  
Dorms PM  
Dorms MN  
Kitchen Early Shift  
Kitchen Late Shift  
Housekeeping  
Leisure

**Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs**

**Bureau of Services for Blind Persons**

Kitchen, Early Shift                      Environmental Services AM - PM  
Kitchen, Late Shift                      Activity Therapy, AM Shift

**Department of Education**

**Michigan School for the Deaf**

By Unit and shift (PM, MN, or Swing),      Sunday – Thursday,  
Monday - Friday

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Ralph A. MacMullen Conference Center**

Housekeeping  
Kitchen

**APPENDIX F****EYEGLASSES**

An employee may opt to use the Vision Care Plan to replace eyeglasses damaged during the course of employment. If this option is chosen, the amount of the claim should be that amount not covered by the Plan. Under current procedures, if the net amount is less than \$50.00, such claim is sent to the Department's central office for determination. Claims between \$50.00 and \$99.99 are sent to the State Accounting Division for processing through the State Administrative Board.

If an employee does not wish to use the Vision Care Plan for such claims, the total amount excluding eye examination (not exceeding \$99.99) can be processed through the State Accounting Division for State Administrative Board determination.

However, before submitting claims for reimbursement for eyeglasses, the agency must first determine whether the eyeglasses could be reimbursed under the Workers' Compensation Act. In cases where there is a second party involvement causing damage to an employee's prosthetic device, these cases should first be reported to the State's Workers' Compensation carrier for liability determination.

If the State's Workers' Compensation carrier does not accept liability, or a request for their determination is not in order, the employee may either have his/her eyeglasses replaced through the Vision Care Plan, or a claim may be processed through the State Accounting Division for State Administrative Board determination, as noted above.

When submitting such claims to either the Central Office, or the State Accounting Division, a notation must be included on the voucher that amount claimed has been denied by the State's Workers' Compensation carrier, and/or the employee has opted not to use the Vision Care Plan and the amount claimed is the difference not covered by the Plan.

APPENDIX G

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HOSPITALS AND  
CENTERS OVERTIME SUBDIVISIONS**

**CARO CENTER**  
**Nursing-By Classification**  
(4 or 8 hour shifts)  
AM  
PM  
Midnight

**DSA**  
(4 or 8 hour shifts)  
AM  
ODD

**KALAMAZOO PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL**  
**Nursing-By Classification**  
(4 or 8 hour shifts)  
AM  
PM  
Midnight

**DSA**  
(4 or 8 hour shifts)  
Early  
Late  
Evening

**HAWTHORNE CENTER**  
**Nursing**  
(4 or 8 hour shifts)  
AM  
PM  
Midnight

**Kitchen-By Classification**  
(4 or 8 hour shifts)  
AM  
PM

**Housekeeping**  
(4 or 8 hour shifts)  
A.M.  
P.M.

**WALTER REUTHER PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL**  
**Nursing-By Classification**  
(4 or 8 hour shifts)  
AM  
PM  
Midnight

**DSA**  
(4 or 8 hour shifts)  
AM  
PM

**CENTER FOR FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY**

Overtime subdivisions will be by shift for DSA and CRAR

**APPENDIX H****FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN**

A Flexible Benefits Plan will be implemented for all Bargaining Unit members. The Flexible Benefits Plan shall be offered to all Bargaining Unit members during the annual enrollment process and shall be effective the first full pay period in the new fiscal year.

The Flexible Benefits Plan will consist of the group insurance programs and options available to Bargaining Unit members with three exceptions: (1) financial incentives will be paid to employees selecting the Catastrophic Health Plan rather than Standard Health Plan coverage; (2) a financial incentive will be paid to employees selecting a Preventative Dental coverage rather than the Standard State Dental Plan; and (3) a financial incentive for employees selecting reduced life insurance coverage (one times salary or \$50,000 rather than two times salary).

Changes in benefit selections made by employees may be made each year during the annual enrollment process or when there is a change in family status as defined by the IRS.

Incentives are paid each year and are the same regardless of an employee's category of coverage. For example, an employee enrolled in employee-only coverage electing the Catastrophic Health Plan for FY99 will receive \$1,300 as will an employee enrolled in full-family coverage electing the Catastrophic Health Plan. Incentives to be paid will be determined in conjunction with the annual rate setting process. The amount of the incentive to be paid to employees selecting the lower level of life insurance coverage is based on an individual's annual salary and the rate per \$1,000 of coverage, and therefore may differ from employee to employee. Financial incentives under the Flexible Benefits Plan to employees electing Catastrophic Health and/or Reduced Life Plan will be paid bi-weekly. Employees choosing the Preventive Dental Plan will be paid in a lump sum.



**APPENDIX I**

**ITEMS DELEGATED TO SECONDARY NEGOTIATIONS**

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, YOUTH FACILITIES  
AND HOSPITALS AND CENTERS**

Article 11	Section K	Secure Storage Space for Personal Items
Article 13	Section E	Bumping
Article 13	Section G	Use of Approved Class Clusters for Recall
Article 14	Section F	The Manner of Providing Relief Assignments
Article 14	Section Q.4	Permanent-Intermittent Employees
Article 14	Section Q.6	Permanent Intermittent Minimum Call-In Guarantee
Article 15	Section E	Permanent Intermittent Work Schedule Changes
Article 15	Section L.2.b.	Involuntary Overtime
Article 15	Section N	Administration of Compensatory Time

**YOUTH FACILITIES-ONLY**

Article 11	Section I	Nonskid Footwear for Food Service Employees
Article 14	Section C.4	Intradepartmental Transfer to a Vacancy
Article 14	Section L	Cross Employment Type Transfers
Article 15	Section L.1 (d)	Overtime Subdivisions
Article 19	Section L	Uniform Allowance

**HOSPITALS AND CENTERS- ONLY**

Article 15	Section L.2(a)	Voluntary Overtime
Article 16	Section F.3	Rescheduling R-Days Which Fall on a Holiday

**MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Article 11	Section I	Non-Skid Footwear for Food Service Employees
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Article 11	Section K	Secure Storage Space for Personal Property
Article 13	Section E	Bumping
Article 13	Section G	Use of Approved Class Clusters for Recall
Article 14	Section C.1.c	Designation of Assignment Locations
Article 14	Section F	The Manner of Providing Relief Assignments
Article 14	Section Q.4	Permanent-Intermittent Employees
Article 14	Section Q.6	Permanent Intermittent Minimum Call in Guarantee
Article 15	Section E	Permanent Intermittent Work Schedules
Article 15	Section L.1(d)	Overtime Subdivisions
Article 15	Section L.2(a)	Voluntary Overtime
Article 15	Section L.2(b)	Involuntary Overtime
Article 15	Section N	Administration of Compensatory Time
Article 16	Section B	Annual Leave Application and Scheduling
Article 19	Section L	Uniform Allowance

### **CORRECTIONS**

Article 9	Section G	Steward Jurisdictional Area and Option for Waiving Steps One and Two
Article 11	Section I	Non-Skid Footwear for Food Service Employees
Article 11	Section K	Secure Storage Space for Personal Property
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Article 13	Section G	Use of Approved Class Clusters for Recall
Article 14	Section C.1.c	Designation of Assignment Locations
Article 14	Section C.4	Intradepartmental Transfer to a Vacancy
Article 14	Section F	The Manner of Providing Relief Assignments
Article 14	Section Q.4	Permanent-Intermittent Employees
Article 14	Section Q.6	Permanent-intermittent Minimum Call-in Guarantee
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Article 15	Section L.2(a)	Voluntary Overtime
Article 15	Section L.2(b)	Involuntary Overtime
Article 15	Section N	Administration of Compensatory Time
Article 16	Section A	Sick Leave Verification
Article 19	Section L	Uniform Allowance

### EDUCATION

Article 7	Section A.6	Reinstatement of Annual/Comp
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Article 11	Section I	Non-Skid Footwear for Food Service Employees
Article 11	Section K	Secure Storage Space for Personal Items
Article 13	Section E	Bumping
Article 13	Section G	Use of Approved Class Clusters for Recall
Article 14	Section F	The Manner of Providing Relief Assignments
Article 14	Section K	Return from Seasonal Layoff
Article 14	Section Q..4	Permanent-Intermittent Employees
Article 14	Section Q.6	Permanent-Intermittent Minimum Call-In Guarantee
Article 15	Section E	Permanent-Intermittent Work Schedule Changes
Article 15	Section L.1(d)	Overtime Subdivision
Article 15	Section L.2(a)	Voluntary Overtime
Article 15	Section L.2(b)	Involuntary Overtime
Article 15	Section N	Administration of Compensatory Time
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**LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS**

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Article 11	Section L	Health and Safety Committees
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Article 13	Section G	Use of Approved Class Clusters for Recall
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**HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT CHART**

Preventive Services	State Health Plan PPO "SHP – PPO" Benefits		HMO Plan "HMO" Benefits
	In-network	Out-of-network	
Health maintenance exam	Covered 100% 1 per year	Not Covered	Covered 100%
Annual gynecological exam	Covered 100% 1 per calendar year	Not Covered	Covered 100%
Pap smear screening – laboratory services only <sup>1</sup>	Covered 100% 1 per year	Not Covered	Covered 100%
Well-baby and child care	Covered 100%	Not Covered	Covered 100%
Immunizations, annual flu shot & Hepatitis C screening for those at risk	Covered 100%	Not Covered	Covered 100%
Childhood Immunizations	Covered 100% through age 16	Covered 80%	Covered 100%
Fecal occult blood screening <sup>1</sup>	Covered 100%	Not Covered	Covered 100%
Flexible sigmoidoscopy <sup>1</sup>	Covered 100%	Not Covered	Covered 100%
Prostate specific antigen screening <sup>1</sup>	Covered 100% one per year	Not Covered	Covered 100%
Mammography, annual standard film mammography screening (covers digital mammography up to the standard film rate) <sup>1</sup>	Covered 100%	Covered 80% after deductible	Covered 100%
Colonoscopy <sup>1</sup>	Covered 100%	Covered 80% after deductible	Covered 100%

<sup>1</sup> American Cancer Society guidelines apply

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<b>Physician Office Services</b>	<b>State Health Plan PPO "SHP – PPO" Benefits</b>		<b>HMO Plan "HMO" Benefits</b>
	<b>In-network</b>	<b>Out-of-network</b>	
Office visits, consultations and urgent care visits and telemedicine <sup>2</sup>	Covered, \$20 co-pay	Covered 80% after deductible	Covered, \$20 co-pay
Outpatient and home visits	Covered 90% after deductible	Covered 80% after deductible	Covered, \$20 co-pay

<b>Emergency Medical Care</b>	<b>State Health Plan PPO "SHP – PPO" Benefits</b>		<b>HMO Plan "HMO" Benefits</b>
	<b>In-network</b>	<b>Out-of-network</b>	
Hospital emergency room for medical emergency or accidental injury	Covered, \$200 co-pay if not admitted		Covered, \$200 co-pay if not admitted
Ambulance services – medically necessary	Covered, 90% after deductible		Covered, 100% after deductible

<b>Diagnostic Services</b>	<b>State Health Plan PPO "SHP – PPO" Benefits</b>		<b>HMO Plan "HMO" Benefits</b>
	<b>In-network</b>	<b>Out-of-network</b>	
Laboratory and pathology tests	Covered 90% after deductible	Covered 80% after deductible	Covered 100%
Diagnostic tests and x-rays	Covered 90% after deductible	Covered 80% after deductible	Covered 100% after deductible
Radiation therapy	Covered 90% after deductible	Covered 80% after deductible	Covered 100% after deductible

<b>Maternity Services</b> Includes care by a certified nurse midwife (State Health Plan PPO only)	<b>State Health Plan PPO "SHP – PPO" Benefits</b>		<b>HMO Plan "HMO" Benefits</b>
	<b>In-network</b>	<b>Out-of-network</b>	
Prenatal care	Covered 100%	Covered 80% after deductible	Covered 100%
Postnatal care	Covered 90% after deductible	Covered 80% after deductible	Covered, \$20 co-pay
Delivery and nursery care	Covered 90% after deductible	Covered 80% after deductible	Covered 100% after deductible

<sup>2</sup> Telemedicine benefit is available effective beginning the first full pay period in October 2016.

<b>Hospital Care</b>	<b>State Health Plan PPO “SHP – PPO” Benefits</b>		<b>HMO Plan “HMO” Benefits</b>
	<b>In-network</b>	<b>Out-of-network</b>	
Semi-private room, inpatient physician care, general nursing care, hospital services and supplies	Covered 90% after deductible, unlimited days	Covered 80% after deductible, unlimited days	Covered 100% after deductible Unlimited days
Inpatient consultations	Covered 90% after deductible	Covered 80% after deductible	Covered 100% after deductible
Self-donated blood storage prior to surgery	Covered 90% after deductible	Covered 80% after deductible	Check with your HMO
Chemotherapy	Covered 90% after deductible	Covered 80% after deductible	Covered 100% after deductible

<b>Alternatives to Hospital Care</b>	<b>State Health Plan PPO “SHP – PPO” Benefits</b>		<b>HMO Plan “HMO” Benefits</b>
	<b>In-network</b>	<b>Out-of-network</b>	
Skilled nursing care up to 120 days per confinement	Covered 90% after deductible		Covered 100% after deductible
Hospice care	Covered 100% Limited to the lifetime dollar maximum that is adjusted annually by the State		Covered 100% after deductible
Home health care	Covered 90% after deductible, unlimited visits		Check with your HMO

<b>Surgical Services</b>	<b>State Health Plan PPO “SHP – PPO” Benefits</b>		<b>HMO Plan “HMO” Benefits</b>
	<b>In-network</b>	<b>Out-of-network</b>	
Surgery—includes related surgical services.	Covered 90% after deductible	Covered 80% after deductible	Covered 100% after deductible
Male Voluntary sterilization	Covered 90% after deductible	Covered 80% after deductible	Covered 100% after deductible
Female Voluntary sterilization	Covered 100%	Covered 80% after deductible	Covered 100%

<b>Human Organ and Tissue Transplants</b>	<b>State Health Plan PPO “SHP – PPO” Benefits</b>		<b>HMO Plan “HMO” Benefits</b>
	<b>In-network</b>	<b>Out-of-network</b>	
Liver, heart, lung, pancreas, and other specified organ transplants	Covered 100% In designated facilities only. Up to \$1 million lifetime maximum for each organ transplant		Covered 100% after deductible in designated facilities
Bone marrow—specific criteria apply	Covered 100% after deductible in designated facilities		Covered 100% after deductible in designated facilities



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Kidney, cornea, and skin	Covered 90% after deductible in designated facilities	Covered 80% after deductible	Covered 100% after deductible subject to medical criteria
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Other Services	State Health Plan PPO "SHP – PPO" Benefits		HMO Plan "HMO" Benefits
	In-network	Out-of-network	
Allergy testing and therapy (non-injection)	Covered 90% after deductible	Covered 80% after deductible	Covered, 100% after deductible.
Allergy injections	Covered 90% after deductible	Covered 80% after deductible	Covered 100%
Acupuncture	Covered 80% after deductible if performed by or under the supervision of a M.D. or D.O.		Check with your HMO
Rabies treatment after initial emergency room visit	Covered 90% after deductible	Covered 80% after deductible	Office visits: \$20 co-pay. Injections: Covered 100%
Autism-Spectrum Disorder Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) treatment	Covered 90% after deductible	Covered 80% after deductible	Covered, 100% after deductible
Chiropractic/spinal manipulation	Covered, \$20 co-pay Up to 24 visits per calendar year	Covered 80% after deductible Up to 24 visits per calendar year	Check with your HMO
Durable medical equipment	Covered 100%	Covered 80% of approved amount	Covered, check with your HMO
Prosthetic and orthotic appliances	Covered 100%	Covered 80% of approved amount	Covered, check with your HMO
On-line Tobacco Cessation counseling	No charge	Not covered	Covered, check with your HMO
Private duty nursing	Covered 80% after deductible		Check with your HMO
Wig, wig stand, adhesives	Upon meeting medical conditions, eligible for a lifetime maximum reimbursement of \$300. (Additional wigs covered for children due to growth).		Check with your HMO
Hearing Care Exam	Covered, \$20 co-pay	Covered 80% after deductible	Check with your HMO
Hearing aids <sup>3</sup>	Covered	Not covered	Check with your HMO

Mental Health/Substance Abuse	State Health Plan PPO "SHP – PPO" Benefits		HMO Plan "HMO" Benefits
	In-network	Out-of-network	
Mental Health Benefits - <b>Inpatient</b>	Covered 100% up to 365 days per year <sup>4</sup>	Covered 50% up to 365 days per year	Check with your HMO; Inpatient services subject to deductible.
Mental Health Benefits – <b>Outpatient, including Telemedicine</b> <sup>2</sup>	As necessary 90% of network rates 10% co-pay	As necessary 50% of network rates	Check with your HMO
Alcohol & Chemical Dependency Benefits – <b>Inpatient</b>	Covered 100% <sup>5</sup> Halfway House 100%	Covered 50% <sup>5</sup> Halfway House 50%	Check with your HMO; Inpatient services subject to deductible.
Alcohol & Chemical Dependency Benefits - <b>Outpatient</b>	\$3,500 per calendar year 90% of network rates 10% co-pay <sup>6</sup>	\$3,500 per calendar year 50% of network rates <sup>6</sup>	Check with your HMO

<sup>2</sup> Telemedicine benefit is available effective beginning the first full pay period in October 2016.

<sup>3</sup> Deluxe hearing aids are covered at the same rate as basic hearing aids with the member paying the remainder. Discount hearing aids are offered through the SHP PPO.

<sup>4</sup> Inpatient days may be utilized for partial day hospitalization (PHP) at 2:1 ratio. One inpatient day equals two PHP days.

<sup>5</sup> Up to two 28-day admissions per year. There must be at least 60 days between admissions. Inpatient days may be utilized for intensive outpatient treatment (IOP) at 2:1 ratio. One inpatient day equals two IOP days.

<sup>6</sup> \$3,500 per calendar year limitation pertains to services for chemical dependency only.

### Prescription Drugs

Prescription medications for the State Health Plan PPO are carved out and administered by a Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM).

Prescriptions filled at a participating pharmacy may only be approved for up to a 34-day supply. Employees can still receive a 90-day supply by mail order.

To check the co-pay for drugs you may be taking, visit the Civil Service Commission Employee Benefits Division website at <http://www.michigan.gov/employeebenefits> and select Benefit Plan Administrators.

The chart below shows the SHP and HMO prescription drug member co-pays:

Generic	Brand Name Preferred	Brand Name Non-Preferred
Retail \$10	Retail \$30	Retail \$60
Mail Order \$20	Mail Order \$60	Mail Order \$120

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<b>Outpatient Physical, Speech, and Occupational Therapy</b> Combined maximum of 90 visits per calendar year.	<b>State Health Plan PPO                      “SHP – PPO” Benefits</b>		<b>HMO Plan                      “HMO” Benefits</b>
	<b>In-network</b>	<b>Out-of-network</b>	
Outpatient physical, speech and occupational therapy – facility and clinic services	Covered 90% after deductible	Covered 90% after deductible	Covered, \$20 co-pay
Outpatient physical therapy – physician’s office	Covered 90% after deductible	Covered 80% after deductible	Covered, \$20 co-pay

<b>Deductible, Co-Pays, and Out-of-Pocket Dollar Maximums</b>	<b>State Health Plan PPO                      “SHP – PPO” Benefits</b>		<b>HMO Plan                      “HMO” Benefits</b>
	<b>In-network</b>	<b>Out-of-network</b>	
Deductible <sup>7</sup>	\$400 per member \$800 per family	\$800 per member \$1,600 per family	\$125 per member \$250 per family
Fixed dollar co-pays	\$20 for office visits, office consultations, urgent care visits, osteopathic manipulations, chiropractic manipulations and medical hearing exams. \$200 for emergency room visits, if not admitted	Not applicable	\$20 for office visits \$200 for emergency room visits, if not admitted
Coinsurance	10% for most services and 20% for private duty nursing and acupuncture	20% for most services. MHSA at 50%	None
Annual out-of-pocket dollar maximums <sup>8</sup>	\$2,000 per member and \$4,000 per family	\$3,000 per member \$6,000 per family	\$2,000 per member and \$4,000 per family

<b>Premium Sharing</b>	<b>State Health Plan PPO                      “SHP – PPO” Benefits</b>		<b>HMO Plan                      “HMO” Benefits</b>	
	<b>Employee</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Employee</b>	<b>State</b>
Premium	20%	80%	15%	85% <sup>9</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Deductible amounts for the SHP – PPO are effective January 1, 2015 and renew annually on a calendar year basis. Deductible amounts for the HMOs are effective October 12, 2014 and renew annually each October with the start of the new plan year.

<sup>8</sup> Beginning October 12, 2014, in-network deductibles, in-network fixed dollar co-payments and in-network co-insurance all apply toward the out-of-pocket annual limit. In addition, in HMOs, prescription drug co-payments also apply toward the annual out-of-pocket limit. Beginning with the October 2015 plan year, prescription drug co-payments in the SHP PPO also apply to the annual out-of-pocket limit.

<sup>9</sup> The State will pay up to 85% of the applicable HMO total premium, capped at the dollar amount which the State pays for the same coverage code under the SHP-PPO.

**Appendix J-3 Dental Chart**

Covered Services	State Dental Plan*		DMO Plan	Preventive Dental Plan**
	PPO	Premier		
Diagnostic Exams and Consultations (2 per year)	Covered 100%	Covered 100%	Covered 100%	Covered 100%
Teeth Cleaning (3 per year, 4 if medically necessary)	Covered 100%	Covered 100%	Covered 100%	Covered 100%
Topical Fluoride(Under age 19)	Covered 100%	Covered 100%	Covered 100%	Covered 100%
Space Maintainers (Under age 14)	Covered 100%	Covered 100%	Covered 100%	Covered 100%
Brush Biopsy	Covered 100%	Covered 100%	N/A	Covered 100%
Radiographs	Covered 100%	Covered 90%	Covered 100%	Covered 100%
Occlusal Guard (once every 5 years)	Covered 100%	Covered 90%	Not covered	Not Covered
Minor Restoratives	Covered 100%	Covered 90%	Covered 100%	Not Covered
Major Restoratives <sup>1</sup>	Covered 90%	Covered 90%	Covered 100%	Not Covered
Oral Surgery	Covered 90%	Covered 90%	Covered 100%	Not Covered
Extractions	Covered 100%	Covered 90%	Covered 100%	Not Covered
Endodontics	Covered 100%	Covered 90%	Covered 100%	Not Covered
Periodontics	Covered 100%	Covered 90%	Covered 100%	Not Covered
Cosmetic Bonding (ages 8-19)	Covered 100%	Covered 90%	Not Covered	Not Covered
Prosthodontics	Covered 70%	Covered 50%	Covered 100%	Not Covered
Prosthodontics Repair	Covered 100%	Covered 50%	Covered 100%	Not Covered
Sealants (Under age 14)	Covered 70%	Covered 50%	Covered 100%	Not Covered
Orthodontics (Up to age 19)	Covered 75%	Covered 60%	Covered 100%	Not Covered
Orthodontics (19 and over)	Covered 75%	Covered 60%	\$1,250 co-pay	Not Covered

Benefit Maximums	State Dental Plan*		DMO Plan	Preventive Dental Plan
	PPO	Premier		
Annual (12 months beginning on Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup> )	\$1,500	\$1,500	None	None
Lifetime Orthodontics	\$1,500	\$1,500	None	N/A

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Premium Sharing	State Dental Plan*		DMO Plan		Preventive Dental Plan	
	Employee	State	Employee	State	Employee	State
Premium***	5%	95%	0%	100%	0%	100%

### Dental Comparison Chart

This benefit summary is a brief explanation only. All plan provisions (including exclusions and limitations) are subject to the specific terms of the State and Preventive Dental Plans and the Group Dental Services Agreement

<sup>1</sup>Fixed bridge abutment crowns may be paid at the Major Restorative benefit level if payment for a (single) crown could be made due to the condition of the tooth being restored.

\*If you have the State Dental Plan as your dental coverage, the level of coverage is based upon the provider you choose. To verify that a Dentist is a Participating Dentist, contact the third party administrator.

\*\*If you are enrolled in another group dental plan (non-State) and opt to enroll in either the preventive Dental Plan or Waive Dental benefits you will receive a lump-sum rebate established in conjunction with the annual rate-setting process.

\*\*\*See Article 22 Section B for premium sharing for less than full time employees.

## Appendix J-4 Vision Chart

Vision Testing Exam	Participating Providers	Non-participating Providers
Routine eye exam	100% of Third Party Administrator (TPA) approved amount minus \$5.00 co-pay.	Reimbursement up to \$34 minus \$5.00 co-pay (member responsible for any difference).
	Once every 12 months	

Eyeglass lenses (Glass, plastic, or prism up to 60 mm)	Participating Providers	Non-participating Providers
Replacement schedule	Members may obtain one pair of corrective lenses once every 24 months or once every 12 months if prescription has changed. Members may obtain either eyeglasses or contact lenses but not both.	
Single vision	100% of TPA approved amount minus \$7.50 co-pay	Reimbursement up to a maximum of \$17 minus \$7.50 co-pay (member responsible for any cost exceeding the difference).
Bifocal (includes blended)	100% of TPA approved amount minus \$7.50 co-pay	Reimbursement up to a maximum of \$30 minus \$7.50 co-pay (member responsible for any cost exceeding the difference).
Trifocal	100% of TPA approved amount minus \$7.50 co-pay	Reimbursement up to a maximum of \$43 minus \$7.50 co-pay (member responsible for any cost exceeding the difference).
Special lenses	100% of TPA approved amount minus \$7.50 co-pay	Not covered
Progressive lenses (standard)	100% of TPA approved amount minus \$7.50 co-pay	Reimbursement up to a maximum of \$30 minus \$7.50 co-pay (member responsible for any cost exceeding the difference).
Rose Tint #1 and #2 or Photochromatic Tint	100% of TPA approved amount minus \$7.50 co-pay	Not covered

Appendix J-4 Vision Chart

<b>Frames</b>	<b>Participating Providers</b>	<b>Non-participating Providers</b>
Eyeglass frames	\$100 allowance is applied toward frames (member responsible for any cost exceeding the allowance) minus \$7.50 co-pay (one co-pay applies to both frames and lenses).	Up to \$38.25 Allowance (member responsible for any cost exceeding the allowance) minus \$7.50 co-pay (one co-pay applies to both frames and lenses).
	Once every 24 months or once every 12 months if prescription has changed.	

<b>Contact Lenses</b>	<b>Participating Providers</b>	<b>Non-Participating Providers</b>
Medically necessary	100% of the TPA approved amount Includes contact lens fitting and suitability exam minus \$7.50 co-pay.	Maximum of \$210 allowance per pair minus \$7.50 co-pay (member responsible for any cost exceeding the allowance).
Cosmetic Not medically necessary	Up to \$130 allowance (member responsible for any cost exceeding the allowance) Includes contact lens fitting and suitability exam.  No co-pay	Maximum of \$100 allowance (member responsible for any cost exceeding the allowance).  No co-pay

<b>VDT/CRT or Computer Glasses</b>	<b>Participating Providers</b>	<b>Non-participating Providers</b>
Per pair of glasses	Once every 24 months or once every 12 months if prescription has changed. Only covered if prescription is in addition to, and different from, prescribed everyday eyewear.	
Eye exam	Initial eye exam covered if within 12 months of routine eye exam and is not subject to co-pay. Subsequent evaluation included with routine eye exam.	
Single vision, plastic	100% of TPA approved amount	Up to \$17 allowance (member responsible for any cost exceeding the allowance).
Bifocal (includes blended)	100% of TPA approved amount	Up to \$30 allowance (member responsible for any cost exceeding the allowance).
Trifocal	100% of TPA approved amount	Up to \$43 allowance (member responsible for any cost exceeding the allowance).

Appendix J-4 Vision Chart

<b>VDT/CRT or Computer Glasses</b>	<b>Participating Providers</b>	<b>Non-participating Providers</b>
Progressive lens (standard)	100% of TPA approved amount	Up to \$30 allowance (member responsible for any cost exceeding the allowance).
Special lenses	100% of TPA approved amount	Not covered
Rose Tint #1 to #2	100% of TPA approved amount	Not covered
Eyeglass frames	\$100 allowance (member responsible for any cost exceeding the allowance).	Up to \$38.25 allowance (member responsible for any cost exceeding the allowance).

<b>Safety Eye-wear</b>	<b>Participating Providers</b>	<b>Non-participating Providers</b>
Replacement schedule	Members may obtain one pair of corrective lenses once every 24 months or once every 12 months if prescription has changed. Members may obtain either eyeglasses or contact lenses but not both.	
Single vision	100% of TPA approved amount	Not covered
Bifocal (includes blended)	100% of TPA approved amount	Not covered
Trifocal	100% of TPA approved amount	Not covered
Special lenses	100% of TPA approved amount	Not covered
Progressive lenses (standard)	100% of TPA approved amount	Not covered
Eyeglass frames	Up to \$65 allowance (member responsible for any cost exceeding the allowance).	Not covered
Rose Tint #1 and #2	100% of TPA approved amount	Not covered



**APPENDIX K**

**Article 20, Section A—Work Location Definition - Department of Corrections**

In the Department of Corrections only, for purpose of Temporary Reassignment (Article 14, Section E) and for purpose of Relief Assignment (Article 14, Section F), work location definition in the Bureau of Health Care shall be as follows:

1. Parnall Correctional Facility

Charles E. Egeler Correctional Facility / Duane L. Waters Health Center

Cooper Street Correctional Facility

G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility

2. Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility

Special Alternative Incarceration (Boot Camp-SAI)

Woodland Center Correctional Facility

3. Lakeland Correctional Facility

Gus Harrison Correctional Facility

4. West Shoreline Correctional Facility

Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility

Muskegon Correctional Facility

5. Marquette Branch Prison

Alger Correctional Facility

6. Ojibway Correctional Facility

Baraga Correctional Facility

7. Kinross Correctional Facility

Chippewa Correctional Facility

Newberry Correctional Facility

8. Michigan Reformatory

Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility

Ionia Correctional Facility

Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility

- Carson City Correctional Facility
- 9. St. Louis Correctional Facility
  - Central Michigan Correctional Facility
  - Saginaw Correctional Facility
- 10. Pugsley Correctional Facility
  - Oaks Correctional Facility
- 11. Macomb Correctional Facility
  - Detroit Detention Center
  - Detroit Reentry Center
  - Thumb Correctional Facility

For all other purposes, the Duane L. Waters Health Center shall be considered part of Charles E. Egeler Correctional Facility.

For Food Service Employees, for purpose of temporary reassignment (Article 14, Section E) and for purpose of relief assignment (Article 14, Section F), a work location shall be defined as (1) a facility, or (2) multiple facilities that have shared services which are under the administration of a single warden.

**LETTER OF AGREEMENT #1**

**COMPENSATORY TIME**

The parties agree that should legislation be enacted that would provide Bargaining Unit employees the right to “bank” overtime hours as compensatory time, the parties will meet upon written request of either party to negotiate the implementation of such legislation.

**LETTER OF AGREEMENT #2**

**EMPLOYEES AT ANNUAL LEAVE MAXIMUM**

The parties agree that verification of discussion of the issue concerning scheduling of annual leave for employees approaching the maximum hour limit shall be one of the following. Definition of approaching max. shall be within sixteen (16) hours of reaching annual leave accumulation cap.:

1. Minutes of the Labor Management Meeting at which this item was discussed.
2. Signed documentation confirming that the subject was discussed at a labor management meeting. This documentation shall be signed both by a Representative of the Employer and a Representative of the Local Union.

**LETTER OF AGREEMENT #3**

**AFSCME And State of Michigan, Office of the State Employer—Article 16,  
Section J. Annual Leave Donation**

The parties agree that having a uniform process for donation and receipt of annual leave across State government would increase efficiency and understanding of the procedure.

Following approval of this Agreement, the parties agree to address this issue in the Labor/Management Health Care Committee forum(s) to attempt to remove inconsistencies in the processes and draft a uniform procedure.

Proper subjects to be addressed at this meeting include, but are not limited to:

- Conditions under which leave can be received and
- Conditions under which leave can be donated, and
- The procedure for making such a request.

Any changes that would modify the Collective Bargaining Agreement would be implemented in a separate Letter of Understanding that would be submitted to the Civil Service Commission for approval.

**LETTER OF AGREEMENT #4**

**Article 3**

Upon request of the Union, the Employer will provide available copies of the Request For Proposal (RFP) or similar documents for contracting or sub-contracting bargaining unit work resulting in the displacement of bargaining unit employees.

When employees are scheduled to be displaced as a result of contracting or sub-contracting out, at the request of the Union, the Employer shall facilitate credential reviews through the Civil Service Commission for determination of the classifications for which the displaced employees may qualify. Once the determination has been made the employee may be transferred to another vacancy in a classification for which he/she qualifies at any work location or Agency within the Department within the Unit in accordance with Article 14, Section O.

**LETTER OF INTENT #1**

**Michigan Council 25 AFSCME AFL-CIO  
And  
State of Michigan Office of the State Employer  
Article 9, Section B**

The above parties have agreed to the following points as it relates to the current contract language found in Article 9 of the AFSCME collective bargaining agreement (CBA).

1. The "thirty-five (35) weekdays" to appeal to Step 4 arbitration will start from the postmarked/metered date on the envelope in which the Step 3 answer was mailed.
2. AFSCME Council 25 will provide the Employer with a copy of the envelope referred to in #1 above with the notification of the assigned Arbitrator.
3. Should the Union request an extension to appeal a grievance to arbitration, the Union will make an effort to also provide a copy of said mailing envelope, and the postmarked/metered date on this envelope will be used for the purpose of calculating the time line for appeal.

If the mailing envelope is not provided to the Employer with the extension request, the Employer may deny or grant an extension request with a disclaimer statement such as "as long as this request date is timely for appeal."

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #1**

**DISABILITY MANAGEMENT**

The parties hereby agree that this Letter shall modify those Articles and Sections of the Agreement which require that employees be fully able to perform all the duties of their position.

The parties recognize that employees may have certain temporary medical restrictions which prevent them from performing their full range of duties. Based solely on the availability of limited duty assignments and the medical limitations placed on employees, such employees will be given limited duty assignments upon request. For the purpose of this Letter, "limited duty assignment" is defined as a Bargaining Unit assignment generally lasting 180 calendar days or less which can be performed by employees whose medical condition does not permit them to perform all of the functions of their classification. Assignments in other bargaining units shall generally last 180 calendar days or less. Employees are eligible for limited duty assignment because of illness or injury and because they are temporarily unable to perform their regular job duties at full capacity. Employees with work related injuries may be offered limited duty assignments. Employees with non-work related injuries or illnesses may volunteer for such assignments. If employees volunteer for limited duty assignments they shall do so by notifying the Agency Human Resource Office and the Local Union in writing of their desire to return to work.

In accordance with Articles 16 and 17, employees on sick leave, Workers' Compensation or medical leave of absence must furnish the Employer the following medical documentation from their physician:

- medical condition and prognosis;
- projected duration of disability;
- any restrictions such as physical movement, and the length of the work day;
- a schedule of prescribed physical or occupational therapy;
- a description of all prescribed medications and/or prosthetic devices relating to the disabling condition.

The Employer reserves the right to have employees examined by the Employer's physician, without cost to the employee, to determine whether he/she is able to return to work for full or limited duty. Employees who object to examination by a state employed doctor may be examined by a mutually approved doctor. In the absence of mutual agreement, the parties will select a physician from recommendations from a county or local medical society, by alternate striking, if necessary.

After the initial medical documentation has been furnished, employees will be required to provide additional documentation upon request by the Employer, if their



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medical condition changes, or if the limitations recommended by the treating physician change.

In accordance with paragraph 2, limited duty assignments will generally be for a period not to exceed 180 calendar days. Extensions may be considered on a case by case basis based on medical documentation.

Limited duty assignment shall be made in accordance with the physician's recommendations. Employees who feel they are unable to complete assignments within a pain free range will be required to notify their supervisor immediately and may be required to provide medical certification relating to the assignment. The Employer will make an effort to keep employees on the same shift and schedule while they are on limited duty assignment. There shall be no loss of pay or benefits for employees in limited duty assignments. Such employees may work both voluntary and mandatory overtime in accordance with the medical certification.

Employees are not required to accept such assignments. However, the Employer reserves the right to notify the State's Workers' Compensation insurance carrier that an offer of employment was made.

The Local Union President shall be notified when employees are given limited duty assignments and what the employee will be doing. The Local Union President will also be notified as employees are returned to full duty.

Problems arising under this Letter shall be raised in Agency Labor-Management meetings and shall not be grieved until such discussions have taken place. The time limits in Article 9 shall be extended for this purpose only. If the problems cannot be resolved at the Agency, the Union may bring the problems to the attention of the Central Department Human Resource Office. This request for assistance may be at the Department Labor-Management meeting or by telephone.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #2**

**PERSONAL LEAVE DAY**

The parties agree to the following expedited procedure for handling denials of requested personal leave days.

When an employee has submitted a written request to utilize a personal leave day at least ninety-six hours prior to the beginning of the pay period and when such request has been denied, the employee may present a grievance to the Step One representative with a request to expedite the grievance. If not expedited to the satisfaction of the Union, the Union may verbally contact the Step Two representative, explain the situation and request an expedited answer. If not expedited to the satisfaction of the Union, the Union may contact the Step Three representative, explain the situation and request an expedited answer.

At each step, every effort will be made to answer the grievance prior to the date the personal leave is to be taken.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #3**

**ARTICLE 22 Section B**

During negotiations in 2004, the parties agreed to implement the Disease Management Program known as Blue Health Connection and a PPO network for durable medical equipment and prosthetic and orthotic appliances effective October 1, 2005. Both of these programs will result in improved benefits for employees and a cost savings to the State Health Plan. The parties therefore agree to request Civil Service Commission approval to implement these provisions effective April 10, 2005 or as soon as administratively feasible thereafter.

During negotiations in 2015, the parties discussed the Blue Health Connection name change which is known as Complex Chronic Condition Management.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #4**

**ARTICLE 22, SECTION V – LONGEVITY PAY**

The parties agree to jointly pursue the creation of a 401(K) match option, which would be offered no later than the 2001 longevity payment. Employees may choose to take the cash payment or have the employer place the employee's longevity payment plus 50% of the associated retirement and Employer FICA savings into the employee's 401(K) account consistent with the previous lump sum payment matches. To be eligible for this option, the employee must contribute an equal amount into his/her 401(K) account. This provision must be administered consistent with IRS regulations.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #5**

**HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT NETWORK (HRMN)**

During negotiations in 2001 the parties reviewed changes in terminology that resulted from the implementation of the new payroll-personnel system, HRMN. The parties have elected to continue to use terminology that existed prior to the implementation of HRMN even though that same terminology is not utilized in HRMN. The parties agree that the HRMN terminology does not alter the meaning of the contract language unless specifically agreed otherwise.

Examples include the terms "Transfer, Reassignment, and Demotion" which are called "job change" in HRMN. The HRMN history record will show each of these transactions as a job change, however they will continue to have the same contractual meaning they had prior to the implementation of HRMN.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #6**

**BANKED LEAVE TIME**

The parties agree to extend the provisions of the Banked Leave Time Program agreement reached on February 12, 2004, until December 17, 2005. Employees shall not be eligible to accumulate in excess of 84 additional BLT hours during the term of this extension.

Utilization and payoff of BLT hours shall be consistent with the Internal Revenue Service approval of Part B of the State of Michigan Annual and Sick Leave Program, and those terms do not expire with this Letter of Understanding.

AFSCME Council 25 (U11) employees will participate in the Banked Leave Time (BLT) program, with regular pay reduced accordingly, for a total of 45 hours, at a rate of three hours per pay period for full time employees and on a pro-rated basis for less than full time employees. Participation in the BLT program shall begin with the pay period starting March 7, 2010 and end with the pay period ending October 2, 2010. Upon separation, retirement or termination any remaining banked leave time will be placed in the Employee's 401K. If the employee does not have an established 401 K, one will be established for them.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #7**

**EXTRACURRICULAR RESPONSIBILITIES AT MSDB**

The parties have discussed the long-standing practice of assigning extracurricular responsibilities at the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind. Examples of these activities/responsibilities are Student Activities Director, Boys Basketball Coach, Yearbook Project Coordinator, etc. The parties agree to continue those practices.

Each spring the Administrative Director shall determine the responsibilities to be performed for the upcoming school year. Rates of compensation shall be established by the Administrative Director based on budget considerations, expected student participation and season schedule. This information will be forwarded to the Office of the State Employer no later than July 1 of each year. The Office of the State Employer will review the proposed schedule and forward it to the State Personnel Director for review and approval.

The Administrative Director will provide notice of the extracurricular responsibilities to all staff. The assignment of these responsibilities will continue in accordance with current practice.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #8**

**ARTICLE 15 OVERTIME**

If the Union demonstrates to the Director of the Office of the State Employer that compliance with contractual overtime provisions is a significant problem at a work location, the Director may implement a remedy for continuing overtime errors which may include compensation up to a rate of one hour for every four hours of overtime incorrectly scheduled or the implementation of an alternative method of overtime distribution.

Nothing contained herein is intended to modify or restrict any other sanction that may exist or be created by mutual agreement.



**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #9**

**ARTICLE 22**

The attached rules for network use will be used by the parties in determining in and out-of-network benefits. In addition, the parties agree to set up a joint committee for the purpose of creating any additional guidelines and reviewing implementation. The committee will also be charged with identifying situations in which access to non-participating providers may be necessary and developing procedures to avoid balance billing in these situations.

The parties have also discussed the fact that there are some state employees who do not live in Michigan. The following are procedures in place for persons living or traveling outside Michigan:

Members who need medical care when away from Michigan can take advantage of the Third Party Administrator's National PPO program. There is a toll-free number for members to call in order to be directed to the nearest PPO provider. The member is not required to pay the physician or hospital at the time of service if he/she presents the PPO identification card to the network provider.

If a member is traveling he/she must seek services from a PPO provider. Failure to seek such services from a PPO provider will result in a member being treated as out-of-network unless the member was seeking services as the result of an emergency.

If a member resides out of state and seeks non-emergency services from a non-PPO provider, he/she will be treated as out-of-network. If there is not adequate access to a PPO provider, exceptions will be handled on a per case basis.

**RULES FOR NETWORK USE**

See Appendix J-2 for member costs.

A member is considered to have access to the network based on the type of services required, if there are:

- Primary Care -Two Primary Care Physicians (PCP) within 15 miles;
- Specialty Care -Two Specialty Care Physicians (SCP) within 20 miles; and
- Hospital - One hospital within 25 miles.

The distance between the member and provider is the center-point of one zip code to the center-point of the other.

1. If a member has access to the network, the member receives benefits at the in-network level when a network provider is used. The member is responsible for the in-network deductible (if any) and co-payment (if any). If a network provider refers the member to an out-of-network SCP the member continues to pay in-network expenses.

2. If a member has access to the network, the member receives benefits at the out-of-network level when a non-network provider is used. The member is responsible for the out-of-network deductible (if any), and co-payment (if any).
  - If the non-network provider is a Blues' participating provider, the provider will accept the Blues' payment as payment in full. The member is responsible for the out-of-network deductible and co-payment. The member will not, however, be balance billed.
  - If the non-network provider is not a Blues' participating provider, the provider does not accept Blues' payment as payment in full. The member is responsible for the out-of-network deductible and co-payment. The member may also be balance billed by the provider for all amounts in excess of the Blues' approved payment amount.

When a member has access to the network and chooses to use an out-of-network provider, amounts paid toward the out-of-network deductible, co-payment or out-of-pocket maximum cannot be used to satisfy the in-network deductible, co-payments or out-of-pocket maximum.

3. If a member does not have access to the network as provided above, the member will be treated as in-network for all benefits. The member will be responsible for the in-network deductible (if any) and co-payment (if any).
4. If a member does not have access to the network but then additional providers join the network so that the member would now be considered in-network, the member will be notified and given a reasonable amount of time in which to seek care from an in-network provider. Care received from a non-network provider after that grace period will be considered out-of-network and the out-of-network deductibles, co-payments and out-of-pocket maximums will apply. If a member is undergoing a course of treatment at the time he becomes in-network, the in-network rules will continue for that course of treatment only pursuant to the PPO Standard Transition Policy. Once the course of treatment has been finished, the member must use an in-network provider or be governed by the out-of-network rules.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #10**

**EXPLORING OPTIONS FOR PLACING LAID OFF EMPLOYEES**

Within 30 days of approval of this agreement, the parties shall meet to explore options available for placement of bargaining unit employees scheduled to be laid off and employment of bargaining unit employees who have been laid off. Such options may include, but are not limited to, reassignment in lieu of layoff, hiring qualified laid-off State employees for vacancies before others are hired, and pursuing establishment of approved class clusters for recall. If within 60 days the parties are unable to reach an agreement the Director of OSE and President of Council 25 or their designees will meet to resolve the issues. The parties agree to have equal numbers of representation at the table.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #11**

**ARTICLE 15 SECTION N.—COMPENSATORY TIME**

**Section N. Compensatory Time.**

Employees may choose either to receive cash payment or with departmental approval compensatory time for holiday hours worked in excess of eighty (80) in a pay period. Overtime credit earned on a particular day may not be split between cash pay and compensatory time. Employees may accumulate up to a maximum of eighty (80) hours of such compensatory time.

On a pilot basis the above maximum accumulation of eighty (80) hours will be increased to a one-hundred twenty (120) hour maximum until December 31, 2011. At this time the parties will discuss continuation of the increased hours.

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**ARTICLE 19 SECTION D. TRAINING**

The parties agree to explore methods for Competency Evaluated Nurse Aide (CENA) training for Residential Care Aides to become certified.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #13**

**CONTRACT EXTENSION**

The collective bargaining agreement for the Institutional Unit will be extended for one year. Noncompensation provisions will continue through December 31, 2011; compensation provisions will continue through September 30, 2012. However, in the event an across the board wage increase for FY 2012 is voluntarily agreed to during negotiations in 2010, with the UAW or MSEA, and approved by the Civil Service Commission, upon request of the Union on or before March 1, 2011, negotiations for an across the board increase for F/Y 2012 will be reopened no later than April 1, 2011.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #14**

**NEOGOV**

During the course of negotiations in 2011, the parties discussed the changes in technology related to the hiring process; specifically the NEOGOV system. The parties have agreed to explore the use of this technology for mutually beneficial opportunities in order to streamline the transfer request process. Any changes that would modify the Collective Bargaining Agreement would be implemented in a separate Letter of Understanding that would be submitted to the Civil Service Commission for approval.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #15**

**New Solutions Committee**

During the 2011 negotiations, the parties discussed the role of labor management cooperation and collaboration in providing more efficient delivery of services to the citizens of Michigan. The parties recognize that the efficient delivery of services to the public should be mindful of the cost effectiveness, quality of delivery, accountability and public interest. The discussion encompassed the Unions' New Solutions Report, which encourages all stakeholders to work together in an open dialogue manner to achieve best in class public service.

The parties agreed to approach the New Solutions Report jointly with the goal of facilitating the development of positive programs relative to the effective use of resources. Such effective use of resources may include self-directed work teams or other empowerment initiatives as agreed by the parties to provide front line workers with the support needed to effectively perform their jobs.

The parties recognize that Lean Optimization can be a valuable tool in achieving the effective use of resources. Lean Optimization has the simple goal of helping state government work better for both its customers and its employees. Lean practices rely on joint participation between employees and management at all levels within the State. World class service cannot occur without such employee involvement.

The New Solutions Committee will continue to explore innovative solutions to deliver better customer service and pursue better value from those who deliver the services. Each of the Coalition Unions may designate two (2) representatives to meet with the Office of the State Employer. Representatives from the Departments and/or the Civil Service Commission may participate as needed. The Committee will determine the meeting schedule and agenda. The parties agree on the value of utilizing outside independent facilitators trained in business lean practices and will explore funding alternatives to engage mutually agreed upon lean consultants.



**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #16**

**Joint Healthcare Committee**

During the 2011 negotiations, the parties discussed the mutual goal of designing and implementing health care plans, including ancillary plans, that effectively manage costs and that work to keep members healthy. To that end, the Employer and the Unions will convene a Joint Healthcare Committee (the "Committee") whose charges will include, but not be limited to:

- a. Analysis of current plan performance identifying opportunities for improvement;
- b. Investigate potential savings opportunities from re-contracting pharmacy or other carrier contracts;
- c. Review the current specialty pharmacy program and identify best-in-class specialty programs to use as a benchmark;
- d. Analyze current HMO plans to determine if they are a cost-effective means of providing high quality health care;
- e. Investigate impact on outcomes and costs of Value Based Benefit Designs;
- f. Identify opportunities for cost-containment programs and carve out programs;
- g. Investigate opportunities to save costs by modifying or otherwise limiting medical, professional and pharmacy networks;
- h. Review current chronic care management programs to determine effectiveness as well as ongoing member compliance;
- i. Investigate work place health and wellness programs and make recommendations with the goal of educating and motivating employees toward improved health and wellbeing;
- j. Make recommendations to increase voluntary participation in health and wellness screenings and benefits included in current health plans;
- k. Identify educational opportunities relative to facility and professional provider quality data, as well as designated centers of excellence.

As mutually agreed by the parties, independent subject matter experts and consultants may be called upon to assist the Committee in carrying out their charges.

Within 30 days of the effective date of the Agreement, each union shall appoint a representative to serve on the Committee and the Employer shall designate up to four representatives. The Committee will be jointly chaired by a representative designated by OSE and a representative designated by the Unions.

Monthly meetings of the Committee shall be scheduled with the first being held no later than 45 days following the effective date of the Agreement.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #17**

**Article 4, Union Dues and Fees**

During 2013 negotiations, the parties recognized that challenges have been made to the application of Public Act 349 of 2012, the public sector "Right to Work" law, to employees in the classified service. The parties also recognize that challenges have been made to the overall legality of Public Act 349.

This contract amends Article 4 consistent with Public Act 349, with express understanding that the unions maintain their challenges to the Act, as set forth in the pending *International Union v UAW*, Court of Appeals No. 314781 (Application for Leave to Appeal to Supreme Court filed September 11, 2013). Should the unions prevail in their challenge; the parties agree to return to contract language in Article 4 in the 2011-2013 Collective Bargaining Agreement. The parties further agree to return to contract language in Article 4 in the 201-2013 Collective Bargaining Agreement if Public Act 349 is otherwise held invalid by a state or federal court or repealed.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #18**

**Attendance Incentive Pilot**

In an attempt to reduce the amount of call-ins for Institutional Unit Employees at DHHS hospitals and centers (Excluding the Forensic Center), the Parties agree to a one (1) year Pilot Program effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017). The following will be the criteria for eligible employees to convert unused sick leave credits to compensatory time:

- 1) No unscheduled leave usage for a period of six (6) months (January 1 - June 30 and July 1 - December 31).
- 2) In the first full pay period in July 2017 and January 2018 upon the employees' request, if eligible, may convert twenty-four (24) hours of sick leave to compensatory time.
- 3) Employees will be ineligible if they are on a medical leave or utilize FMLA during the six (6) month period.
- 4) The converted twenty-four (24) hours will count towards the cap for compensatory time.
- 5) This pilot program will expire December 31, 2017.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #19**

**Other Eligible Adult Individual-Health Insurance**

**Article 22**

Where the employee does not have a spouse eligible for enrollment in the State Health Plan, the plan shall be amended to allow a participating employee to enroll one other eligible adult individual, as set forth below:

To be eligible, the individual must meet the following criteria:

1. Be at least 18 years of age.
2. Not be a member of the employee's immediate family as defined as employee's spouse, children, parents, grandparents or foster parents, grandchildren, parents-in-law, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, or cousins.
3. Have jointly shared the same regular and permanent residence for at least 12 continuous months, and continues to share a common residence with the employee other than as a tenant, boarder, renter, or employee.

Dependents and children of another eligible adult individual may enroll under the same conditions that apply to dependents and children of employees.

In order to establish that the criteria have been met, the Employer will require the employee and other eligible adult individual to sign an affidavit setting forth the facts that constitute compliance with those requirements.

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**Federal Excise Tax Implications**

The aggregate cost for the SHP PPO and HMO's extending into 2018 must fall below the federal excise tax thresholds established by the IRS under PPACA. The aggregate cost which must be counted toward the applicable 2018 federal excise tax threshold will be calculated in accordance with IRS guidelines.

The parties agree to meet to convene the Joint Health Care Committee no less than monthly beginning January 2016. The Committee shall jointly share the most recent information available, subject to change, including total premiums (employer and employee share) and employee pre-tax medical Flexible Spending Account (FSA) contributions in the aggregate cost.

The Committee shall also discuss various plans to maintain health care costs. Discussions shall include updates on the IRS regulations relative to the excise tax as well as all options to stay below the threshold.

Current deductibles and out of pocket maximums, as well as other plan provisions will also be discussed. Additionally, the parties will consider other options to maintain costs prior to plan design changes and/or reductions to the medical spending accounts.

It is the intent of the parties that the Joint Health Care Committee will utilize all options to avoid the excise tax. However, in the event such collaboration does not result in avoiding the excise tax, the parties will negotiate the terms of the health insurance plan with an end result that will provide the costs stay below the excise tax threshold.

The employer agrees to provide notice as soon as administratively feasible, but not later than July 13, 2017, of the SHP PPO rates and HMO rates for FY 18. If the aggregate cost for any one of the health insurance plans offered by the State for enrollment (the SHP PPO or any HMO's) extending into 2018 exceeds federal excise tax thresholds established by the IRS, the parties agree that beginning with the Flexible Spending Account (FSA) enrollment for calendar year 2018, the medical spending account option under Article 43, Section V will be reduced or eliminated to maintain aggregate cost below the applicable 2018 federal excise tax

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thresholds, unless prohibited by law, or if doing so would invalidate the plan in whole or in part resulting in additional costs to the employer and/or employees.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #21**

**Wellness**

During the 2015 negotiations, the parties discussed a number of issues relative to health care cost containment, including the impact of the excise tax contained within the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, PPACA.

These negotiations included discussing programs designed to target wellness in a manner that would be beneficial to the workers and could result in decreased costs to the group insurance program.

It is the intent of the parties to begin immediate discussions within the Joint Health Care Committee on the wellness concepts and identified during those negotiations.

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