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between

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

and

REGISTERED NURSES PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

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PREAMBLE

This Memorandum of Agreement is entered into by the County of Santa Clara (hereinafter referred to as the County) and Registered Nurses Professional Association (hereinafter referred to as the Association). This Memorandum of Agreement incorporates by this reference all appendices attached.

ARTICLE I - RECOGNITION

The County recognizes Registered Nurses Professional Association as the majority bargaining representative for all classified and unclassified employees in coded classifications within the Registered Nurses bargaining unit.

For the purpose of this Agreement, an employee shall be defined as a person employed in a coded classification in a bargaining unit covered by this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2 - NO DISCRIMINATION

Section 2.1 - Employment

Neither the County nor the Association shall discriminate (except as allowed by law) against employees because of race, age, sex, color, handicap, creed, national origin, religion, Association activity, affiliations, political opinions, or sexual preference.

Section 2.2 - Association Affiliation

Neither the County nor the Association shall interfere with, intimidate, restrain, coerce or discriminate against any employee in her/his free choice to participate or join or refuse to participate or join the Association.

Section 2.3 - Affirmative Action

The County and the Association agree to cooperate to achieve equitable representation of women and minorities at all occupational levels designated by Federal, State and County Affirmative Action goals and timetables, as adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

ARTICLE 3 - ASSOCIATION SECURITY

Section 3.1 - Relationship Affirmation

The intent and purposes of this Agreement are to encourage harmonious relationships between the County and the Registered Nurses it employs who are subject hereto; to promote and improve that relationship subject to their joint duties to the community and to the high standards of patient care; to clarify certain rights and privileges of the parties; to set forth and define rates of pay, economic benefits and other conditions of employment that shall apply to such nurses; and to establish amicable processes for collective bargaining. The Association agrees that it will cooperate with the County and support its efforts to assure efficient operation, to serve the needs of the community, and to meet the highest of professional standards in such services.

Section 3.2 - Agency Shop

If during the term of this Agreement, either State legislation is enacted and is operative authorizing negotiation of Agency Shop, or a final decision of either the California District Court of Appeals or the California Supreme Court authorizes negotiation of Agency Shop under State law, the parties shall immediately reopen the Agreement to negotiate the conditions of implementation of an Agency Shop provision, to establish which, if any, supervisory employees shall be removed from the bargaining unit and to renegotiate the issue of release time. If agreement is not reached within ninety (90) days, impasse shall be determined through the process of mediation-arbitration with the mediator-arbitrator being Robert Burns.

It is agreed that any Agency Shop provision agreed to by the parties or determined by the mediator-arbitrator must contain the following procedure for implementation:

a) Petitions

A petition must be filed by the Association which is certified as the recognized organization for the unit supported by thirty percent (30%) of the employees in the affected unit requesting a secret ballot election authorizing Agency Shop for the unit pursuant to the negotiated provisions, which petition shall be filed within an agreed reasonable time after such negotiations; and

b) Elections

If a petition is filed for the unit, an election for such unit shall be conducted by the State Conciliation Service by mailed secret ballot to be conducted among all employees in the affected unit. A majority vote within such unit shall control;

c) Repeal

A referendum petition to repeal Agency Shop for such unit, may be initiated by a thirty percent (30%) petition from such unit at any time after the expiration of a period of one (1) year from the date of implementation, if any, of the Agency Shop provision for such unit. Such petition must be filed in the period sixty (60) to ninety (90) days after the one (1) year anniversary date of implementation or one hundred twenty (120) days to one hundred fifty (150) days after the effective date of any subsequent con-

tract. An election on such matter shall be held pursuant to subsection (b) above. Such an election for any unit may not occur more than once annually after the expiration of the first year of initial implementation.

Section 3.3 - Dues Deductions

a) Maintenance

Employees covered by this Agreement who have authorized Association dues deductions as of date of signature of this Agreement shall continue to have such deductions made by the County during the term of this Agreement, except that such employees may terminate such dues deductions during the month of February pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section.

b) Condition of Employment

Each person employed during the term of this Agreement shall at the time of employment and as a condition of employment execute an authorization for the payroll deduction of Association dues or of a service fee equivalent to Association dues on a form provided by the Association and shall continue said authorization in effect, except that such employees may terminate such dues deductions pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section.

c) Revocation

An employee may terminate his/her authorization for Association dues or service fee deduction by giving notice thereof to the Director of Finance of County by certified letter deposited in the U.S. Mail (1) during the month of February prior to the expiration of the Agreement, or (2) within thirty (30) calendar days following the date of first employment, whichever applies.

The County shall promptly forward a copy of the letter of revocation to the Association.

An employee who revokes her/his deductions during the month of February shall have the deduction removed on the first pay period in April.

An employee who revokes her/his deduction within thirty (30) calendar days following the date of first employment shall have the deduction removed following the receipt of the notification by the County.

d) No Fault

The Association agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the County harmless from any and all claims, demands, suits, or any other action arising from the provisions of this Section or from complying with any demand for termination or revocation hereunder.

e) Leaves of Absence

Upon return from leaves of absence, the County shall reinstate the payroll deduction of Association dues for those employees who were on dues check-off immediately prior to taking leave, provided the employee has not authorized cancellation of dues check-off in accordance with the prescribed provisions.

Section 3.4 - Other Deductions

The County shall deduct other deductions for insurance programs from pay checks of employees under reasonable procedures prescribed by the County for such deductions which may include employees not within the recognized bargaining unit of the Association in accordance with procedures that may be established between the parties.

Section 3.5 - Association Notices and Activities

a) Bulletin Boards

The Association, where it represents employees of a County Department, shall be provided by that Department use of adequate and accessible space on bulletin boards for communications.

b) Distribution

The Association may distribute material to employees in its representation unit through normal channels.

c) Visits by Association Representatives

Any Representative of the Association shall give notice to the Department Head or her/his designated representative when entering departmental facilities. The Representative shall be allowed reasonable contact with employees on County facilities provided such contact does not interfere with the employee's work. Solicitation for membership or other internal employee organization business shall not be conducted during work time. Prearrangement for routine contact may be made on an annual basis.

For this purpose rest periods are not work time.

d) Facilities

County buildings and other facilities shall be made available for use by the Association or its Representatives in accordance with administrative procedures governing such use.

e) Names and Addresses of Covered Employees

The County shall supply the Association with a bi-weekly data processing run of names and addresses and classifications of work of all employees within the representation unit. Such list shall be supplied without cost to the Association except that addresses shall not be supplied of those employees who request the County in writing to not provide such information. A copy of such request shall be forwarded to the Association.

f) Address Verification

In an effort to maintain an accurate data processing record, the County agrees to send notice to employees on a quarterly basis to verify the address of all employees within the representation unit.

g) Notification of Association Coverage

When a person is hired in any classification covered by a bargaining unit represented by the Association, the County shall notify that person that the Association is the recognized bargaining representative for the employees in said unit and present that person with a copy of the present Agreement.

h) Report of Transactions

The County shall supply the Association a data processing run covering the following employee transactions as are currently available on the system: newly hired employee, reinstatement, re-employment, return from leave, return from military leave, miscellaneous, promotion, return to former class, voluntary demotion, disciplinary demotion, transfer, title change, suspension, temporary military leave, injury or illness leave, other leave, indefinite military leave, resignation, probationary resignation, probationary release, provisional release, miscellaneous release, dismissal, retirement, death, layoff.

Section 3.6 - New Employee Orientation

The Association shall be allowed a Representative at County-wide orientations for new employees or departmental orientations where they are held in place of County-wide orientations. Such Representative shall be allowed twenty (20) minutes to make a presentation and answer questions to employees in classifications represented by their organization. The Association may present packets to represented employees at orientation, such packets being subject to review by the County. The County or department, where appropriate, will notify the Association one (1) week in advance of such orientation sessions.

Section 3.7 - Printing of Agreement

The parties agree to share equally the cost of printing bound copies of this Agreement. The parties shall receive an equal number of the copies of the printing run. The design and format of the printed Agreement shall be jointly determined by the parties. It is agreed that the contract will be printed not more than sixty (60) days after final agreement on all language.

ARTICLE 4 - OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE

Section 4.1 - Official Representatives

a) Notification of Official Representatives

The Association agrees to notify the County of their Official Representatives for its representation unit and changes in such Representatives. It may also designate alternates to such Official Representatives for purposes of specific meetings by advance notice to the appropriate level of Management.

b) Release Time

The County agrees to provide release time for Official Representatives or designated alternates upon request for attendance at meetings with Management either at the departmental or County-wide level. It is agreed that reasonable time for representation shall be recognized by the County for meetings with Management.

c) Meetings with Management

The Association agrees, insofar as possible, that meetings with Management shall be arranged in advance, with notification to the appropriate level of Management of the Official Representatives planning to attend. Management agrees to arrange for release time with the Official Representative's supervisor.

d) Number for Release

The parties agree that no more than three (3) Official Representatives from the unit shall be recognized for the purpose of release time at any single meeting.

e) Bank of Hours

Release time shall be granted to Official Representatives up to a maximum of five hundred (500) hours per fiscal year for attendance at meetings of the Board of Supervisors and Personnel Board. The Official Representative shall notify her/his supervisor of his/her intention to be on release time as far in advance as reasonably possible, but not later than the end of normal business hours the day before such meeting, except in emergency situations. A log of hours and dates will be maintained by the departmental supervisors and submitted to Office of Employee Relations monthly. Management will inform the Association of hour usage on a quarterly basis.

Section 4.2 - Unit Representatives

a) Notification of Representatives

The Association agrees to notify the County of the names of their Representatives. The Association shall provide periodic listings of employees identified as Representatives. Alternate Representatives may be designated to serve in the absence of the Representative. Management will notify the Association of the appropriate Management representatives in each department to be contacted by the Representative in carrying out her/his duties as Representative.

b) Release Time

It is agreed that Representatives are entitled to release time for:

1. A meeting at the work site of either the Representative or the employee related to a grievance or appeal.

2. A meeting with Management.

c) Grievance Related Employee Release

If an employee has a grievance and wishes to discuss it on County time with a designated Representative, she/he shall be allowed the opportunity within a reasonable amount of time to verify if her/his designated Representative is present and available to be seen. If the Representative is present and available, the employee shall complete a "grievance release form", if required by the supervisor, and submit it to her/his immediate supervisor prior to leaving her/his work station. Such release form shall only contain the employee's name, class title, Representative's name, and work location of Representative, time left, and date. Upon return, the employee shall note the time returned on the form.

d) Grievance Investigation

A reasonable amount of time will be granted the employee and Representative to handle the initial investigation of the grievance. The parties agree that in handling grievances, the employee and Representative will use only the amount of time necessary to handle the grievance.

e) Notification of Departure/Arrival

The Representative shall sign-in and out of her/his work area stating time and date of leaving and returning and where she/he may be reached.

f) Meetings with Management

The Association agrees, insofar as possible, that meetings with Management will be arranged in advance, with notification to the appropriate level of Management of the Representative and employees planning to attend. Management agrees to arrange for release time with the appropriate level of supervision.

g) Other Authorized Release Time

Any other authorized release time, such as meetings on a regular basis with the appointing authority or her/his designated representative, shall be under separate agreement with the appropriate department or departments.

Section 4.3 - Negotiating Committee

There shall be five (5) Official Representatives for the Registered Nurses Unit. The County agrees to release five (5) persons upon such request where required.

a) Compensatory Time

Those negotiators who are on their own time during the meetings will not be granted compensatory time.

b) Resource People

Resource people for negotiations shall be allowed on their own time, leave without pay, vacation, or compensatory time off to attend scheduled negotiation meetings for this Association to provide information to the committee on specific items on an as

needed basis and as mutually agreed, prearranged and scheduled by the committee. The County shall facilitate arranging time off for resource people attending negotiations.

ARTICLE 5 - LAYOFF

Section 5.1 - Seniority Defined

Except as otherwise provided in Sections 5.2, 5.6 and 6.8 of this Agreement, seniority for purposes of layoff is defined as length of continuous paid employment within a coded classification with the classified service of the County. Seniority shall be retained, but shall not accrue, during any period of leave without pay.

Section 5.2 - Transfer of Prior Agency Service

If a function of another agency is transferred to the County, the seniority of employees who transfer with the function shall be computed, based upon application of the definition of Section 5.1, to each employee's prior service with the other agency.

Section 5.3 - Changes to Classes

The County and the Association agree that to the extent possible, employees should not lose their rights under this Article because classes have been revised, established, abolished or retitled.

Section 5.4 - Order of Layoff

When one (1) or more employees performing in the same class in a County Department/Agency are to be laid off, the order of layoff in the affected Department/Agency shall be as follows:

- a) Provisional employees in inverse order of seniority.
- b) Probationary employees in inverse order of seniority.
- c) Permanent employees in inverse order of seniority.

Section 5.5 - Notice of Layoff

Employees subject to the provisions of this Article shall be given at least twenty (20) working days' written notice prior to the effective date of layoff. The Association shall receive concurrent notice, and upon request, shall be afforded an opportunity to meet with the County to discuss the circumstances requiring the layoff and any proposed alternatives. The procedures of Section 5.6 shall be applied prior to the effective date of the layoff.

Section 5.6 - Reassignment in Lieu of Layoff

a) Vacant Code in County

In the event of notice of layoff, any employee so affected will be allowed to transfer to a vacant position in the same classification in any County Department/Agency.

b) Former Classification

In the event there are no vacant codes in the same classification in any Department/Agency, an employee will be offered a vacant position in any classification at the same or lower level in which permanent status had formerly been held, first in the affected Department/Agency and then County-wide. Upon entry into such vacancy, total service shall be computed as in Section 5.6(c).

c) Displacement

In the event there are no vacancies as listed in (a) or (b), the employee shall have the right, upon request, to be returned to any classification in the Department/Agency at the same or lower level

in which permanent status had formerly been held and the regular layoff procedure in that same or lower level shall apply. For the purpose of computing total service in the new class, the employee shall be given credit for all time served in the class which the employee is leaving, plus any time previously served in the class to which the employee is being returned.

Section 5.7 - Layoff

In the event that an employee is not reassigned in lieu of layoff as in Section 5.6, the employee shall be laid off. If an employee elects not to exercise the rights in Section 5.6(c), she/he may be deemed to have been offered and to have declined such work.

Section 5.8 - Re-employment List

The names of such probationary and permanent employees reassigned or laid off in accordance with Sections 5.6(b), 5.6(c) or 5.7 of this Article shall be entered upon a re-employment list in inverse order as specified under Section 5.4. The person standing highest on a re-employment list for a particular classification when a vacancy exists in that classification in any Department/Agency shall be offered the appointment. Employees on re-employment lists shall retain the right to take promotional exams and/or receive promotional preference on exams.

Section 5.9 - Temporary Work for Laid Off Employees

Interested employees who are placed upon the re-employment list due to layoff and who elect to be available for temporary work shall be given preference for such work in their former Department/Agency in the classification from which they were laid off. The election to be available for temporary work must be made at the time of layoff. Employees may decline to be available for temporary work or may decline such work itself without affecting any rights under this Article.

Section 5.10 - Names Dropped from Re-employment List

No name shall be carried on a re-employment list for a period longer than two (2) years, and the names of persons re-employed in a permanent position within the same classification shall, upon such re-employment, be dropped from the list. Refusal to accept the first offer of re-employment within the same classification, shall cause the name of the person to be dropped from the re-employment list.

Section 5.11 - Rights Restored

Upon re-employment of an employee from a re-employment list, all rights acquired by an employee prior to her/his placement on such list shall be restored.

ARTICLE 6 - PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Section 6.1 - Probation

- a) Each new employ~~ee~~ shall serve a probationary period of six (6) months. Upon successful completion of such probationary period, the employee shall be deemed a permanent employee. A leave of absence without pay shall not be credited toward completion of the employee's probationary period. The parties agree that probationary employees shall have all rights in this Agreement, unless otherwise specified, including full and complete access to the grievance procedure. Any employee released during the probationary period shall, upon request, be provided with a statement of the reasons for the release. Consistent with County Charter Section 704(e), probationary employees may not grieve suspensions, demotions, or dismissals.
- b) Probationary employees shall have the right to request and receive Department/Agency administrative review of disciplinary action taken during probation. Such review must be requested in writing within ten (10) working days of the disciplinary action or it is waived. The review process shall consist of two (2) steps, the first step (where possible) being at a level above the immediate supervisor; and the second step being at the Department/Agency level. The review process shall proceed promptly after a request is received. The first step decision shall be in writing. If the employee wishes to pursue second step review, a written request shall be made within ten (10) working days of the first step decision or it is waived. The Department/Agency Head, or his/her designated representative, shall hear and make a decision in writing at the second step.

Section 6.2 - Disciplinary Action - Unclassified Employees

Unclassified employees who have completed six (6) or twelve (12) months' service (the period being equal to the probationary period for a comparable classified position) may grieve disciplinary action on the grounds that such discipline was not for cause. Such grievance shall comply in all respects with Article 18 of this Agreement

Notice of disciplinary action must be served on the employee in person or by certified mail prior to the disciplinary action becoming effective. Notice shall be included in the employee's personnel file and a copy sent to the Association and shall include:

- a) Statement of the nature of the disciplinary action.
- b) Effective date of the action.
- c) Statement of the cause thereof.
- d) Statement in ordinary and concise language of the act or omissions upon which the causes are based.
- e) Statement advising the employee of the right to appeal from such action and the right to Association representation.

Section 6.3 - Personnel Files

The County shall maintain a personnel file for each employee. The Department may also maintain a personnel file for each employee. Employees shall have the right to review their personnel file(s) or authorize review by their representative. No material will be inserted into the employee's personnel file(s) without prior notice to the employee. Employees may cause to be placed in their personnel file(s) responses to adverse material inserted therein and a reasonable amount of correspondence originating from other sources directly related to their job performance.

Section 6.4 - Disciplinary Action - Permanent Classified

The County may take disciplinary action for cause against any permanent classified employee by suspension, demotion or discharge by notifying the employee in writing. Notice of disciplinary action must be served on the employee in person or by certified mail prior to the disciplinary action becoming effective. The notice shall be included in the employee's personnel file(s) and a copy sent to the Association, and the Personnel Board, and shall include:

- a) Statement of the nature of the disciplinary action.
- b) Effective date of the action.
- c) Statement of the cause thereof.
- d) Statement in ordinary and concise language of the act or omissions upon which the causes are based.
- e) Statement advising the employee of the right to appeal to the Personnel Board from such action and the right to Association representation.

Such employee shall be given either five (5) days' notice of discharge, or demotion, or five (5) days' pay, except where circumstances require immediate action.

Section 6.5 - Counseling and Unfavorable Reports

a) Counseling

In the event that an employee's performance or conduct is unsatisfactory or needs improvement, informal counseling shall be provided by the employee's first level supervisor. Documentation of such counseling shall be given to the employee as it is developed. Such documentation shall not be placed in an employee's personnel file(s) and when the situation allows counseling, counseling shall be used prior to any unfavorable reports being issued.

b) Unfavorable Reports on Performance or Conduct

If upon such counseling an employee's performance or conduct does not improve and disciplinary action could result, a written report shall be prepared by the supervisor including specific suggestions for corrective action, if appropriate. A copy shall be given to the employee and a copy filed in her/his personnel file(s). No unfavorable reports shall be placed in an employee's file(s) unless such report is made within ten (10) working days of the County's knowledge of the occurrence or incident which is the subject of this report. Provided no additional report has been

issued during the intervening period, each report shall be removed from the employee's file(s) at the end of one (1) year. Upon resignation, any such reports shall be removed from the employee's file(s). Employees shall have the right to grieve the factual content of such reports or attach a written response to the report for inclusion in their personnel file(s).

Section 6.6 - Return to Former Class

As an alternative to appointment from any employment list, any current regular employee, upon recommendation of the appointing authority and approval by the Director of Personnel, may be appointed without further examination to a position in any class in which regular status had formerly been acquired, or to any related class on a comparable level with the former class.

Section 6.7 - Unclassified Appointment

No employee, while holding a position in the unclassified service, shall be assigned to or occupy any classified position.

Section 6.8 - Rights Upon Promotion to Classified or Unclassified Service or Transfer to Unclassified Service

Any permanent employee who receives a provisional or probationary promotion, or who is transferred or promoted to a position in the unclassified service shall retain all rights and benefits as a permanent employee of her/his former class while in such provisional, probationary, or unclassified status. These include the right to participate in promotional examinations and the right to return to her/his former class if released while in such status. All such service shall count toward seniority credits in the employee's former class in the event the layoff procedure is involved.

Any permanent employee who receives a provisional promotion, or who is transferred or promoted to a position in the unclassified service, the duration of which is known to be for less than six (6) months, shall be considered to be on leave from her/his permanent position and departments are authorized to make substitute appointments to such vacated positions.

Section 6.9 - Transfers and Job Opportunities

Valley Medical Center and the Health Department shall establish a system to facilitate transfers and career mobility of Registered Nurses. A list of all transfer opportunities and all special assignment positions created within the existing job specifications for Registered Nurses within the Valley Medical Center will be posted on a bulletin board outside the Nursing Office and the Cafeteria on a daily basis. The Health Department shall institute a transfer request care system whereby nurses will be notified of vacancies in which they have indicated interest. Nurses may arrange for interviews during work time with prior notification to their direct supervisor. Supervisors shall interview all interested candidates. Candidates from the Health Department must respond within the time limits listed on the transfer card. Nurses on leave or vacation may make prior arrangements to receive notification of specific openings by mail.

ARTICLE 7 - PAY PRACTICES

Section 7.1 - Salaries

Effective on the dates listed all salaries shall be as listed in Appendices B, C, and D attached hereto and made a part hereof. The parties agree that the rates of pay established by this Agreement are commensurate with those prevailing throughout the County for comparable work as required by the Charter for the County of Santa Clara.

Section 7.2A - Basic Pay Plan

The Basic Pay Plan consists of the salary ranges and the assignment of classes to such ranges as provided in the Appendix. Each employee shall be paid within the range for his/her class according to the following provisions, unless otherwise provided in the Appendix.

- a) Step One
The first step in each range is the minimum rate and shall normally be the hiring rate for the class. In cases where it is difficult to secure qualified personnel or a person of unusual qualifications is engaged, the Director, with the approval of the County Executive, may approve appointment at the second or third step, and with the approval of the Board of Supervisors at the fourth or fifth step. If an employee is hired under the difficult-to-secure-qualified-personnel clause, the County will move those employees within that same class to the same salary step as that being received by the new employees. The Association will receive a monthly listing of positions by class and department which lists positions hired above the first salary step.
- b) Step Two
The second step shall be paid after the accumulation of six (6) months of competent service at the first step.
- c) Step Three
The third step shall be paid after the accumulation of twelve (12) months of competent service at the second step.
- d) Step Four
The fourth step shall be paid after the accumulation of twelve (12) months of competent service at the third step.
- e) Step Five
The fifth step shall be paid after the accumulation of twelve (12) months of competent service at the fourth step.
- f) Time for Salary Adjustments
Salary adjustments shall be made on the first day of the pay period in which the required accumulation of months of competent service occurs.

Section 7.2B - Basic Pay Plan (Effective December 10, 1979)

The Basic Pay Plan consists of the salary ranges and the assignment of classes to such ranges as provided in this Section. Each employee shall be paid within the range for her/his class according to the following provisions.

- a) Step One
The first step in each range is the minimum rate and shall normally be the hiring rate for the class. In cases where it is difficult to secure qualified personnel or a person of unusual qualifications is engaged, the Director, with the approval of the County Executive, may approve appointment at the second or third step, and with the approval of the Board of Supervisors at the fourth or fifth step. If an employee is hired under the difficult-to-secure-qualified-personnel clause, the County will move those employees within that same class to the same salary step as that being received by the new employees. The Association will receive a monthly listing of positions by class and department which lists positions hired above the first salary step.
- b) Step Two
The second step shall be paid after the accumulation of nine (9) months of competent service at the first step.
- c) Step Three
The third step shall be paid after the accumulation of fifteen (15) months of competent service at the second step.
- d) Step Four
The fourth step shall be paid after the accumulation of fifteen (15) months of competent service at the third step.
- e) Step Five
The fifth step shall be paid after the accumulation of fifteen (15) months of competent service at the fourth step.
- f) Time for Salary Adjustments
Salary adjustments shall be made on the first day of the pay period in which the required accumulation of months of competent service occurs.
- g) Anniversary Date Change
Those employees employed on December 10, 1979 shall have their current salary anniversary date moved forward by three (3) months.

Section 7.3 - Effect of Promotion, Demotion or Transfer on Salaries

- a) Promotion
Upon promotion, an employee's salary shall be adjusted as follows:
1. For a promotion from one (1) range number to either of the next two (2) range numbers, the salary shall be adjusted to the step in the new range which corresponds to the step in the old range.
 2. For a promotion from one (1) range number to a range number which is greater than two (2) range numbers, the salary shall be adjusted down one (1) step for each range number increase greater than two (2) but in no event will the employee be paid less than step one (1) of the new range.

3. Effective July 9, 1979 for a promotion from range 90.1 to 91.1, 91.1 to 91.2, or 91.2 to 91.4, the salary step of the employee will not change. For a promotion from range 91.1 to 91.4 the salary step of the employee will be lowered by one (1) step but in any event will not be less than step one (1) of 91.4.

Any other promotion will be in accordance with regular County procedure.

- b) Demotion
Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7.2, upon demotion of an employee with permanent status in her/his current class, her/his salary shall be adjusted to the highest step in the new class not exceeding the salary received in the former class.
- c) Transfer
Upon transfer, the salary shall remain unchanged.
- d) No Loss of Time-In-Step
Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7.2, no salary adjustment upon promotion, demotion, or transfer shall effect a loss of time acquired in the former salary step, and such time as was acquired in the former salary step shall be included in computing the accumulation of the required months of service for eligibility of the employee for further salary increases.
- e) Voluntary Demotion
In the event of a voluntary demotion required by a work-connected illness or injury and a resulting disability, the salary of the employee shall be placed at the step in the salary range which corresponds most closely to the salary received by the employee as of the time of injury. In the event that such voluntary demotion would result in a salary loss of more than ten percent (10%), the employee's new salary shall be set at the rate closest to, but not less than ten percent (10%) below her/his salary as of the time of injury.

Section 7.4 - Part-Time Salaries

- a) Salary Ranges
The salary ranges provided in the attached Appendix are for full-time service in full-time positions, and are expressed in dollars per the number of working days in a bi-weekly pay period. If any position is established on any other time basis, the compensation for such position shall be adjusted proportionately.
- b) Benefits
Employees filling part-time positions of half time or more shall receive all other benefits of this Agreement.
- c) Split Codes
The County shall provide a minimum of fifty (50) full-time codes to be filled on a half-time basis at any one time. The location and choice of these codes will be determined on a departmental basis. Requests for split codes shall not unreasonably be denied. Reasonable denial shall include, but not be limited to, demonstration that the work is not divisible, demonstration that qualified

partners, if needed, are not available, or that the fifty (50) available codes are filled. Employees shall make a written request for a split code to their immediate supervisor. If the request is denied, it shall be reviewed by their Department Head and they shall receive a written response.

Section 7.5 - Work Out of Classification

a) Pay

When an employee is temporarily assigned work out of classification to a vacant position, the employee will receive pay consistent with the promotional pay procedure as set forth in Article 7.3 commencing on the eleventh (11th) such working day, provided the employee has first accumulated a total of ten (10) working days' service which has been recorded and approved in that higher salary range position.

b) Ten-Day Requirement

The accumulation of ten (10) working days' service will not include holidays or sick leave absences.

c) Application to Holiday and Sick Leave

Upon the accumulation of ten (10) working days' service, an employee temporarily assigned work out of classification shall receive the pay for:

1. Holidays when the employee is assigned work out of classification the day prior to and following the holiday.
2. Sick leave absences when the employee is assigned work out of classification and while absent is not relieved by the incumbent or by another employee assigned work out of classification in the same position.

d) Vacant Regular Codes

Work out of classification may be assigned to cover vacant regular codes after ordinance code provisions for filling such vacancies have been followed and with approval of the Director of Personnel. The appointing authority shall consider appointment of employees under work out of classification provision before making a provisional appointment.

Section 7.6 - Paychecks

a) Night Employees

The County agrees to provide paychecks for night employees by 12:01 a.m. on payday.

b) Shortage Errors

Cash advance by the Finance Department to cover a shortage error in an employee's paycheck, shall be provided to the employee within one (1) working day after written notification of discrepancy to Finance. This provision is to cover only those discrepancies above a net twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

c) Overpayment Errors

When a net twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) or more overpayment(s) error occurs, the employee will repay the overpayment in the same amount and within the same number of pay periods in which the error occurred.

ARTICLE 8 - HOURS OF WORK, OVERTIME, PREMIUM PAY

Section 8.1 - Hours of Work

Eight (8) hours' work shall constitute a full day's work and forty (40) hours' work shall constitute a full week's work unless otherwise provided by law, code or other agreement. Employees assigned to an eight (8) hour shift which is shortened to seven (7) hours due to daylight savings time shall be paid for eight (8) hours.

Section 8.2 - Overtime Work

a) Overtime Defined

Overtime is defined as time worked beyond eighty (80) hours on a bi-weekly pay period, or beyond eight (8) hours in any work day except as mutually agreed upon between the County and the Association. Time for which pay is received but not worked such as vacation, sick leave, and authorized compensatory time off, will be counted towards the base period. The County Executive shall determine by administrative order those classes and positions which shall be eligible for overtime work and for cash payment.

b) Rate of Pay

When overtime work is assigned and is authorized by an appointing authority to be worked, compensation for such time worked shall be time off with pay computed at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) hours off for every hour of overtime worked, except that such overtime work shall be paid in cash at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the regular hourly rate of pay, for employees where required by State or Federal law or when specifically authorized by administrative order of the County Executive. All compensatory time off must be taken within twelve (12) months of the date the overtime was worked, and failure to take the compensatory time off shall be deemed a waiver of the compensatory time by the employee. In the event the appointing authority does not provide compensatory time off during the mandatory time period, the employee may take compensatory time off as a matter of right immediately before the end of the pay period in which the compensatory time would be lost. Compensatory time balances shall be paid in cash on separation. An employee may elect in advance to receive compensatory time-off credit in lieu of cash compensation for overtime where compensatory time off is allowed, if the appointing authority agrees.

c) Distribution of Overtime

Overtime work assignments shall be distributed among employees in the same classification and applicable work unit as equally as practicable. Overtime work required beyond the regular eight (8) hour or ten (10) hour duty shift shall be offered first to the regular employees who normally work such assignments.

Section 8.3 - Meal Periods

a) Length

Employees shall be granted a meal period not less than thirty (30) minutes nor more than one (1) hour, scheduled at approximately the mid-point of the work day. Employees required to be at work stations for eight (8) or more consecutive work hours shall have their meal during work hours.

b) Overtime Meals

If an employee is assigned two (2) or more hours of overtime work contiguous to her/his regular work shift or is called in within three (3) hours of her/his scheduled quitting time, the County will provide a meal and time to eat same or reimburse the cost of the meal actually purchased and consumed by the employee on her/his own time to a maximum amount of seven dollars (\$7.00). Employees shall be provided additional meals as above for every four (4) hour period of overtime completed thereafter.

c) County Facilities

Whenever the duties or responsibilities of any County employee require her/him to be present and on duty during the serving of meals in a County facility and where such duty or responsibility occupies that employee's meal period, such individual shall be entitled to that meal without charge.

d) Meal Rates

In each County dining facility where meals are served to employees at the employee's expense, the Department Head in charge of the operation of that facility shall prescribe the rates to be charged. The rates so prescribed shall, as a minimum, be sufficient to defray the costs of the food served.

Section 8.4 - Rest Periods

All employees shall be granted and take a rest period of fifteen (15) minutes during each half shift of four (4) hours of work. Rest periods shall be considered as time worked for pay purposes. If a rest break is not taken, the employee is not entitled to an earlier quitting time.

Section 8.5 - Clean-up Time

All employees whose work causes their person or clothing to become soiled shall be provided with reasonable time and adequate facilities for washup purposes at shift end.

Section 8.6 - On-Call Pay

a) Definition

On-call is defined as the requirement to remain immediately available to report for duty to perform an essential service when assigned by the appointing authority, subject to approval by the County Executive. On-call duty is in addition to and distinct from the normal work week. This Section is not applicable to those situations where employees are recalled to work when not previously placed on an on-call status.

d) Classifications Eligible

Each Department Head, subject to approval by the County Executive, shall designate which class(es) of employee(s) shall be subject to on-call duty.

c) Rates of Pay

Employees assigned to on-call duty shall receive, in addition to their regular salary, ten dollars (\$10.00) for each eight (8) hour shift, or substantial portion thereof, of assigned call duty, except for the following classifications which shall receive

twenty dollars (\$20.00) for the first eight (8) hours, or substantial portion thereof, of assigned call duty within the same 24-hour period when assigned to the Valley Medical Center.

S18 Head O.R. Nurse
S19 Assistant Head O.R. Nurse
S21 O.R. Nurse
S22 O.R. Nurse Trainee

d) Notification to Association

Should any other classes unique to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center be assigned to on-call duty, the County agrees to notify the Association of the assignment and to meet and confer as to which of the above rates apply.

e) Beepers

Beepers shall be provided to all employees when placed on on-call status.

Section 8.7 - Call-Back Pay

If overtime work does not immediately follow or precede the regular work shift, a minimum of two (2) hours call-back time shall be credited the employee. Call-back pay is subject to all provisions of Article 8, Section 2, Overtime Work.

The O.R. Nurse may elect to receive compensatory time off credit in lieu of cash compensation for call-back time worked.

An O.R. Nurse shall be granted a day charged to vacation, leave without pay, or compensatory time, on her/his normal work day following five (5) or more hours of call-back time.

Employees will be credited for each call-back during a scheduled shift.

Section 8.8 - Night Shift Differential

"Night Shift" means an assigned schedule of work hours of which not less than one-half (1/2) the total number of hours, plus one (1) hour, are worked after 5:00 p.m. and before 8:00 a.m. A premium for night shift of fifty cents (\$.50) an hour shall be paid to all County employees who are assigned a night shift, irrespective of classification, pay level, overtime status, holiday work, or other wage variations. The night shift premium shall be allowed to an employee on any leave of absence with pay while assigned to a regularly scheduled night shift and the employee is returning to a night shift schedule immediately following the leave of absence with pay. The night shift premium shall not be allowed in computing payments at time of termination.

Those Registered Nurses who work at either the East Valley, South Valley, or the Emergency Room Walk-In Clinics for six (6) hours on the P.M. shift shall receive three dollars and ten cents (\$3.10) per shift in lieu of the shift differential described above.

Section 8.9 - Split Shift Pay

An employee who is performing services upon a split shift shall be paid an additional three dollars (\$3.00) per day. "Split Shift" is

defined as eight (8) hours of work which are not completed within any nine (9) consecutive hours in a work day.

Section 8.10 - Charge Nurse Differential

A Staff Nurse who is assigned as a charge nurse shall receive an additional two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$2.75) per shift.

Section 8.11 - Weekend Off Provision

The County will attempt to grant every other weekend off and each nurse will not be required to work more than two (2) consecutive weekends in a row commencing with the weekend of July 2-3, 1977. The County guarantees that such nurses at Valley Medical Center and in the Psychiatric Inpatient Unit of the Health Department will not be required to work more than twenty-six (26) weekends per year. Nurses working in other units of the Health Department will not be required to work more than twenty-eight (28) weekends per year. If the County requires a nurse to work more than two (2) consecutive weekends, or more than twenty-six (26) or twenty-eight (28) required above, the nurse will receive time and one-half for work in excess of that required. These penalties shall not be duplicated for the same weekend worked. Work as used in this section shall mean productive time. Weekend work required shall be prorated for newly coded nurses and for any nurse who is off the payroll due to an authorized leave of absence.

The above weekend off provisions may be waived on the written request of the individual nurse.

Section 8.12 - Float Differential

a) Each nurse will only float within areas as follows:

1. Medical-Surgical Units (2m, 3c, 4c, 4m)
2. Newborn Nursery
Post Partum
Pediatrics
Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
3. Intensive Care Unit 2
Intensive Care Unit 4
Cardiac Care Unit
Transitional Care Unit 4
4. Rehabilitation Unit 1
Rehabilitation Unit 2
Transitional Care Unit 1
5. Labor
Delivery
6. Operating Room (relief only)
Recovery Room (relief only)
7. Alcohol Unit
8. Methadone Unit
9. Psychiatric Unit 1
Psychiatric Unit 2

10. Out-Patient Department Clinics

11. Burn Unit
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12. Emergency Room (not to float except in emergency)

- b) If a float assignment outside like areas is necessary, Management shall attempt to send volunteers from the unit to be floated from prior to making an involuntary assignment. If a nurse is required to float outside of one of the like areas, she/he shall receive four dollars (\$4.00) per full shift for such assignment. A nurse who requests to float in order to broaden her/his experience may put her/his name on a list, maintained in the Nursing Office, indicating where she/he requests to float. In this case, a differential shall not be paid.

Except in emergencies,* no nurse will be assigned to an area without having adequate orientation to that area. Adequate orientation will be determined by the Director of Nursing with input from the Head Nurse, and Nursing Instructor.

This Section will not apply when one of the units is temporarily closed.

Section 8.13 - Temporary Work Location

When an employee is assigned to work at a location different from her/his regularly assigned work location she/he shall be allowed to travel on County time to that work location. Time allotted for travel shall be based on distance to and from her/his regular work location and the temporary work location. The County will either supply transportation for such travel or shall pay mileage based on the above distances. The County assumes no obligation to the employee who for self-convenience voluntarily reports to other than the regularly assigned work location.

*Emergency is defined as a situation when reasonable efforts to float from like areas fails.

Section 8.14 - Bilingual Pay

On recommendation of the appointing authority and the Director of Personnel, the County may approve payments of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per month to a bilingual employee whose abilities have been determined by the Director of Personnel as qualifying to fill positions requiring bilingual speaking and/or writing ability. Bilingual skill payments will be made when:

- a) Public contact requires continual eliciting and explaining information in a language other than English; or
- b) Where translation of written material in another language is a continuous assignment; or
- c) The position is the only one in the work location where there is a demonstrated need for language translation in providing services to the public.

The County shall review positions covered by this Agreement not less than annually to determine the number and location of positions to be designated as requiring bilingual abilities.

Differential may be removed when the criteria ceases to be met.

Section 8.15 - Voluntary Reduced Work Hours Program

- a) The County agrees to establish a Voluntary Reduced Work Hours Program for full-time employees represented by the Association. The purpose of the Program is to reduce work hours and a commensurate amount of pay on a voluntary basis.
- b) Employees may elect a two and one-half percent (2 1/2%), five percent (5%), ten percent (10%) or twenty percent (20%) reduction in pay for a commensurate amount of time off for a six (6) month period. Admission into the plan will be at six (6) month intervals.
- c) All persons in the Program will revert to their former status at the end of six (6) months. If an employee transfers, promotes, demotes, terminates, or in any other way vacates or reduces her/his present code, she/he will be removed from the Program for the balance of the six (6) month period.
- d) Compensatory time shall accrue as earned and shall not be scheduled on any day considered as a County holiday. Employees may use the reduced hours time in advance of accrual and will reimburse the County for hours taken in advance of accrual upon early termination from the Program.
- e) Participation in this Program shall be by mutual agreement between the employee and the Department/Agency Head. At no time will approval be given if it results in overtime. Restrictions by Department/Agencies within work units shall be uniformly applied.
- f) It is understood by the County that due to this Program there may be lower levels of service.
- g) All employees will be notified in writing regarding the Program specifics and the sign-up options. Such written notice to be mutually agreed upon by the parties.
- h) Full and timely disclosure of actual sign-ups and any analysis developed will be made available to both the County and the Association.
- i) This agreement governs as to the Voluntary Reduced Work Hours Program, but will in no way alter the meaning of the Association and County Agreements currently in effect. This will include any departmental, sideletter agreements, etc.

Section 8.16 - Departmental Agreements

All agreements between the Department and the Association covering hours, job assignments, shifts, shift assignments, overtime, seniority, and holiday and vacation scheduling currently in effect or entered into during this Agreement shall remain in effect pursuant to their terms. Work assignments by seniority and provisional appointments by seniority are proper subjects for inclusion in a departmental agreement.

Matters subject to departmental negotiations under this Agreement to proceed as follows:

a) Negotiations

The Association or the Department shall make prompt request to meet and confer, specifying the matter to be negotiated. The other party shall respond promptly, and they shall commence meeting and conferring at the earliest mutually agreeable date and attempt to reach agreement. Thereafter, either party may declare impasse in such negotiations.

b) Impasse

If impasse is declared, the Association and the Department shall within twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) days thereafter resolve the dispute, drop the matter, or move it to the next level.

c) Dispute Resolution

If the matter moves to the next level of negotiations, the Association and the County shall within twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) days resolve the dispute, drop the matter, or move it to the next level.

d) Board of Supervisors

If the matter is moved to the next level, the moving party shall set forth the present issues of disagreement and it shall be promptly agendized and referred to the Board of Supervisors for appropriate action.

e) Time Limits

Failure to move the matter to the next level within the time limits described herein shall result in the dropping of such negotiations for the term of this Agreement; however, the parties may mutually agree in writing to extend the time limits.

ARTICLE 9 - HOLIDAYS

Section 9.1 - Legal Holidays

The following shall be observed as legal holidays:

- a) January 1st
- b) February 12th
- c) Third Monday in February
- d) Last Monday in May
- e) July 4th
- f) First Monday in September
- g) September 9th
- h) Second Monday in October
- i) Veteran's Day to be observed on the date State of California employees observe the holiday
- j) December 25th
- k) Every day appointed by the President or Governor for a public fast, thanksgiving or holiday
- l) Other such holidays as may be designated by the Board of Supervisors

All previous informal time off practices are eliminated and unauthorized.

Section 9.2 - Observance

Employees shall enjoy the same number of holidays, regardless of variations in work weeks. Holidays which fall on Sunday are observed on the following Monday. Holidays which fall on Saturdays shall be observed on the preceeding Friday. Holidays which fall during a vacation period or when an employee is absent because of illness shall not be charged against the employee's vacation or sick leave balance. When the County holidays fall on an employee's scheduled day off, the day shall be added to the employee's vacation balance.

Section 9.3 - Holiday Work

If holiday work is assigned and authorized by the County Executive, such time worked by regular employees shall be paid in cash at a rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the regular hourly rate including premium pay for shift differentials, plus any holiday pay to which the employee may be entitled. Holiday work if authorized shall be offered first to regular employees within the work unit. No employee may elect to work a holiday that falls on the employee's normal day off. An employee may elect in advance to receive compensatory time off credit in lieu of cash compensation.

ARTICLE 10 - VACATIONS

Section 10.1 - Vacation Earnings

Each employee shall be entitled to an annual paid vacation. Vacation is earned on an hourly basis. For purposes of this Article, a day is defined as eight (8) work hours. During the first year (261) days, vacation shall be computed at the rate of ten (10) working days per year. Beginning with the second year (262nd day) of continuous service, vacation shall be computed at the rate of twelve (12) working days per year. Beginning with the fifth year (1,045th day) of continuous service, vacations shall be computed at the rate of sixteen (16) working days per year. Beginning with the tenth year (2,350th day) of continuous service, vacations shall be computed at the rate of eighteen (18) working days per year. Beginning with the fifteenth year (3,655th day) of continuous service, vacations shall be computed at the rate of twenty (20) working days per year. Beginning with the twentieth year (4,960th day) of continuous service, vacations shall be computed at the rate of twenty-two (22) working days per year.

a) Time for Vacations

The time for vacation shall be determined by the appointing authority after due consideration of employee convenience and administrative requirements.

b) Vacation Accrual

Any vacation accrued during a one-year period (26 pay periods) should be taken by the employee during the following one-year period.

c) Vacation Carry-over

In the event the employee does not take all the vacation to which she/he is entitled in the succeeding twenty-six (26) pay periods, she/he shall be allowed to carry over the unused portion, provided that she/he shall not accumulate more than three (3) years' vacation earnings except:

1. When absent on full salary due to work-related compensation injury which prevents her/his reducing her/his credits to the maximum allowable amount, or
2. In the case of inability to take vacation because of extreme emergency such as fire, flood or other similar disaster, an additional accumulation may be approved by the County Executive and the Director of Personnel.

d) Vacation Balance

In the event the appointing authority does not provide vacation for an employee sufficient to reduce her/his accumulated vacation balance to the amount permitted (three years' earnings), the employee may take vacation as a matter of right immediately before the end of the pay period in which vacation could be lost, not to exceed one (1) year's earnings. The balance of the employee's accumulated vacation shall remain to her/his credit.

e) Vacation Payoff

A person who terminates employment shall be paid the monetary value of the earned vacation as of the actual date of termination of employment.

f) Vacation Call Back

When a nurse is called in from a scheduled vacation, she/he will receive overtime pay rather than vacation credit. Scheduled vacation as stated above must be prearranged for a minimum of five (5) working days.

g) Birthday Holiday

There shall be an additional annual day of vacation which will normally be taken on the employee's birthday. The parties agree that an alternate day may be determined by the appointing authority after due consideration of employee convenience and administrative requirements.

ARTICLE 11 - LEAVE PROVISIONS

Section 11.1 - Personal Business/Belief Days

a) Scheduling

Employees employed as of October 2, 1978 shall be credited with three (3) days personal leave which must be used on or before September 30, 1979. Such leave may be used by an employee for any lawful purpose she/he desires; provided such leave must be scheduled in advance with the appointing authority except in cases of bona fide emergency. This benefit shall be prorated for part-time employees and for employees hired subsequent to October 2, 1978.

Employees employed as of October 1, 1979 shall be credited with three (3) days of personal leave which must be used on or before September 28, 1980. Such leave shall be used under the same conditions set forth in the above paragraph. This benefit shall be prorated for part-time employees and for employees hired subsequent to October 1, 1979.

b) Use

At the employee's reasonable advance request, up to one (1) of the employee's accrued but unused personal leave days shall be scheduled either before or after Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Year's except where staffing needs require otherwise. If an employee's request for such scheduled personal leave is denied with respect to one of the days the employee shall have first preference for use of accrued but unused personal leave on the day before or the day after either of the other two holidays. "Preference" and "staffing needs" as used in this paragraph relate to the employee's work assignment and/or area.

Section 11.2 - Sick Leave

a) Rate of Accrual

Each employee shall be entitled to sick leave. Such leave shall be earned on an hourly basis and computed at the rate of ninety-six (96) hours per year. Such sick leave must be approved by the appointing authority. Night shift differential shall be paid according to the provisions of Section 8.8.

b) Doctors' Notes

Request for sick leave with pay in excess of three (3) working days must be supported by a statement from an accredited physician. The appointing authority may require such a supporting statement for absences less than three (3) days.

c) Sick Leave Accrual

Unused sick leave time may be accrued without limitation.

d) Sick Leave Used for Care of Immediate Family

An employee who has acquired a sufficient right to sick leave with pay may be granted permission to use same not to exceed three (3) working days of such leave in order that she/he may care for a sick or injured member of her/his immediate family requiring her/his care, or in order that she/he may obtain medical consultation to preserve her/his health. "Immediate family" shall mean the father, mother, grandmother, or grandfather of the employee or of

the spouse of the employee and the spouse, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, brother or sister of the employee or any person living in the immediate household of the employee.

e) Day Defined/Sick Leave Payoff

For purposes of this paragraph, a day is defined as eight (8) work hours. Upon death or retirement, up to sixty (60) days of accrued sick leave shall be paid off at a rate of fifty percent (50%) of the equivalent cash value. All accrued balances beyond sixty (60) days shall be paid off at the rate of twelve and one-half percent (12 1/2%) of the accrued cash value (one hour's pay for one day of accrual). Upon resignation in good standing, employees with ten (10) or more years' service shall be paid up to sixty (60) days of accrued sick leave at the rate of twenty-five percent (25%) of the equivalent cash value. All accrued balances beyond sixty (60) days will be paid off at the rate of twelve and one-half percent (12 1/2%) of the accrued cash value. All other rights to sick leave with pay of an employee shall be cancelled upon his/her separation from the County; provided, however, if an employee resigns or is separated on a layoff and is reinstated or re-employed within one (1) year from the date of resignation or layoff, such employee's right, if any, to sick leave with pay shall be restored to him/her. At the employee's option, she/he may convert accrued but unused sick leave at retirement to credit one (1) month of employee's medical premium for each day of sick leave accrued.

f) Reinstatement Pay Back

Employees receiving a sick leave payoff in accordance with section (e) above may, if reinstated within six (6) months, repay the full amount of sick leave pay off received and have her/his former sick leave balances restored. Repayment in full must be made prior to reinstatement.

g) Vacation Illness Conversion

If an employee on vacation becomes ill, she/he may convert vacation time to sick leave with pay. If the conversion is for three (3) or more days, it must be supported by a statement from an accredited physician.

h) Exhaustion of Sick Leave

When an employee has exhausted all accumulated sick leave, she/he shall have the option of using vacation time or leave without pay for absences due to illness. The employee must notify the department of employee's option prior to payroll action, otherwise vacation time will be used. When requested by the employee, Management will restore vacation by making the appropriate payroll adjustment in the next payroll period.

Section 11.3 - Compulsory Leave

a) Physical Examination

If any non-probationary employee is required by the appointing authority to take a physical examination not connected with pre-existing or existing industrial injury to determine if she/he is incapacitated for work, the following provisions will apply and will be given to the employee in writing:

1. Before making a decision, the physician designated by the appointing authority will consult with the employee's personal physician and will advise her/him of this procedure.
 2. If the employee's personal physician agrees with the decision of the physician designated by the appointing authority, the decision is final.
 3. If the physicians disagree, and the employee so requests, they will select a third physician whose determination will be final. Cost for such examination by the selected physician will be equally shared by the employee and the appointing authority.
- b) Court Related
The appointing authority may require an employee who has been formally charged in a court of competent jurisdiction with the commission of any felony or of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, provided said crime is related to the employee's employment status, to take a compulsory leave of absence without pay pending determination by way of a plea, finding or verdict at the trial court level as to the guilt or innocence of such employee.

1) Determination of Innocence

If there is a determination of innocence or the charges are dropped, the employee shall be reinstated to her/his position with return of all benefits, including salary, that were due for the period of compulsory leave if the employee was available for work during this period. Despite reinstatement, the employee remains subject to appropriate disciplinary action if warranted under the circumstances. Any such disciplinary action may be imposed effective as of the commencement date of the compulsory leave imposed under this Section.

2) Determination of Guilt

If there is a determination of guilt, the appointing authority may take appropriate disciplinary action. If the action is a suspension and the suspension is for a shorter duration than the compulsory leave, the employee shall receive the difference between the compulsory leave and the suspension in salary and all benefits.

Section 11.4 - Military Leave

a) Governing Provision

The provisions of the Military and Veterans Code of the State of California shall govern the military leave of employees of the County of Santa Clara.

b) Physical Examination

Any regular or provisional employee shall be allowed time off with no loss in pay for the time required to receive a physical examination or re-examination as ordered by provisions of a national conscription act or by any branch of the National or State military services.

Section 11.5 - Leave Without Pay

a) Reasons Granted

Leaves of absence without pay may be granted to employees for up to one (1) year. Extensions to leaves approved for less than one (1) year shall not unreasonably be denied provided adequate advance notice is given. If an employee wishes to return to work early from a leave of absence, she/he shall provide reasonable advance notice to the appointing authority. Leaves beyond one (1) year may be granted due to unusual or special circumstances. The following are approved reasons for such leave:

1. Illness beyond that covered by sick leave.
2. Education or training which will benefit the County, including advancement in nursing.
3. Other personal reasons which do not cause inconvenience on the department.
4. To accept other government agency employment.
5. Paternity leave, not to exceed six (6) months.

b) Leave for Association Business

Upon thirty (30) days' advance notice, a long term leave without pay to accept employment with the Association shall be granted by the appointing authority for a period of up to one (1) year. No more than three (3) employees shall be granted a leave at any one time. A leave may only be denied if:

1. The notice requirement is not met.
2. The number of employees on leave has reached the maximum of three (3).
3. The employee has specialized skills and abilities which are necessary and could not be replaced.

With notice no less than thirty (30) days prior to the conclusion of the leave, such leave may be extended up to one (1) year upon approval of the appointing authority.

c) Revocation

A leave may be revoked by the Director of Personnel upon evidence that the cause for granting it was misrepresented or has ceased to exist.

d) Vacation Leave Without Pay Option

An employee may elect to take vacation or leave without pay for an authorized absence. The employee must notify the department of her/his option prior to payroll action, otherwise vacation time will be used. When the authorized absence is less than a pay period and when requested by the employee, Management will restore vacation by making the appropriate payroll adjustment in the payroll period following employee's request. The department may assign leave without pay for an unauthorized absence.

e) Seniority Rights

Maternity leaves of more than thirteen (13) pay periods; leaves of absence of more than two (2) pay periods; and suspensions shall not be counted as time spent in a salary step in computing eligibility of the employee for further salary increases. All time spent on industrial injury leave shall be counted.

Section 11.6 - Maternity Leave

a) Length

Upon request, maternity leave without pay shall be granted to natural or adoptive parents by the appointing authority for a period of up to six (6) months. With notice no less than one (1) month prior to the conclusion of the leave, such leave may be extended up to one (1) year upon approval of the appointing authority. A request for extension can only be denied for good cause. An employee who is pregnant may continue to work as long as her physician approves with concurrence from the Department.

Adoptive parents shall not be covered by County medical benefits while on maternity leave.

b) Sick Leave Use

If, during the pregnancy leave or following the birth of a child, the employee's physician certifies that she is unable to perform the duties of her job, she may use her accumulated sick leave during the period certified by the physician. The authorized sick leave shall be changed either prior to or at the termination of the leave.

Section 11.7 - Leaves to Perform Jury Duty or to Respond to a Subpoena

a) Response to Summons

An employee shall be allowed to take leave from his/her County duties without loss of wages, vacation time, sick leave or employee benefits for the purpose of responding to summons to jury selection or serving on a jury for which she/he has been selected, subject to the limitation that an employee shall receive paid leave to serve on a jury for which she/he has been selected not more than once during a calendar year and provided that she/he executes a written waiver of all compensation other than the mileage allowance, for which she/he would otherwise receive compensation by virtue of her/his performance of such jury duty. No employee shall be paid more than her/his regular shift pay or regular work week pay as a result of jury duty service. The employee is required to notify her/his appointing authority when he/she has received a jury summons and when her/his jury service is completed.

b) Jury Duty

Nothing in this Section shall prevent any County employee from serving on a jury more than once per calendar year, provided, however, that such additional periods of absence from regular County duties as a result thereof shall be charged, at the option of such employee, to either accrued vacation time or leave without pay.

c) Response to a Subpoena

No employee shall suffer loss of wages or benefits in responding to a subpoena to testify in court if that employee is not a party to the litigation.

d) Release Time

In the event a night shift employee is called to court under the above provision, the following shall apply:

1. Swing or PM shift shall have release time the day of court attendance; time spent in court shall be deducted from the regular shift on that day with no loss of wages or benefits.
2. Night or graveyard shift shall have release time on the shift prior to court attendance; and that employee shall suffer no loss of wages or benefits.

e) Return to Work

For the purpose of this Section, an employee who responds to a summons to jury duty and who is not selected as a juror shall not be deemed to have performed jury duty and shall return to work as soon as possible.

Section 11.8 - Professional Development Fund

a) General

1. The County will fund, on a matching basis, up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per fiscal year for group and individual professional development and for education, as described in sections "b" and "c". This funding is over and above the County-wide tuition reimbursement program and departmental programs as presently funded/budgeted. Programs which begin or must be committed to on or before September 28, 1980, when approved, will encumber the fund and such amounts can be expended after that date.
2. The twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) will initially be allocated as follows: five thousand dollars (\$5,000) individual; five thousand dollars (\$5,000) group; and a fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) reserve to be allocated later between group and individual.
3. The Professional Development Fund will be administered and requests reviewed/approved by a County/Association Committee consisting of three (3) persons having equal status: one designated by the County, one designated by the Association, and a third party agreeable to both the County and the Association. Decisions and actions of the Committee shall be by majority vote. They will meet at least weekly, if required, on a regularly scheduled basis. They will jointly develop the procedures and forms necessary for operation of the program as described herein, and revise them as necessary.

b) Individual

1. Funded on a matching basis: fifty percent (50%) by the employee and fifty percent (50%) by the County, up to a maximum County contribution of three hundred dollars (\$300) for any individual per fiscal year and subject to the other limitations set forth herein.

2. The requested expenditure must relate to the employee's job or one to which he or she could reasonably aspire within County service.
3. Requests will be processed on a "first come, first served" basis, but priority will be given to first requests by an individual for the current year.
4. At least five (5) working days must be allowed for prior approval and ten (10) working days for a cash advance (if appropriate) in the amount of the estimated County contribution.
5. Allowable expenses shall include but not be limited to: conference and seminar registration fees; tuition not reimbursed under the tuition reimbursement program; books and materials required for a conference, seminar or course; expenses for travel out of the county to attend a conference, seminar or course, including transportation, meals, lodging, car rental, etc., per County reimbursement policy, procedures and schedules. An itemized statement of expenses shall be submitted by the employee for reimbursement or accounting as the case may be.

c) Group

1. Funded on a matching basis: twenty-five percent (25%) by the participating employees and/or the Association, and seventy-five percent (75%) by the County.
2. The Association will plan and budget group programs for review and approval by the County/Association Committee. Each proposed program will be considered separately on its own merits.
3. The Association will administer the approved programs, making all the necessary arrangements, etc.
4. Release time will be provided for such programs.

Section 11.9 - Educational Leave for Registered Nurses

- a) July 1, 1979 a credit of forty (40) hours per year shall be granted for educational leave for all full-time nurses. Educational leave will be accumulative to a maximum of eighty (80) hours. Educational leave for part-time nurses will be prorated. There shall be a three (3) month waiting period for all nurses hired after the execution of this contract. However, each nurse that uses any time earned between three (3) and six (6) months must sign a note which states that she/he will authorize a deduction from her/his last paycheck for the time used if she/he leaves County employment within one (1) year of the date of hire.
- b) The individual nurse shall decide the educational program in which she/he shall participate. It is understood that all use of educational leave shall be principally related to nursing practices within the County.
- c) Details in the written application for educational leave shall include but not be limited to the course, institute, workshops or classes, subjects, hours, faculty and purpose of taking the course, seminar, etc. The application shall be received by the

Administration no less than ten (10) working days prior to the requested date of leave of absence. At least five (5) working days prior to the commencement of the leave of absence date, the Administration shall respond in writing to the nurse. When notification of a course is received less than ten (10) working days prior to the course date, Administration may consider approval.

- d) In all instances set forth above, the leave request shall be subject to approval by the Department. Such leaves shall not unduly interfere with staffing requirements for patients' care or duplicate comparable training offered by the Department. The Department agrees that it shall not unreasonably withhold approval.
- e) Proof of attendance may be requested by the Department. The nurse may be requested by the Department to report such activity in writing.
- f) Every effort shall be made to arrange scheduling for the individual nurses' use of educational leave time.
- g) If the educational leave falls on the nurse's day off, the nurse shall select one of the following:
 - 1. The day will be charged to educational leave and the nurse will have a day added to her/his vacation balance, or
 - 2. The day will be charged to educational leave and the nurse will be given another day off during the pay period, or
 - 3. The day will not be charged to educational leave.
- h) Participation in the Registered Nurses Unit educational leave program shall not alter the RN's right to benefits included in the Professional Development Fund Section of this Agreement.
- i) The County shall provide three (3) courses approved by the Board of Registered Nursing for continuing educational credit, provided qualified instructors are available and interested. The County is under no obligation to hire additional instructors.

Section 11.10 - Bereavement Leave

Leaves of absence with pay shall be granted employees in order that they may discharge the customary obligations arising from the death of a member of their immediate family. "Immediate family" shall mean the mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, of the employee or of the spouse of the employee and the spouse, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, brother, sister, grandchild, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law of the employee or any person living in the immediate household of the employee. Up to five (5) days with pay shall be granted, with four (4) days chargeable to sick leave as the second through the fifth day, if necessary.

ARTICLE 12 - BENEFIT PROGRAMS

Section 12.1 - Workers' Compensation

a) Eligibility

Every employee shall be entitled to industrial injury leave when she/he is unable to perform services because of any injury as defined in the Workers' Compensation Act.

b) Compensation

An employee who is disabled as a result of an industrial injury shall be placed on leave, using as much of her/his accumulated compensable overtime, her/his accrued sick leave and vacation time as when added to any disability indemnity payable under the Workers' Compensation Act will result in a payment to her/him of not more than her/his full salary. The first three (3) days shall be charged to the employee's accrued but unused sick leave. If the temporary disability period exceeds fourteen (14) calendar days, temporary disability will be paid for the first three (3) days.

c) Clothing Claims

Loss of, or damage to, an employee's clothing resulting from an industrial injury which requires medical treatment will be replaced by the County through the following:

The Accident Review Board will review and make recommendations on all such incidents as submitted in writing by the employee. Reimbursement will be limited to the lesser of:

1. Seventy-five percent (75%) of proven replacement cost, or
2. The repair cost.

However, both of the above are limited by a fifty dollar (\$50.00) maximum. (Nothing in this Section is intended to replace or supercede Article 18.1 which provides for replacement of items damaged, lost or destroyed in the line of duty.)

d) Tracking of High Incidents of Industrial Injury

The County shall design and initiate a study/analysis of on-the-job injury/illness incidents to identify whether there are areas of unusually high injury and/or illness. The County may submit the report to the County-wide Safety Committee. The parties agree to review and determine what course of action, if any, may be required based on the findings.

Section 12.2 - Insurance Premiums

a) Medical Insurance

The County agrees to contribute the following amounts per month for medical insurance.

	BLUE CROSS HEALTH PLAN	KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN
Employee Only	\$42.06	\$35.14
Employee and Dependent	\$76.53	\$64.61

The parties agree that Kaiser coverage will be the Kaiser S Plan with the 3A option and the Blue Cross Plan will provide the same level of benefits and service as enjoyed during the 1977-78 fiscal year.

In addition, the County agrees to pay any inflationary increases added during the term of the Agreement.

The County shall pay the employee premium while on medical or industrial injury leave of absence up to thirteen (13) pay periods and while on maternity leave of absence up to six (6) pay periods.

b) Dental Insurance

The County agrees to contribute the amount of twenty-two dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$22.58) per month for dental coverage to cover the employee and full dependent contribution. The existing California Dental Service Plan coverage will be continued in accordance with the following schedule:

Basic and Prosthodontics: 75-25 - no deductible. \$1,000 maximum per patient per calendar year.

Orthodontics: 60-40 - no deductible. \$750 lifetime maximum per patient (no age limit).

c) Life Insurance

The County agrees to continue the existing base group Life Insurance Plan of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per employee for the term of the Agreement.

d) Social Security

The County will pay the employees' portion of Social Security for the term of this Agreement.

e) County-wide Benefits

The parties agree that, during the term of this Agreement, County-wide changes in benefits, such as medical, dental, life insurance, holidays, vacation, sick leave, or retirement, shall be applied to employees in this Unit. If either or both PTO or sick leave conversion is agreed to by any other bargaining unit, RNPA will have the option to accept or renegotiate the item(s).

Section 12.3 - Training for Disabled Employees

a) Vocational Rehabilitation

When an employee is determined by the County unable to return to the classification in which she/he held permanent status because of a work-connected illness or injury and does not elect a disability retirement, that employee will be offered vocational rehabilitation.

b) Lateral Transfer/Demotion Openings

If the employee meets all the qualifications for a particular position (this would take into account her/his medical limitations, prior work experience and skills) and an opening exists that involves a lateral transfer or demotion, the position shall be offered to the employee.

c) Salary Level

In accordance with Chapter VI, Article 5, Section A25-661(e) of the Personnel Practices, "...the salary of the employee shall be placed at the step in the salary range which corresponds most closely to the salary received by the employee as of the time of injury. In the event that such a demotion would result in a salary loss of more than ten (10) percent, the employee's new salary shall be set at the rate closest to but not less than ten (10) percent below his salary as of the time of injury."

d) Training Program

In those cases where the employee may not have the necessary prior experience or all the required skills but there is reasonable assurance that the employee will be capable of obtaining them through a designated formal on-the-job training program, the County will make reasonable efforts to place the employee in a training program.

e) Placement Review

If, after a period on the job, it is demonstrated that the employee is unable to develop the required skills, knowledge and abilities and/or cannot meet the physical requirements to handle the new position, he/she will be placed on a leave of absence and the placement process begins again.

f) Promotions

Any position which involves a promotion will call for the normal qualifying procedures, written and/or oral examination. However, if it is found that an employee meets all the qualifications for a higher paying position and an eligibility list is already in existence, the employee shall be allowed to take a written and/or oral examination, and, if the employee qualifies, the employee's name will be placed on the eligibility list commensurate with his/her score.

g) Referral to Accredited Rehabilitation Agency

In those cases where the County is unable, for one reason or another, to place an employee in any occupation, that employee's case will be referred to an accredited rehabilitation agency as approved by the Division of Industrial Accidents for testing, counseling and retraining at either the County's or State's expense.

h) State Legislation

The provisions of this Section shall not apply if State legislation removes from the County the control of training for disabled employees.

Section 12.4 - Short-Term Disability Program

The County shall provide a short-term disability plan at no expense to the County under the same terms and conditions as provided County-wide.

ARTICLE 13 - USE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES AND MILEAGE PAYMENT

Section 13.1 - Use of Private Vehicles

a) No Requirement

No employee shall be required as a condition of obtaining or continuing County employment, to possess or provide a private vehicle for use in connection with her/his County employment. Use of County vehicles shall be in accordance with County policies and regulations.

b) Authorization of Use

Departments may authorize the use of private vehicles by their Department employees, with each Department maintaining a continuous listing of those employees authorized to use their private vehicles. Each employee so authorized shall have completed applicable County authorization requirements governing County driver permits and insurance. Employees not having completed such requirements and thereby not on the listing shall be neither required nor authorized to use their private vehicles.

c) Damage

Employees whose vehicle is damaged in a collision with another vehicle while driving a personal vehicle on County business shall, following the approval of the Accident Review Board, be reimbursed for such damage not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) provided:

1. The driver of the other vehicle is responsible for the accident as verified by a police report, and the damages shall be unrecoverable from the other party by reason of lack of liability insurance, or
2. The damage is caused by a hit-run or unidentified driver as verified by a police report, or
3. The amount of damage to be reimbursed by the County is not recoverable under any policy of insurance available to the employee. The County shall be subrogated to the rights of recovery from the responsible party.

Section 13.2 - Mileage Reimbursement for Use of Private Vehicle

Any employee required to travel on business for the County and who has been duly authorized to use and does use a privately owned automobile shall be allowed and paid as traveling expense for the actual miles traveled during any calendar month at the following rates per mile:

1. \$0.17 per mile for the first 300 miles or part thereof.
2. \$0.13 per mile for each mile in excess of 300 miles.

Section 13.3 - County Business Travel

a) Meal Reimbursement

Employees who are required in the performance of their duties to travel beyond the Counties of Santa Clara, San Benito, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa shall be reimbursed for meals at the rate of: Breakfast, two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50); Lunch, four dollars (\$4.00); Dinner, eight dollars

and fifty cents (\$8.50). Other expenses, including meal reimbursement where allowed within these Counties, shall be reimbursed as provided in the Santa Clara County Code and County Procedures Manual.

b) Claims for Travel Expense

In accordance with County Ordinance Code Section A31-8, receipts for all expenditures for lodging and all other individual expenditures in excess of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be submitted with claims for travel expenses. All individual expenditures of ten dollars (\$10.00) or less shall be itemized in the claim; however, receipts are not required. It is recognized that individual expenditure of ten dollars (\$10.00) or less may be incurred daily or over the entire period of travel; the ten dollars (\$10.00) limit pertains to the cost of each item rather than the total cost of such items.

Section 13.4 - Handicap Parking Stickers

All employees determined by the County to be handicapped in accordance with standards of the State of California Department of Motor Vehicles will be issued a handicap parking sticker for their private vehicle.

ARTICLE 14 - WORKERS IN UNCLASSIFIED POSITIONS

- a) Specially Funded Employees
All employees in unclassified coded positions within the Association's bargaining unit shall be subject to and protected by this Agreement and departmental agreements, except as otherwise provided.
- b) Seniority
Time worked in such positions shall apply to seniority for the purposes of departmental agreements, salary increments and all other matters in the same manner for all other unclassified coded positions.
- c) Examinations
Such employees shall be allowed to participate in examinations in the classified service equivalent to the positions they occupy as well as all open and/or promotional examinations for which they qualify under Merit System Rules.
- d) Career Opportunities
It is the County's intention to encourage and promote career opportunities for regular County employees. In the interest of equitable treatment and to fulfill its contractual commitment, the County will not fill more than fifty percent (50%) of coded vacancies in a classification with unclassified employees when regular County employees are certifiable.
- e) New Programs
Upon final approval by the County and the granting authority of new special programs funded from State and/or Federal sources which create full-time positions of one (1) year's duration or more, the parties agree to meet and confer on:
1. Coverage of such positions by all or any portion of the terms of this Agreement.
 2. The impact the utilization of such positions may have on employees in positions currently covered by this Agreement.

ARTICLE 15 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

County and the Association recognize early settlement of grievances is essential to sound employee-employer relations. The parties seek to establish a mutually satisfactory method for the settlement of grievances of employees, the Association, or the County. In presenting a grievance, the aggrieved and/or her/his representative is assured freedom from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal.

Section 15.1 - Grievance Defined

a) Definition

A grievance is defined as an alleged violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of the provisions of this Memorandum of Agreement, Department Memoranda of Agreement and/or Understanding, Merit System Rules, or other County ordinances, resolutions, Policy and/or Procedure Manuals, or alleged infringement of an employee's personal rights (i.e., discrimination, harassment) affecting the working conditions of the employees covered by this Agreement, except as excluded under Section 15.1(b).

b) Matters Excluded From Consideration Under the Grievance Procedure

1. Disciplinary actions taken under Section 708 of the County Charter.
2. Probationary release of employees.
3. Position classification.
4. Merit System Examinations.
5. Items requiring capital expenditure.
6. Items within the scope of representation and subject to the meet and confer process.

Section 15.2 - Grievance Presentation

Employees shall have the right to present their own grievance or do so through a representative of their own choice. Grievances may also be presented by a group of employees, by the Association, or by the County. No grievance settlement may be made in violation of an existing rule, ordinance, memorandum of agreement or memorandum of understanding, nor shall any settlement be made which affects the rights or conditions of other employees represented by the Association without notification to and consultation with the Association.

Section 15.3 - Procedural Compliance

Association grievances shall comply with all foregoing provisions and procedures. The County shall not be required to reconsider a grievance previously settled with an employee if renewed by the Association, unless it is alleged that such grievance settlement is in violation of an existing rule, ordinance, memorandum of understanding, or memorandum of agreement.

Section 15.4 - Informal Resolution/Time Limits

It is agreed that employees will be encouraged to act promptly through informal discussion with their immediate supervisor on any act, condition or circumstance which is causing employee dissatisfaction and to seek action to remove the cause of dissatisfaction before it serves as the basis for a formal grievance. Time limits may be extended or waived only by written agreement of the parties.

If either party fails to comply with the grievance time limits, the grievance shall be settled in favor of the other party. If as a result of such action the parties are unable to reach agreement on an appropriate remedy, the matter may be referred to an arbitrator as provided below and the arbitrator shall fashion an appropriate remedy.

Section 15.5 - Formal Grievance

a) Step One

Within ten (10) working days of the occurrence or discovery of an alleged grievance, the grievance shall be presented in writing to the person designated by the appointing authority, as appropriate. The grievance form shall contain information which identifies:

1. The aggrieved;
2. The specific nature of the grievance;
3. The time or place of its occurrence;
4. The rule, law, regulation, or policy alleged to have been violated, improperly interpreted, applied or misapplied;
5. The consideration given or steps taken to secure informal resolution;
6. The corrective action desired; and,
7. The name of any person or representative chosen by the employee to enter the grievance.

A decision shall be made in writing within ten (10) working days of receipt of the grievance. A copy of the decision shall be directed to the person identified in (7) above.

b) Step Two

If the aggrieved is not satisfied with a first step decision she/he may, within ten (10) working days after receipt of that decision, direct a written presentation to the appointing authority appealing the decision made at the first step. The appointing authority shall convey her/his decision to the aggrieved in writing within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the grievance.

c) Step Three

If the aggrieved continues to be dissatisfied, she/he may, within ten (10) working days after receipt of the second step decision, present a written presentation to be directed to the County Executive's designated representative indicating the aggrieved wishes (1) the County Executive's designated representative to review and decide the merits of the case or whether; (2) the aggrieved wishes

the grievance to be referred to an impartial arbitrator. The County and the Association agree to mutually agree upon or jointly select a panel of seven (7) arbitrators from names provided by the State Conciliation Service. Members of this arbitration panel shall be advised of and agree to the following provisions:

1. Within ten (10) working days of receipt of the grievance at step three, one (1) arbitrator shall be selected from the panel and a hearing scheduled within thirty (30) calendar days.
2. Arbitration proceedings shall be recorded but not transcribed except at the request of either party or the arbitrator. Upon mutual agreement, the County and the Association may submit written briefs to the arbitrator for decision in lieu of a hearing.
3. The arbitrator's decision shall be rendered within fifteen (15) days of the hearing, receipt of the transcript or the briefs.

The parties may mutually agree to use an arbitrator not on the list or to add to, or modify the list. The arbitrator's compensation and expenses shall be borne equally by the employee or the Association and the County, provided employee grievances shall be arbitrable only at the expressed request of the employee involved, and with the concurrence of the Association, unless the grievance is deemed an Association or group grievance prior to submission to step three. Decisions of the arbitrator shall be final and binding.

Section 15.6 - Arbitration Release Time

The following statement on employee participation in grievance arbitration hearings is agreed to:

- a) The employee on whose behalf the grievance has been filed will be granted release time for the entire hearing. Release time to serve as a witness will be granted on a scheduled basis, i.e., when the employee is scheduled to appear. In the case of a group grievance, release time will be granted for the designated spokesperson for the entire hearing. Release time also will be granted to the appropriate Unit Representative.
- b) Other requests for leave for the purpose of participation in a grievance arbitration hearing will also be granted and charged to the employee's own leave time - provided the absence does not unduly interfere with the performance of service.

ARTICLE 16 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Employees are to abide by all applicable Federal, State and Local Statutes or contract requirements regarding conflict of interest in outside employment. Employees intending to engage in outside employment shall file an advance statement of such intent for the approval of the appointing authority.

ARTICLE 17 - NURSING PRACTICE ISSUES

Section 17.1 - Supervision

All Pre-Registered Nurses will be directly supervised and will not assume team leader duties. A Staff Nurse I will not work in charge position.

Section 17.2 - Conscientious Objector Clause

The rights of patients to receive the necessary nursing care are to be respected. As individuals, licensed nurses hold certain moral, ethical, and religious beliefs and in good conscience may be compelled to refuse involvement with abortions. The licensed nurse must be free to exercise this right without being subjected to ridicule, harassment, coercion, censure, termination, or other forms of discipline. Emergency situations will arise where the immediate nature of the patient's needs will not allow for personal substitutions. In such circumstances the patient's right to receive the necessary nursing care would take precedence over exercise of the nurse's individual beliefs and rights until other personnel can be provided.

Section 17.3 - Malpractice Protection

The County's obligation to defend and indemnify its officers and employees is prescribed by California Government Code 825 et seq. and 995 et seq. The County shall indemnify and defend employees in this Unit in accordance with the applicable law when and if they are sued for errors or omissions (malpractice) within the course and scope of their duties, save and except where the applicable law excuses County's obligation to defend (e.g., fraud, malice, etc.). This paragraph and the terms and conditions thereof shall be enforceable, at law in accordance with the applicable law, but shall not be subject to the grievance provision of this Agreement.

Section 17.4 - Staff Meetings

Registered Nurses assigned attendance at meetings, lectures, or In-service courses while off shift will be subject to all overtime provisions. Registered Nurses on shift will be compensated at the regular rate.

Section 17.5 - Inservice Education Program For Nurses

a) The Santa Clara Valley Medical Center will maintain an Inservice Education Program for Registered Nurses, including the following:

1. Provide an organized plan of orienting all newly coded nurses to the objectives, policies, goals, and procedures of the hospital and of nursing service at regularly scheduled intervals.
2. Provide an organized plan of orienting all nurses to the job descriptions, responsibilities, and work assignments for nursing classifications at regularly scheduled intervals.
3. Keep the nursing staff abreast on a continuing basis of new and expanding nursing care programs and of new techniques, equipment, facilities and concepts of care.
4. Each nurse must complete both (1) and (2) above before being permanently assigned to a unit and shift. Until completion of

the formal orientation, the nurse will be considered as still in a structured learning experience and not part of the unit's regular nursing staff.

- b) In each unit, a nurse will be designated as responsible for coordinating inservice programs with the Quality Assurance Department. These programs shall be relevant to updating and upgrading skills particular to the unit in order to promote optimal nursing care to each patient.

It is understood that the department has the authority to approve all voluntary attendance at Inservice education programs.

Section 17.6 - Professional Performance Committee

- a) The Valley Medical Center Professional Performance Committee shall be composed of Registered Nurses currently employed by the hospital. The Committee shall have a representative from each nursing unit, one (1) from each satellite clinic, and one (1) Institution Nurse elected by the Registered Nurses from that unit and clinic. All appointed and new positions will be filled by election by October 31 of each year.
- b) Nurses employed by the County recognize their obligation to perform the highest level of nursing care for the citizens of the County. The Professional Performance Committee shall act as an advisory body to Nursing Service and Administration. The hospital will make a good faith effort to implement recommendations agreed to by the P.P.C. and the Director of Nursing.
- c) The Committee shall not involve itself in grievances as defined and set forth in this Agreement. The purpose and function shall be as set forth in its bylaws and shall include the following:
 - 1. Recommend nursing policies and procedures to the Nursing Administrator.
 - 2. Review nursing policies and procedures prior to implementation, when possible, except in emergencies.
- d) The Nursing Administrator or her/his representative will meet with the P.P.C. at their regularly scheduled meeting when requested. The Nursing Administrator will respond to all written recommendations as outlined in 1 and 2 above, within thirty (30) days.
- e) Attendance at P.P.C. will be voluntary by the elected representative or her/his alternate. Committee members will be granted release time to attend the meetings. Those members who attend during other than duty time will be granted up to three (3) hours of compensatory time.

Meetings will be held monthly for three (3) hours or more as agreed to by the Nursing Administrator.

ARTICLE 16 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 18.1 - Repair/Replace Claims

County shall provide the necessary protective clothing to employees and classifications pursuant to such requests by the employees affected as provided by law under Cal-OSHA, Title 8, Article 10. The County shall pay the cost of repairing or replacing the uniforms, clothing and equipment of County employees which have been damaged, lost or destroyed in the line of duty when the following conditions exist:

- a) The clothing, uniform or equipment is specifically required by the department or necessary to the employees to perform her/his duty; and not adaptable for continued wear to the extent that they may be said to replace the employee's regular clothing; or
- b) The clothing, uniform or equipment has been damaged or destroyed in the course of making an arrest, or in the issuance of a citation, or in the legal restraint of persons being placed in custody or already in custody, or in the service of legal documents as part of the employee's duties or in the saving of a human life; and
- c) The employee has not, through negligence or willful misconduct, contributed to such damage or destruction of said property.

Claims for reimbursement shall be reviewed and approved by the Accident Review Board in accordance with procedures set forth by the County Executive.

Section 18.2 - Classification Directory

The County shall provide, upon request, a Classification Directory listing minimum qualifications and salary ranges for all County positions. This Directory shall be revised annually or more often, if needed.

Section 18.3 - Retirement

The County will continue the present benefit contract with PERS for the term of this Agreement.

Section 18.4 - Safety

The County necessarily abides by safety standards established by the State Division of Industrial Safety and pursuant to the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

ARTICLE 19 - STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

During the term of this Agreement, the County agrees that it will not lock out employees and the Association agrees that it will not engage in any concerted work stoppage. A violation of this Article will result in cessation of Association dues deduction by the County.

ARTICLE 20 - FULL AGREEMENT

It is understood this Agreement represents a complete and final understanding on all negotiable issues between the County and its Departments and the Association. This Agreement supersedes all previous memoranda of understanding or memoranda of agreement between the County and its Departments and the Association except as specifically referred to in this Agreement. All ordinances or rules covering any practice, subject or matter not specifically referred to in this Agreement shall not be superseded, modified or repealed by implication or otherwise by the provisions hereof. The parties, for the term of this Agreement, voluntarily and unqualifiedly agree to waive the obligation to negotiate with respect to any practice, subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement even though such practice, subject or matter may not have been within the knowledge of the parties at the time this Agreement was negotiated and signed. In the event any new practice, subject or matter arises during the term of this Agreement and an action is proposed by the County, the Association shall be afforded all possible notice and shall have the right to meet and confer upon request. In the absence of agreement on such a proposed action, the County reserves the right to take necessary action by Management direction.

ARTICLE 21 - SAVINGS CLAUSE

If any provision of this Agreement should be held invalid by operation of law or by any court of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any provision should be restrained by any tribunal, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby, and the parties shall enter into negotiations for the sole purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement for such provision.

ARTICLE 22 - IMPLEMENTATION

It is understood by the County and the Association that to fully implement this Agreement it will be necessary for the County to amend several existing County ordinances, some of which require the approval of the County Personnel Board, so that such ordinances will not conflict with the provisions of this Agreement. The County and the Association agree to cooperate to secure the enactment of such ordinances.

ARTICLE 23 - TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall become effective only upon approval by the Board of Supervisors and upon the ratification by the Association, and shall remain in full force and effect to and including September 28, 1980 and from year to year thereafter; provided, however, that either party may serve written notice on the other at least sixty (60) days prior to September 28, 1980, or any subsequent September 28, of its desire to terminate this Agreement or amend any provision thereof.

DATED: May 1, 1979

SANTA CLARA COUNTY
NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE

REGISTERED NURSES
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APPENDIX A

Recognizing that one of the goals of RNPA is the creation of new opportunities for the advancement of nurses while allowing them to continue to provide direct patient care, the County agrees as follows:

1. Within six (6) months following her/his appointment, the Director of Nursing will meet with representatives of RNPA and discuss their views regarding the above-stated goal.
2. The Director shall study the material presented by RNPA, develop a position on the issue, and meet again with the Association for discussion of that position.
3. The Director shall make a final decision regarding the issue and make it known to RNPA prior to the end of the term of the contract. Such final decision shall not be grievable; but the RNPA may appeal the decision to the Board of Supervisors.

Nothing in this Appendix A precludes RNPA from raising this subject during negotiations of a new contract in September of 1980.

APPENDIX B
EFFECTIVE APRIL 2, 1979

B.1 Classes & Ranges

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Approximate Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Effective Monthly Rate*</u>
S14	Staff Nurse I	538.64B	1170	1242
S15	Pre-Registered Nurse	538.64B	1170	1242
S13	Staff Nurse II	91.1	1221-1455	1295-1544
S22	O.R. Nurse Trainee	91.1	1221-1455	1295-1544
S11	Assistant Head Nurse	91.2	1275-1520	1354-1613
S21	O.R. Nurse	91.2	1275-1520	1354-1613
S57	Psychiatric Nurse	91.2	1275-1520	1354-1613
S71	Institution Nurse I	91.2	1275-1520	1354-1613
S19	Assistant Head O.R. Nurse	91.3	1332-1589	1414-1686
S56	Assistant Head Psychiatric Nurse	91.3	1332-1589	1414-1686
S70	Institution Nurse II	91.3	1332-1589	1414-1686
S10	Head Nurse	91.4	1391-1661	1476-1762
S18	Head O.R. Nurse	91.4	1391-1661	1476-1762
S55	Head Psychiatric Nurse	91.4	1391-1661	1476-1762
S33	Nursing Instructor	91.5	1455-1737	1544-1843
S35	Infection Control Nurse	91.7	1589-1901	1686-2017
S59	Psychiatric Nurse Consultant	91.8	1699-2035	1803-2160

B.2 Biweekly Rates

<u>Salary Range</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>BIWEEKLY RATES</u>					<u>Approximate Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Effective* Monthly Rate</u>
		<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>		
91.0	6.733	538.64					1170	1242
91.1	7.023	561.84	587.04	613.28	640.24	669.44	1221-1455	1295-1544
91.2	7.338	587.04	613.28	640.24	669.44	699.44	1275-1520	1354-1613
91.3	7.666	613.28	640.24	669.44	699.44	731.36	1332-1589	1414-1686
91.4	8.003	640.24	669.44	699.44	731.36	764.32	1391-1661	1476-1762
91.5	8.368	669.44	699.44	731.36	764.32	799.28	1455-1737	1544-1843
91.7	9.142	731.36	764.32	799.28	836.00	874.80	1589-1901	1686-2017
91.8	9.773	781.84	817.52	855.36	895.12	936.80	1699-2035	1803-2160

*Includes employer payment of employee share of Social Security.

Note: All salaries in Appendix B, C, and D are calculated as follows:

Monthly wage is annualized (365 days year) and hourly wage is based on 26.071 PP year = 2085.7 hours year (at 80 hours PP). Hourly wage is carried out to tenths of a cent/hr. (.001), dropping hundredths of a cent and beyond.

(e.g., 5th step Staff Nurse II \$1,353.04 + 7.5% = 1,454.51 Mo. X 12 = 17,454.12 Yr. = 8.368 Hr.)

APPENDIX C
EFFECTIVE JULY 9, 1979

C.1 Classes & Ranges

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Approximate Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Effective Monthly Rate*</u>
S14	Staff Nurse I	576.32	1252	1329
S15	Pre-Registered Nurse	576.32	1252	1329
S22	O.R. Nurse Trainee	576.32	1252	1329
S13	Staff Nurse II	91.1	1306-1556	1386-1652
S21	O.R. Nurse	91.1	1306-1556	1386-1652
S57	Psychiatric Nurse	91.1	1306-1556	1386-1652
S71	Institution Nurse I	91.1	1306-1556	1386-1652
S11	Assistant Head Nurse	91.2	1397-1664	1482-1766
S19	Assistant Head O.R. Nurse	91.2	1397-1664	1482-1766
S56	Assistant Head Psychiatric Nurse	91.2	1397-1664	1482-1766
S70	Institution Nurse II	91.2	1397-1664	1482-1766
S10	Head Nurse	91.4	1523-1818	1617-1930
S18	Head O.R. Nurse	91.4	1523-1818	1617-1930
S33	Nursing Instructor	91.4	1523-1818	1617-1930
S55	Head Psychiatric Nurse	91.4	1523-1818	1617-1930
S35	Infection Control Nurse	91.7	1700-2034	1805-2158
S59	Psychiatric Nurse Consultant	91.8	1818-2178	1921-2311

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C.2 Biweekly Rates

<u>Salary Range</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>BIWEEKLY RATES</u>					<u>Approximate Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Effective* Monthly Rate</u>
<u>Number</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>		
91.0	7.204	576.32					1252	1329
91.1	7.514	601.12	628.08	656.16	685.12	716.32	1306-1556	1386-1652
91.2	8.035	642.80	671.52	701.12	733.04	765.92	1397-1664	1482-1766
91.4	8.764	701.12	733.04	765.92	800.88	836.88	1523-1818	1617-1930
91.7	9.782	782.56	817.76	855.28	894.48	936.00	1700-2034	1805-2158
91.8	10.458	836.64	874.80	915.28	957.76	1002.32	1818-2178	1929-2311

*Includes employer payment of employee share of Social Security.

APPENDIX D
EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 10, 1979

D.1 Classes & Ranges

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Approximate Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Effective Monthly Rate*</u>
S14	Staff Nurse I	576.32	1252	1329
S15	Pre-Registered Nurse	576.32	1252	1329
S22	O.R. Nurse Trainee	576.32	1252	1329
S13	Staff Nurse II	91.1	1363-1613	1446-1712
S21	O.R. Nurse	91.1	1363-1613	1446-1712
S57	Psychiatric Nurse	91.1	1363-1613	1446-1712
S71	Institution Nurse I	91.1	1363-1613	1446-1712
S11	Assistant Head Nurse	91.2	1453-1721	1542-1826
S19	Assistant Head O.R. Nurse	91.2	1453-1721	1542-1826
S56	Assistant Head Psychiatric Nurse	91.2	1453-1721	1542-1826
S70	Institution Nurse II	91.2	1453-1721	1542-1826
S10	Head Nurse	91.4	1580-1875	1677-1990
S18	Head O.R. Nurse	91.4	1580-1875	1677-1990
S33	Nursing Instructor	91.4	1580-1875	1677-1990
S55	Head Psychiatric Nurse	91.4	1580-1875	1677-1990
S35	Infection Control Nurse	91.7	1757-2090	1865-2218
S59	Psychiatric Nurse Consultant	91.8	1874-2234	1989-2371

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D.2 Biweekly Rates

<u>Salary Range</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>BIWEEKLY RATES</u>					<u>Approximate Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Effective* Monthly Rate</u>
<u>Number</u>	<u>Step I</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>		
91.0	7.204	576.32					1252	1329
91.1	7.839	627.12	654.16	682.24	711.12	742.32	1363-1613	1446-1712
91.2	8.360	668.80	697.52	727.12	759.04	791.92	1453-1721	1542-1826
91.4	9.089	727.12	759.04	791.92	826.88	862.96	1580-1875	1677-1990
91.7	10.107	808.56	843.84	881.28	920.56	962.00	1757-2090	1865-2218
91.8	10.783	862.64	900.80	941.28	983.76	1028.40	1874-2234	1989-2371

*Includes employer payment of employee share of Social Security.