

Memorandum of Agreement
Between the
State of New York, the Office of Mental Health,
the Civil Service Employees Association,
the Public Employees Federation,
and the New York State Correctional Officers and Police Benevolent Association

The parties hereby agree as follows:

1. The terms of the memorandum of agreement (MOA) commence subsequent to the implementation and enforcement (compliance-related suspensions) associated with the Office of Mental Health's Emergency Regulation 14 NYCRR 557 titled "COVID-19 Vaccination Program. If implementation moves forward as scheduled, this agreement will take effect at the beginning of Institutional Payroll Period 17 (11:00 PM on November 3, 2021) and end, unless extended by mutual agreement of the parties, at the conclusion of Institutional Payroll Period 21 (10:59 PM on January 12, 2022.) If implementation of mandate enforcement is delayed, implementation of this MOA will be postponed as well.
2. This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) shall be limited to employees in eligible titles, as outlined in Item #3, in work settings included in the Office of Mental Health's Emergency Regulation 14 NYCRR 557 titled "COVID-19 Vaccination Program."
3. The only employees eligible to participate under the terms of this MOA are those serving in the following titles/title series. See attached for a complete title listing.
 - a. Direct Care Titles (e.g., Mental Health Therapy Aide, Secure Care Treatment Aide 1, Security Hospital Treatment Assistant, Residential Program Assistants 2, etc.)
 - b. Licensed Practical Nurses and Senior Licensed Practical Nurses 1 and 2
 - c. Registered Nursing Titles (e.g., Nurse 1, Nurse 2 Psychiatric, Nurse 3 Psychiatric, Nurse Administrator 1 Psychiatric, etc.)
 - d. Food Service Worker and Cook Titles
 - e. Environmental Services Titles (e.g., Cleaner, Housekeeper, Janitor, Head Housekeeper, etc.)
 - f. Safety and Security Officer Titles

The parties may discuss and agree to add additional titles where warranted.

4. Pursuant to this MOA, OMH establishes a temporary overtime (OT) rate for the duration of this MOA and applicable to the titles listed in Item #3 above, at a rate of 2.5 times their regular rate of pay. The OT rate shall apply to all individuals serving in titles listed in Item #3 above and shall not be reduced for the duration of this MOA. All other aspects of applicable collective bargaining agreements relating to overtime remain in effect. Nothing herein authorizes OMH to pay OT below the OT rate currently established in the applicable collective bargaining agreement.
5. The parties agree that OMH will track the following for the duration of the MOA:
 - a. Hours of applicable OT by title and rate during the period of the MOA
 - b. Incremental cost of increased OT wage rates during the period of the MOA; by title and cumulative
 - c. Number of positions vacated by applicable title during the period of the MOA
 - d. Incidences of Unscheduled Absence (e.g., call-outs) during the period of the MOA

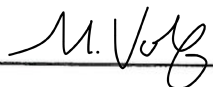
All data should be available by pay period and, where relevant, OMH will produce comparable data from prior periods upon request.

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6. OMH facilities and the local unions shall convene in labor-management, as soon as practicable, to discuss implementation of the terms of this agreement and notice of rate to employees. In addition, they will continue to meet as needed to discuss issues associated with the terms of this agreement.
7. OMH administration and the unions shall convene in labor-management, at mutually agreeable times, to discuss issues associated with the MOA and/or to share regular updates of the information that is being collected pursuant to Item #5.
8. This MOA does not impact an employee's right to file a grievance pertaining to an alleged violation of a term of an applicable collective bargaining agreement. The MOA is not a waiver of any collective bargaining agreement or statutory rights regarding overtime.
9. This MOA shall apply to all OT earned and worked during shifts in the five institutional payroll periods following implementation/enforcement of the mandate (currently scheduled to begin on or after 11:00 PM on November 3, 2021 and before 10:59 PM on January 12, 2022. For any shift beginning at or after 11:00 PM on January 12, 2022, the OT rate will revert to the rate normally applicable to any such eligible title that is part of the MOA.) The parties are free to discuss an extension of the MOA but absent a written agreement to the contrary, the MOA will expire as outlined herein.
10. Nothing herein shall be deemed as the union(s) consent to the above-referenced vaccine mandate or a waiver to challenge the mandate.
11. Any disputes over the interpretation or application of this MOA that cannot be resolved between a union and OMH shall immediately be brought to the attention of the President of the union representing an eligible title to which the MOA is applicable and the Director of GOER (or their respective designees) who will agree upon a resolution of the issue and communicate that to OMH for resolution.

DATED: November 2, 2021

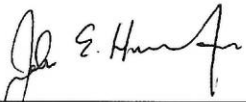
For CSEA: 

For GOER: 

For OMH: 

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For NYSCOPBA: 
John E. Harmon Jr., Law Enforcement Vice President

For GOER: 

For OMH: 

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For PEF: Debra Greenberg

For GOER: M. Volz

For OMH: J. Simon et al

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Covered titles:

1. Mental Health Therapy Aide
2. Mental Hygiene Therapy Assistant 1
3. Mental Hygiene Therapy Assistant 2
4. Residential Program Assistant 1
5. Residential Program Assistant 2
6. Secure Care Treatment Aide 1
7. Secure Care Treatment Aide 2
8. Security Hospital Treatment Assistant
9. Security Hospital Senior Treatment Assistant
10. Licensed Practical Nurse
11. Senior Licensed Practical Nurse 1
12. Senior Licensed Practical Nurse 2
13. Nurse 1
14. Nurse 2
15. Nurse 2 (Psychiatric)
16. Nurse 3 (Psychiatric)
17. Community Mental Health Nurse
18. Infection Control Nurse
19. Nurse Administrator 1 (Psychiatric)
20. Nurse Administrator 2 (Psychiatric)
21. Food Service Worker 1
22. Food Service Worker 2
23. Food Service Worker 3
24. Cook
25. Head Cook
26. Cleaner
27. Janitor
28. Housekeeper
29. Supervising Housekeeper
30. Safety and Security Officer Trainee
31. Safety and Security Officer 1
32. Safety and Security Officer 2