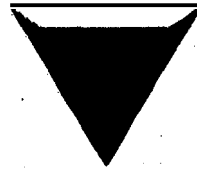


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**COLLECTIVE
AGREEMENT**



BETWEEN

Flin Flon General Hospital

AND

Flin Flon Nurses Local 14

OF THE MANITOBA NURSES' UNION



610906



April ■ 1996 to March 31, 1999

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WHEREAS, it is the desire of both parties to this Agreement to recognize a mutual obligation to provide the best possible quality of health care through the successful operation of the Health Care Facility as a service institution; and to maintain harmonious relationships between the Employer and the members of the Union; and to recognize the value of joint discussion and negotiation in matters related to working conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Employer and the Union have agreed to enter into a Collective Agreement containing terms and conditions of employment of the nurses as herein set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Employer and the Union mutually covenant and agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 -- SCOPE OF RECOGNITION

101 The Employer recognizes the Union as sole bargaining agent for nurses in the bargaining unit defined in the Manitoba Labour Board Certificate **MLB-4496**.

ARTICLE 2 -- DURATION

201 This Collective Agreement shall be in full force and effect from the first day of April, 1996, up to and **including** the thirty-first day of March, 1999.

202 Either party to this Collective Agreement desiring to terminate this Collective Agreement or renegotiate a new Agreement, shall give notice to the other party in writing at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date of the Collective Agreement and present its proposals in writing at a meeting between the parties, within thirty (30) days following such notice. **If** notice is not given as above, the Collective Agreement shall be automatically renewed without change **for** a further period of one (1) year.

303 The provisions of this Agreement shall continue in effect following the expiry date until replaced by a new Agreement, or until the declaration of a strike or lockout, whichever occurs first.

ARTICLE 3 -- DEFINITIONS

301 A "nurse" is a Registered Nurse, or a Licensed Practical Nurse, or a Registered Psychiatric Nurse, or a non-registered nurse, or a non-licensed nurse, or a graduate pending license nurse, who is employed by the Employer in one of the occupational classifications described in Appendix "C" attached hereto and forming part of this Agreement, subject to 3807 herein.

302 Employment status of nurses shall be defined as:

(a) A "full-time nurse" is one who works the full prescribed hours of work specified in Article 14.

(b) A "part-time nurse" is one who works on a regular and continuing basis for less than the full prescribed hours as specified in Article 14 but not less than seven and three-quarter (7.75) hours per bi-weekly period when averaged over a four (4) week period.

Notwithstanding this, any nurse employed prior to April 1, 1996 on a part-time basis which permits her/him to work less than the above shall maintain her/his part-time employment status.

NOTE: Effective date of implementation in November 1996, a temporary reduction of five (5) minutes per seven and three-quarter (7.75) hours shift will continue until March 31, 1999 when shifts shall be restored to seven and threequarter (7.75) hours.

Shifts of a duration less than seven and three-quarter (7.75) hours to be reduced proportionately.

Shifts of a duration greater than seven and threequarter (7.75) hours to be reduced proportionately.

(c) "Casual nurse" as defined in 3501.

303 A "Registered Nurse" is a person entitled to practice under the Registered Nurses' Act of Manitoba.

304 A "Registered Psychiatric Nurse" is a person entitled to practice under the Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Act of Manitoba.

305 A "Licensed Practical Nurse" is a person entitled to practice under the Licensed Practical Nurses' Act of Manitoba.

306 "Non-registered/non-licensed/graduate pending license nurse" shall mean a person who has graduated as a nurse but does not hold registration/license. The terms of this Agreement shall be applicable to the non-registered/non-licensed/graduate pending license nurse as to the registered/licensed nurse except as otherwise specified herein.

307 "Weekend" shall mean Saturday and Sunday.

308 "Bi-weekly period" as used herein shall mean the two (2) weeks constituting a pay period.

309 Wherever the feminine pronoun is used in this Agreement it includes the masculine pronoun where the context so requires. Where the singular is used it may also be deemed to mean plural.

ARTICLE 4 -- MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

401 The Union recognizes the sole right of the Employer, unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, to exercise its function of management under which it shall have, among others, the right to maintain efficiency and quality of patient care; the right to direct the work of its nurses; the right to hire, classify, assign to nursing positions and promote; the right to determine job content and the number of nurses in a nursing unit; the right to demote, discipline, suspend, layoff and discharge for just cause; the right to make, alter and enforce rules and regulations in a manner that is fair and consistent with the terms of this Agreement.

402 The Employer, in administering the Collective Agreement, shall act reasonably, fairly, in good faith, and in a manner consistent with the Collective Agreement as a whole.

ARTICLE 5 -- UNION SECURITY AND REPRESENTATION

501 The Employer agrees to deduct an amount equal to the current monthly (union) dues from each month's pay of each nurse in the bargaining unit, whether a member of the Union or not. The Employer shall forward such dues to the Manitoba Nurses' Union monthly, without undue delay, together with a list of the names of nurses for whom deductions have been made and a list of the names of all nurses newly hired/terminated/on leave of absence for a period of four (4) weeks or longer.

The Employer also agrees to deduct once annually the amount of any special general assessment made by the Union.

502 The Employer agrees to deduct union dues and the amount of any special general assessment in arrears upon receiving written authorization from the Union, and the Union agrees that all nurses to which the foregoing applies shall be given advance notice of the requested adjustment; and the Union further agrees to make refunds to nurses in the event of an overdeduction of dues.

503 When a nurse makes known to the Employer or the Union that she/he is a member of a religious group which has as one of its articles of faith the belief that members of the group are precluded from being members of or financially supporting any union or professional association, the matter shall be dealt with in accordance with section 76(3) of the Labour Relations Act of Manitoba.

504 The Union shall notify the Employer in writing of any change in the amount of dues at least one (1) month in advance of the end of the pay period in which the deductions are to be made; however, such change shall not be made more frequently than once in a twelve (12) month period.

505 The Union shall save the Employer harmless from any claims from nurses covered by this Agreement as a result of dues or special general assessments having been collected in accordance with the terms of this Article.

506 The Union shall provide the Employer with a list of officers and nurse representatives of the Union and shall provide the Employer with a revised list from time to time as occasion may require.

507 Union activities other than those provided for in this Agreement shall not be conducted during the hours of duty of any nurse, nor in any non-public

restricted area of the Employer's premises, without prior authorization by persons designated by the Administrator.

508 If required in relation to the renewal of this Agreement or any new Agreement which may be negotiated as herein provided, nurse representatives or officers of the Union shall be granted time off duty, without loss of pay, to participate in negotiations in which both the Employer and the Union are represented, subject to a maximum cost as follows:

(a) Local Negotiations:

Facilities of less than 150 beds -- Two (2) nurses
Facilities of 151 - 400 beds -- Three (3) nurses
Facilities of over 400 beds -- Four (4) nurses

(b) Joint Negotiations:

In the event of joint negotiations involving more than one (1) but less than five (5) Employers and the respective Unions, salaries of two (2) nurses per each Facility shall be maintained by the respective Employers.

In the case of joint negotiations involving five (5) or more Employers and the respective Unions, salaries of one (1) nurse representing each participating Manitoba Nurses' Union region and one (1) nurse representing each participating Manitoba Nurses' Union Region 6 local shall be maintained by the respective Employers.

509 Copies of this Agreement shall be provided by the Union, and the Employer will supply a copy to each nurse at the time of hiring unless otherwise agreed between the Employer and the Union.

510 A suitable notice board or notice board space for the use of the Union will be provided by the Employer. The Employer reserves the right to request the removal of posted material if considered damaging to the Facility and the Union agrees to comply with this request.

511 The Employer agrees to show on the income tax (T-4) slip of each nurse, the total amount of union dues deducted from her/his earnings and remitted to the Union.

512 A representative of the Union shall be granted not less than thirty (30) minutes during the orientation period in order to familiarize nurses in the bargaining unit with the general conditions and responsibilities with respect to this

Collective Agreement and to the Union. A management representative may be present during this period.

513 No nurse shall be required to make a written or verbal agreement with the Employer which may conflict with the terms of this Agreement, in accordance with Section 72(1) of the Labour Relations Act of Manitoba.

ARTICLE 6 -- CONTINUANCE OF OPERATIONS

601 The Union agrees that during the life of this Agreement there shall be no strike, and to this end the Union will take affirmative action to prevent any nurse covered by this Agreement from striking. The Employer agrees that for the duration of this Agreement, there shall be no lockout.

ARTICLE 7 -- NON DISCRIMINATION

701 The Employer and the Union agree that there shall be no discrimination, restriction or coercion exercised by reason of race, colour, creed, national origin, political or religious affiliation, sex or marital status, age, membership or nonmembership or activity in the Union.

702 The Employer and the Union agree that no form of sexual harassment shall be condoned in the workplace and it is further agreed that both parties will work together in recognizing and resolving such problems should they arise. Situations involving sexual harassment shall be treated in strict confidence by both the Employer and the Union.

ARTICLE 7A -- HEALTH AND SAFETY

7A01 The parties to this Collective Agreement endorse the importance of a safe and secure environment, in which nurses must work. The parties will work together in recognizing and resolving Occupational Health and Safety issues.

7A02 In accordance with the Workplace Safety and Health Act, the Employer agrees to make reasonable and proper provisions for the maintenance of a high **standard** of health and safety in the workplace and will provide safety equipment **where** required and install safety devices where necessary.

7A03 The Workplace Safety and Health Committee shall operate with Union representation for the purpose **of** ensuring health and safety in the workplace and the identification of health and safety hazards.

7A04 The Employer and the Union agree that no form of abuse of nurses will be **condoned** in the workplace. Both parties will work together in recognizing and resolving such problems as they arise.

Any nurse who believes a situation may become abusive shall report this to the immediate supervisor. Every reasonable effort will be made to rectify the abusive situation to the mutual satisfaction of the parties.

ARTICLE 8 -- TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

801 Technological Change shall mean the introduction by the Employer of equipment or material of a different nature or kind than that previously used by the Employer, and a change in the manner in which the Employer carries on the work, that is directly related to the introduction of that equipment or material.

In the event of a technological change occurring during the life of this Agreement which will displace or adversely affect one or more nurses in the bargaining unit:

- (a) The Employer shall notify the Union at least one hundred and twenty (120) working days before the introduction of the technological change, with a detailed description **of** the project it intends to carry out, disclosing all foreseeable effects and repercussions on nurse(s).
- (b) The Employer and the Union will meet as **soon** as possible and not later than ninety (90) working days prior to the intended date of implementation for the purpose of negotiating reasonable provisions to protect the interest of nurse(s) so affected.
- (c) **If** the Employer and the Union fail to agree upon measures to protect the nurse(s) from any adverse effects, the matter may be referred by

either party to arbitration as provided..for under the terms of this Agreement.

802 A nurse who is displaced from her/his job as a result of technological change:

- (i) shall be given first opportunity to fill any vacancy for which she/he has seniority and for which she/he has the qualifications and ability to perform, or
- (ii) shall have the right to displace a nurse with less seniority in accordance with Article 2707 specified in this Agreement.

803 Where newer skills are required than are already possessed by nurse(s) who are affected by a technological change as provided in Article 801, such nurse(s) shall, at the expense of the Employer, be given a reasonable training period during which they may acquire the skills necessitated by the new method of operation or, at the option of the Employer, be trained in a new area in respect of which there is a demand for individuals possessing such skills. There shall be no reduction in wage or salary rates during the training period of any such nurse.

ARTICLE 9 -- CHANGE OF FUNCTION OF NURSING UNIT .

901 Should the Employer find it necessary in the interest of patient care, reduction of costs, or increased efficiency, to change the general overall function of a nursing unit, the Employer shall provide written notice to the nurses and the Union at least ninety (90) days in advance of the change of function. The Employer **and** the Union shall enter into discussion within fourteen (14) calendar days of notice being given for the purpose of effecting reasonable provisions to protect the interest of nurse(s) so affected.

ARTICLE 10 -- EMERGENCY, DISASTER, FIRE PLANS

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Emergency

- (a) In any emergency or disaster, nurses are required to perform duties as assigned notwithstanding any contrary provision in this Agreement.

For purposes of this Article, emergencies will be those situations which directly affect the safety or well-being of patients in the Facility.

In the event of the declaration of an emergency, written confirmation of same will be given to the President of the Local by the Administrator.

- (b) Compensation for unusual working conditions related to such emergency will be determined by later discussion, between the Employer and the Union, and/or by means of the grievance procedure if necessary, except that the provisions of Article 16 shall apply to overtime hours worked.
- (c) This clause is subject to the Labour Relations Act of Manitoba.

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Drills

- (a) Facility disaster, emergency or fire plans brought into effect by drill shall override the provisions of this Agreement provided always that where overtime is worked by reason of a disaster or fire drill, pay, or by mutual agreement equivalent time off will be granted.
- (b) The importance of regular disaster plan exercises and fire drills is mutually acknowledged by the Employer and the Union and, to this end, the participation of all nurses is encouraged.
- (c) Fire drills and equipment testing shall be held in accordance with the Manitoba Fire Code, and a review of written disaster plan exercises will be conducted at least once annually. The Facility will ensure that the telephone fan-out system will be maintained on a perpetual basis. Each newly hired nurse shall receive the appropriate information relative to the Facility's emergency, disaster, and fire plans during orientation to the Facility. An inservice session related to evacuation procedures will be conducted at least once annually.

ARTICLE 11 -- JOINT COMMITTEES

1101 Union Management Committee

The Employer and the Union agree to establish and maintain a Union Management Committee consisting of not less than ~~two~~ (2) persons appointed by each of the parties. Management representatives shall include the Administrator and/or Director of Nursing; Union representatives shall include the President and/or Vice-president of the Local. Appointments shall be made for a term of one (1) year but without limit on the number ~~of~~ consecutive terms a member may serve. The committee shall meet at the request of either party subject to five (5) days notice being given but not less than once in each month unless otherwise agreed.

The purpose of the Committee shall be to ~~discuss/study/make~~ recommendations to the Employer and the Union regarding matters of mutual concern.

1102 Basic pay or equivalent time off, with a minimum of one (1) hour guaranteed to nurses who are not on duty, will be granted to nurses appointed by the Union to attend meetings of the Workplace Health and Safety Committee, Union Management ~~Committee~~ and any other Facility joint committee to which the Union is required to appoint representatives.

1103 Nursing Advisory Committee

(a) At the request of either the Union, or the Employer's senior nursing management representative, a Nursing Advisory Committee (N.A.C.) shall be established to:

- (i) Review and make recommendations relative to those unresolved issues relating to workload and staffing.
- (ii) Provide a forum for discussion and make recommendations on issues relative to nursing professional practise such as nursing standards, nursing functions, physical planning and layout ~~of~~ facilities as they relate to nursing.

(b) The N.A.C. shall be comprised of at least ~~two~~ (2)* and up to three (3)** nurses appointed by the Union (at least one of whom shall be a registered nurse), and senior nursing management representatives appointed by the Employer, the number of ~~whom~~ shall not exceed the number of Union representatives. Other persons may be invited to participate as mutually agreed.

* Two (2) at those facilities which have less than three (3) out of scope senior nursing managers.

** Four (4) for those facilities exceeding 400 beds.

- (c) The N.A.C. shall meet monthly or as otherwise mutually agreed.
- (d) The chair and the secretary of the N.A.C. shall alternate between the parties. The secretary shall be the opposite party to the chair.
- (e) Agendas shall be circulated at least seven (7) calendar days prior to each meeting; however this shall not preclude members from raising issues without prior agenda notice. It is understood that issues may be deferred to future meetings to enable appropriate investigation.
- (f) Minutes of the N.A.C. meetings shall be circulated to members of the committee and shall be approved at the next N.A.C. meeting.
- (g)
 - (i) A nurse(s) with a concern as referenced in (a) (i) above shall discuss the matter at the ward/unit level utilizing established lines of communication with the objective of resolving the concern. If the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the nurse(s), the nurse(s) may complete and submit a "N.A.C. Summary Report" to the chair of the N.A.C.
 - (ii) Those issues referenced in (a) (ii) above may be placed on the agenda at any time by any N.A.C. member.
- (h) If the decision of the N.A.C. regarding an issue referenced in (a) (i) above is unacceptable to the nurse(s) who submitted the issue, or if the N.A.C. is unable to resolve the issue, the matter shall be referred in writing to the facility Administrator/Executive Management Committee.
- (i) The response of the Administrator/Executive Management Committee shall be provided in writing to the nurse(s) and the N.A.C. within fourteen (14) calendar days of the referral unless otherwise mutually agreed.
- (j) Where, in the opinion of the nurse(s) who submitted the issue, the response from the Administrator/Executive Management Committee does not resolve the issue, it may be referred to an Independent Assessment Committee (I.A.C.) within twenty-one (21) days following the response.

- (k) The I.A.C. shall be composed of three (3) nurses, one (1) of whom shall be appointed by the Manitoba Nurses' Union, and one (1) of whom shall be appointed by the Employer. The third (3rd) nurse shall chair the I.A.C. and shall be selected in the following manner:
- (i) A list of I.A.C. Chairpersons as agreed between the parties shall be appended to this Collective Agreement.
 - (ii) When a Chairperson is required, the Manitoba Health Organizations, Inc. and the Manitoba Nurses' Union will be contacted. They **will** provide the name of the person to be utilized on the alphabetical listing of Chairpersons. The name to be provided shall be the name following that of the last person utilized.
 - (iii) Should the person whose name is so selected be unable to serve, or where the person would be unsuitable due to connections with the parties or geographic community involved, the next person on the list shall be approached to act as Chairperson.
 - (iv) In the event that an individual whose name appears on the list of I.A.C. Chairpersons can no longer serve in that capacity, another individual shall be jointly selected by the Manitoba Nurses' Union and the Manitoba Health Organizations Inc. and the list of chairpersons shall be amended accordingly.
- (l) A meeting of the I.A.C. to investigate and make recommendations shall be held within fourteen (14) calendar days of the I.A.C.'s appointment. Such recommendations shall be provided in writing to the nurse(s), the N.A.C. and the Administrator/Executive Management Committee within a further fourteen (14) calendar days.
- (m) Each party shall bear the cost of its own appointee to the I.A.C. and shall jointly bear the cost of the Chairperson.
- (n) Nurses required to attend I.A.C. meetings shall be granted Union leave upon seven (7) calendar days notice in accordance with Article 2409.
- (o) Recommendations of the N.A.C. relative to those issues referenced in (a) (ii) shall be submitted in writing to the Administrator/Executive Management Committee.
- (p) A regular report outlining the activities and deliberations of the N.A.C./I.A.C. including the number, type and disposition of issues dealt

with by the N.A.C./I.A.C. shall be forwarded to the facility's Board of Directors (Board).

(q)

The N.A.C. shall be provided with a copy of that portion of the minutes of the Board's meeting relating to its deliberations of the N.A.C. report. The N.A.C. shall provide the nurse(s) with a copy of that portion of the minutes of the Board's meeting relating to issues raised by a nurse(s) under (a) (i) above.

ARTICLE 12 -- GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

1201 For purposes of this Agreement "grievance" shall mean a dispute between a nurse; or between a group of nurses with a similar grievance; or between the Union and the Employer regarding the application, interpretation or alleged violation of this Agreement.

1202 Unless dismissed or suspended by the Employer a nurse shall continue to work in accordance with this Agreement until such time as the dispute has been resolved.

1203 A nurse may be accompanied by, or represented by, a Union representative at any stage of the grievance procedure.

1204 A nurse or Union representative shall request permission from her/his immediate superior to leave her/his duties in order to process grievances; she/he shall report to her/his immediate superior upon her/his return; she/he shall be granted this permission when, in the opinion of her/his immediate superior, it will not prejudice care or student education or require any staff replacement in either area. She/he shall not suffer loss of salary when engaged in such activities during regular working hours.

1205 Complaint Stage:

A nurse shall, within fifteen (15) days of the occurrence of the grievance, attempt to resolve the grievance through discussion with her/his immediate superior outside the bargaining unit, and if the matter is not settled to her/his satisfaction the nurse may proceed with the grievance herself/himself or elect to be represented by a Union representative.

1206 Step One:

If the dispute is not resolved within the time period specified in 1205 above, the grievor and/or Union representative may, within a further ten (10) days submit the

grievance in writing to the Director of Nursing/Nursing Education or equivalent. The Director of Nursing/Nursing Education or equivalent shall reply in writing within ten (10) days of receipt of the written grievance.

(NOTE: "Director of Nursing or her/his designate" is substituted for "Director of Nursing/Nursing Education or equivalent" as applicable.)

A grievance concerning general application or interpretation of the Agreement, including the question of whether the matter falls within the scope of this Agreement, or which affects a group of nurses in more than one (1) department, may be submitted as Step 1.

1207 Step Two:

If the dispute remains unresolved, the Union may within a further ten (10) days submit the grievance in writing to the Executive Director/Administrator, and the Executive Director/Administrator shall reply in writing within ten (10) days of receipt of the written grievance.

1208 For purposes of determining the lengths of time in the foregoing procedure, Saturdays, Sundays and Recognized Holidays are excluded.

1209 The time limits fixed in the grievance procedure may be extended by the mutual written consent of the Employer and the aggrieved nurse and/or the Union.

1210 Subject to the provision of 1209 above, and subject to section 121(2) of the Labour Relations Act of Manitoba, failure of the nurse/Union to comply with any of the time-limits specified in this Article shall result in the grievance being deemed abandoned, without prejudice.

ARTICLE 13 -- ARBITRATION PROCEDURE

1301 In the event of the failure of the parties to settle a grievance by means of the grievance procedure stated in Article 12, within ten (10) days of the date upon which the written reply referred to in Article 12 is received from the Executive Director/Administrator, the matter may then be referred to arbitration as hereinafter set forth.

1302 If mutual agreement is not reached by both parties to choose a single Arbitrator within ten (10) days from the time that the matter is referred to

arbitration as defined in 1301 above, then the procedure stated below will be followed.

1303 Either party may submit the matter in dispute to a Board of Arbitration by giving notice to the other party within a further seven (7) days and by appointing in that notice one (1) member of the intended Board of Arbitration. The other party to the dispute shall, within seven (7) days after the receipt of such notice, also appoint a member and the two (2) members thus appointed shall, within ten (10) days thereafter, select a third member who shall be Chairperson.

1304 Should either party fail to appoint an Arbitrator as herein provided, or if any Arbitrator thus appointed should fail or be unable to serve and another Arbitrator not be appointed in her/his place by the party who made the original appointment, then the other party to the dispute may request the Minister of Labour for Manitoba to select a substitute.

1305 Should the two (2) appointed arbitrators fail within ten (10) days to agree upon a Chairperson, the two (2) arbitrators shall forward a request to the Minister of Labour for Manitoba to select a Chairperson.

1306 It is mutually agreed by both parties to this Collective Agreement that the decision of the Arbitrator, or the decision of the Chairperson in the absence of the majority decision of the Arbitration Board shall be final and binding upon the Employer, the Union and the nurse(s) concerned: however, the Arbitrator or the Arbitration Board shall not be authorized to make any decisions inconsistent with the provisions in this Collective Agreement.

1307 The Board of Arbitration shall determine its own procedure but shall give full opportunity to all parties to present evidence and make representations.

1308 In the event of a grievance alleging unjust layoff, suspension or discharge being referred to arbitration, the Arbitrator or Board of Arbitration shall be authorized to rule whether or not the nurse(s) concerned shall be reinstated and, in the event of reinstatement, shall also be authorized to make an award in terms of compensation for regular salary lost or a reasonable alternate award, however, any monetary award shall not exceed the difference between salary lost and any wages that may have been earned from employment with another employer during the period of the layoff, suspension or discharge.

1309 Any costs incurred by either of the parties hereto, preceding or during arbitration proceedings, shall be borne by the respective parties incurring such costs, but the costs of the Arbitrator or of the Chairperson of the Arbitration Board shall be borne by the parties hereto in equal shares.

1310 For the purposes of determining lengths of time in the foregoing procedure, Saturdays, Sundays and Recognized Holidays are excluded.

1311 Nothing in this Collective Agreement shall preclude a nurse or the Union committee and the Employer from mutually agreeing to settle a dispute by means other than those described in the grievance and arbitration procedures or to extend any of the stipulated time limits.

1312 Nurses whose attendance is required at arbitration hearings related to the Agreement shall be given permission to be absent from work and shall not suffer any loss of salary as a result.

ARTICLE 14 -- HOURS OF WORK

1401 Seventy-seven and one-half (77.50) hours shall constitute a bi-weekly period of work, excluding meal periods, but including rest periods.

Note: Effective date of implementation in November 1996, a temporary reduction of shift length results in a temporary reduction of bi-weekly hours to seventy-six point six six seven (76.667) hours, that will continue until March 31, 1999 when it will be restored to seventy-seven and one-half (77.50) hours.

1402 The meal period will be scheduled by the Employer and will be one-half (.50) of an hour in duration, unless otherwise mutually agreed between the nurse(s) concerned and the Employer.

1403 A rest period of fifteen (15) minutes will be allocated by the Employer during each continuous three (3) hour period of work.

1404 A shift shall be seven and three-quarter (7.75) consecutive hours of work exclusive of meal times and inclusive of two (2) fifteen (15) minute rest periods. This clause shall not, however, prevent trial and implementation of changes in shift lengths if mutually agreed between the Union acting on behalf of the nurses whose shifts will be affected, and the Employer. Any such agreements shall take the form of an addendum attached to and forming part of this Agreement.

NOTE: Effective date of implementation in November 1996, a temporary reduction of five (5) minutes per seven and three-quarter (7.75) hours

shift will continue until March 31, 1999 when shifts shall be restored to seven and three-quarter (7.75) hours.

Shifts of a duration less than seven and three-quarter (7.75) hours to be reduced proportionately.

Shifts of a duration greater than seven and three-quarter (7.75) hours to be reduced proportionately.

1405 A nurse who reports for work as scheduled and is sent home because of lack of work shall be paid three (3) hours at her/his basic rate of pay; however, when such nurse works for any portion of her/his scheduled shift, she/he shall receive pay for that entire shift.

This clause shall not be implemented to circumvent application of the layoff procedure as described in Article 27 herein.

1406 For the period from November 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997, each full-time nurse will take the equivalent of two (2) days of unpaid leave of absence (15 hours and 20 minutes or equivalent). This will be prorated for part-time nurses.

ARTICLE 15 -- SHIFT SCHEDULES

1501 Shift schedules for a minimum of a four (4) week period shall be posted at least two (2) weeks in advance of the beginning of the scheduled period. Shifts within the minimum four (4) week period shall not be altered after posting except by mutual agreement between the nurse(s) concerned and the Employer. Requests for specific days off duty shall be submitted in writing at least two (2) weeks prior to posting and granted, if possible in the judgement of the Employer. Requests for interchanges in posted shifts shall also be submitted in writing, co-signed by the nurse willing to exchange shifts with the applicant.

1502 It is understood that any change in shifts or days off initiated by the nurses and approved by the Employer shall not result in overtime costs to the Employer.

1503 Night shift shall be considered as the first shift of each calendar day (i.e. midnight to midnight).

1504 Shift patterns for each nursing unit shall be planned by the Employer in consultation with the nurse(s) concerned and shall, unless otherwise mutually agreed between the nurse(s) concerned and the Employer, observe the conditions listed hereinafter:

- (a) a minimum of two (2) regular shifts off between assigned shifts as defined in Article 1404 herein.
- (b) a minimum of two (2) consecutive days off at one time except on a changeover from Day shift to Evening shift, when a single day off may be given.
- (c) a minimum of eight (8) days off within each period of four (4) consecutive weeks.
- (d) alternate weekends off shall be granted as often as reasonably possible, with each nurse receiving a minimum of every third weekend Off.
- (e) a maximum of seven (7) consecutive days of work and preferably less between days off.
- (f) upon request, and at the discretion of the Employer, a nurse may be permitted to work permanently on Evening shift or Night shift.
- (g) nurses who are required to rotate shifts being assigned to work either Day shift and Evening shift, or Day shift and Night shift. There shall be at least as great a number of Day shifts assigned as there are Night (or Evening) shifts within each standard rotation pattern if reasonably possible.
- (h) A nurse will receive consideration in scheduling to allow her/him to pursue academic course(s) to further her/his education. Whenever reasonably possible, subject to patient care requirements, the granting shall be based on the following:
 - (i) she/he submits her/his written request at least eight (8) weeks prior to commencing the academic course(s), and
 - (ii) another nurse(s) on the unit is (are) prepared to interchange her/his 'normally' scheduled shifts for the 'normally' scheduled shifts of the nurse attending the academic course(s), as agreed in writing,

(iii) upon completion of the academic course(s) each nurse shall revert to her/his former rotation pattern.

Proof of registration in such course(s) shall be submitted by the nurse upon request.

ARTICLE 16 -- OVERTIME

1601 Overtime shall be authorized time worked which exceeds the normal daily shift as defined in Article 14 herein or the normal full-time hours in the rotation pattern in effect on each nursing unit. Authorization must be obtained prior to the start of any overtime work except in emergency situations. The Employer agrees the authorization in these emergency situations will not be unreasonably withheld. Payment for overtime worked when emergency circumstances prevent prior authorization shall be subject to a claim accompanied by a special written report prepared by the nurse before leaving the Facility substantiating the reason for the overtime work.

1602 Each nurse shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1.50) times her/his basic salary for the first three (3) hours of authorized overtime in any one (1) day, and at the rate of double her/his basic salary for hours worked in excess of three (3) hours in any one (1) day. A full-time nurse shall receive two (2) times her/his basic salary for all overtime worked on a scheduled day off. However, notwithstanding section 1601 above, all overtime worked on a Recognized Holiday shall be paid at two and one-half (2.50) times her/his basic salary.

1603 Notwithstanding sections 1601 and 1602 above, whenever a nurse works two (2) consecutive shifts, she/he shall receive pay at the rate of double her/his basic salary for the second shift, except when the second consecutive shift is worked on a Recognized Holiday, she/he shall receive pay at the rate of two and one-half (2.50) times her/his basic salary for the second shift.

1604 By mutual agreement between the Employer and the nurse, overtime may be compensated by time off at overtime rates.

1605 A full-time nurse reporting back to work upon request after leaving the grounds of the Facility following completion of a shift but before commencement of her/his next scheduled shift shall be paid at overtime rates of pay with a guaranteed minimum of three (3) hours at overtime rates. If the extra time worked under this subsection commences within less than three (3) hours before the start

of a shift, the guaranteed minimum of overtime pay will not apply. In such cases, the nurse will be paid at overtime rates from the time she/he starts to work to the beginning of her/his shift.

1606 Time worked as a result of the time changeover from Central Standard Time to Daylight Saving Time and vice versa shall be paid at the rate of straight time for actual hours worked.

1607 Overtime shall be distributed as equitably as possible amongst those nurses qualified for the work.

1608 When a nurse is required to work overtime for a period in excess of two (2) hours immediately following her/his scheduled shift, the Employer shall provide a meal at no cost to the nurse.

ARTICLE 17 -- SHIFT PREMIUM AND WEEKEND PREMIUM

1701 A shift premium of seventy cents (\$0.70) per hour shall be paid to a nurse for all hours actually worked on any shift when the majority of the hours on that shift fall between 1800 hours and the next succeeding 0600 hours.

1702 This allowance shall also be applicable to each hour worked after 1600 hours on a "modified" Day or Evening shift during which at least two (2) hours are worked between 1600 hours and the termination of the shift.

For purposes of application of this provision, a "modified" Day shift shall mean one that commences at a different time than the majority of Day shifts worked by nurses, and a "modified" Evening shift shall mean one that commences at a different time than the majority of Evening shifts worked by nurses. This provision shall be applicable from 1600 hours to the termination of the Day shift on a twelve (12) hour shift pattern.

1703 When a nurse is on standby, shift premium and weekend premium are payable only for hours actually worked on a callback.

1704 A weekend premium of forty-five cents (\$0.45) per hour shall be paid to a nurse for all hours actually worked on any shift where the majority of the hours on that shift fall between 0001 hours on the Saturday and 2400 hours on the following Sunday.

ARTICLE 18 -- STANDBY

1801 "Standby" shall refer to any period of time duty authorized by the Employer during which a nurse is required to be available to return to work without undue delay.

1802 Nurses required to be on standby shall be paid one dollar and thirty cents (\$1.30) per hour for each hour on call with a minimum payment of eight (8) hours. Should a nurse remain on standby for more than eight (8) hours she/he shall be paid the greater of sixteen dollars (\$16.00) or one dollar and thirty cents (\$1.30) for each hour on standby.

1803 A nurse actually called back to work when she/he is on standby shall be paid for hours worked at the overtime rates, or may by mutual agreement between the nurse and the Employer, be granted time off which is the equivalent of overtime rates. The nurse will be guaranteed a minimum of three (3) hours at the overtime rate except when called in within three (3) hours of the commencement of her/his next shift. In such cases the nurse shall be paid at the overtime rate from the time she/he started work to the beginning of her/his shift.

1804 Standby allowance shall not be paid for any time during which a nurse is actually called back to work if the nurse works a full shift when called back.

1805 Assignment of standby shall be distributed as equitably as possible amongst those nurses qualified for the assignment.

1806 The Employer will provide parking space in near proximity to the Facility for the use of nurses on standby who are called back.

ARTICLE 19 -- RESPONSIBILITY PAY

1901 A nurse temporarily assigned to perform all or substantially all of the duties of a more senior classification or a nurse designated as being "in charge" will receive an allowance of fifty-five cents (\$0.55) for each hour worked.

1902 The above clause is applicable to a nurse temporarily replacing the Director of Nursing, or equivalent; however, is not applicable to a Nurse III temporarily replacing the Nurse IV to whom she/he is responsible.

1903 Assignment of "charge" responsibility shall be equitably distributed amongst those nurses available and qualified for the assignment.

ARTICLE 20 -- TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE/ESCORT DUTY

2001 Where applicable:
Conditions and terms applicable to nurses on escort duty payable by the Employer shall be contained in a supplementary agreement negotiated on a local basis between the Employer and the Union.

Escort duty agreement shall continue in effect with the proviso that relevant revisions to this Collective Agreement shall be considered as automatically made to the supplementary memorandum.

2002 Transportation Allowance:
Any nurse who is required to terminate or commence her/his shift between the hours of 0001 and 0600 hours, and who does not have her/his own transportation, will have transportation provided by the Employer at no cost to the nurse.

A nurse required to return to the Facility on a callback as referenced in 1803 will have:

- (a) return transportation provided by the Employer; or
- (b) will receive thirty cents (\$0.30) per kilometer if she/he elects to use her/his own car, subject to a minimum guarantee of three dollars (\$3.00) and a maximum payment of ten dollars (\$10.00).

ARTICLE 21 -- VACATIONS

2101 Unless otherwise agreed between the nurse and the Employer, the Employer will provide for vacation days to be taken on a consecutive basis, recognizing that five (5) vacation days equals one (1) calendar week. The dates used to calculate vacation earned shall be from May first to April thirtieth in the

following year. Vacation earned in any vacation year is taken in the following vacation year.

The nurse shall have the right to request which day of the week her/his vacation begins. Upon request, a nurse may be permitted to retain up to three (3) days of her/his regular vacation for the purpose of taking such time off for personal reasons such as religious observance or special occasion, as long as adequate notice is given in order to accommodate scheduling.

2102 A nurse who has completed less than one (1) year of employment as at the cut-off date shall be entitled to a paid vacation at the rate of one and two-thirds (1.66) days per month worked, however, unless otherwise mutually agreed, the Employer is not obliged to permit earned vacation to be taken until a nurse has completed six (6) months of employment.

NOTE: Rate for Nurse IV and Nurse V occupational classifications shall be "2.08 days per month worked". This provision shall apply to each Nurse IV (where applicable) and Nurse V (where applicable) employed by the Employer on date of signing. This provision will not apply to nurses who are newly employed as, or reclassified to, Nurse IV (where applicable) or Nurse V (where applicable) after date of signing.

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(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) hereinafter, nurses shall be entitled to paid vacation calculated on the basis of vacation earned at the following rates:

<u>Length of Employment</u>	<u>Rate at Which Vacation Earned</u>
In the first three (3) years	Twenty (20) days per year
In the fourth (4th) to tenth (10th) year inclusive	Twenty-five (25) days per year
In the eleventh (11th) to twentieth (20th) year inclusive	Thirty (30) days per year
In the twenty-first (21st) and subsequent years	Thirty-five (35) days per year

**Two (2) additional paid days travel time will be granted each year.

(b) In addition to (a) above, all nurses employed in the NIV or NV occupational classifications shall be entitled to paid vacation calculated on the basis of vacation earned at a rate which is five (5) days more than the rates at which vacation is earned in (a).

This provision shall apply to each Nurse IV (where applicable) and Nurse V (where applicable) employed by the Employer on date of signing. This article will not apply to nurses who are newly employed as, or reclassified to, Nurse IV (where applicable) or Nurse V (where applicable) after date of signing.

NOTE: In each of the vacation years May 1, 1996 to April 30, 1997 and May 1, 1997 to April 30, 1998, vacation entitlement will be reduced by five (5) days for full-time nurses. This will be prorated for part-time nurses. Full-time and part-time nurses shall have the option to take an additional five (5) days of vacation without pay in each of the vacation years. These additional vacation days, if taken, may be taken consecutively or individually as requested by the nurse, and will be treated as vacation time in terms of scheduling. The above refers to vacation earned in the period May 1, 1996 to April 30, 1997, and taken in the period May 1, 1997 to April 30, 1998, and earned in the period May 1, 1997 to April 30, 1998 and taken in the period May 1, 1998 to April 30, 1999.



2104 In recognition of length of service, each nurse shall receive an additional five (5) days of vacation on completion of twenty (20) years of continuous service, and on each subsequent fifth (5th) anniversary of employment (i.e. 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, etcetera). Such days shall be taken during the vacation year in which the 20th or subsequent 5th anniversary occurs. This provision shall apply to all nurses employed on May 1, 1988. It ceases to apply to nurses hired after May 1, 1988.

2105 For the purposes of determining the rate at which vacation is earned, the term of continuous service of a nurse will be deemed to include:

- periods of up to two (2) years when a nurse may be in receipt of Workers Compensation, after expiry of her/his income protection credits.
- any periods when a nurse is receiving income protection benefits, is on paid vacation, is on paid leave of absence.
- any periods of education leave of absence of up to two (2) years.
- any period of unpaid leave of absence of up to four (4) weeks.

2106 Nurses on Workers Compensation will continue to accrue paid vacation for a period of one (1) year from the date of the first absence from work, related to the occurrence of the compensable injury or illness.

2107 Terminal vacation pay shall be calculated in accordance with sections 2103 and 2105 and based on the nurse's rate of pay on the date of termination.

2108 The Employer shall notify each nurse, prior to her/his vacation, of the date and time upon which she/he is to report back to work following her/his vacation, but this will not preclude the making of a change during the nurse's vacation period if mutual agreement is reached between the Employer and the nurse.

2109 The Employer shall be responsible for posting the vacation entitlement lists by March 1st of each year. The vacation entitlement lists shall reflect each nurse's projected vacation entitlement as at April 30th of that year. The nurse shall be responsible to indicate her/his preference of vacation dates by April 1st of that year. Nurses who fail to indicate their choice within this thirty (30) day period following the posting of the entitlement list described above shall not have preference in the choice of vacation time where other nurses have indicated their preference. To the extent that it finds possible, the Employer shall give priority to those nurses in each occupational classification within each nursing unit having the most seniority of service within the Facility. The approved vacation schedule will be posted no later than May 1st. Approved vacation schedules within each nursing unit shall not be changed unless mutually agreed upon by the nurse and the Employer.

A nurse must use current annual vacation, (which was earned during the previous vacation year), during the current vacation year. If the current annual vacation is not used, then the Employer has the right to schedule the vacation prior to the end of the current vacation year or pay out any monies owing.

ARTICLE 22 -- RECOGNIZED HOLIDAYS

2201 For purposes of this Agreement, Recognized (paid) Holidays shall be New Year's Day (January 1st), Good Friday, Easter Monday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, the first Monday in August, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day (December 25th), and Boxing Day (December 26th); and any other statutory holidays declared by federal, provincial or municipal authority.

2202 Whenever a Recognized Holiday falls on her/his scheduled days off, the nurse shall receive an extra day off in lieu thereof; the Employer may, however, give her/him an extra day's pay at her/his basic rate if mutually agreed between the nurse and the Employer.

2203 A nurse required to work on a Recognized Holiday shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1.50) times her/his basic pay and in addition shall receive one (1) day off at her/his basic rate of pay.

2204 A day off given in lieu of a Recognized Holiday shall be added to a weekend off or to scheduled days off unless otherwise mutually agreed.

2205 The Employer agrees to assign time off as equitably as possible over Christmas and New Year's, endeavouring to grant each nurse as many consecutive days off as reasonably possible over either Christmas Day or New Year's Day with a minimum of five (5) consecutive days off if at all possible.

As much as reasonably possible, Christmas Eve and Boxing Day shall be assigned with Christmas Day; New Year's Eve shall be assigned with New Year's Day, unless otherwise mutually agreed.

2206 A nurse may accumulate up to four (4) days off in lieu of Recognized Holidays to be taken with scheduled days off or to complete a partial week of vacation or at such other time as is requested and granted in accordance with 1501.

2207 Assignment of Recognized Holidays on the actual day of their occurrence shall be made as equitably as reasonably possible.

ARTICLE 23 -- INCOME PROTECTION AND WORKERS COMPENSATION

2301 A nurse having accumulated an entitlement to income protection may claim basic pay for such income protection against such accumulation with respect to periods during which:

- (i) She/he was unable to work because of an incapacitation due to accident or illness, however, a nurse cannot receive income protection benefits for any period of time during which she/he is eligible for wage loss benefits from either the Workers Compensation Board [subject to 2303] or the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation as a result of a motor vehicle accident [subject to 2303.5], or
- (ii) In the opinion of the Employer, her/his presence constituted a health hazard for patient and/or other employees and she/he was instructed by the Employer to leave her/his place of duty; or

- (iii) She/he attends an appointment related to a medical/dental examination and/or treatment, subject to 3704.

2302 Each nurse shall accumulate income protection at the rate of one and one-quarter (1.25) days for each full month of employment.

Note: For each one and one-quarter (1.25) days of income protection accumulated, one day* (80%) shall be reserved exclusively for the nurse's personal use as outlined in Article 2301. The remaining one-quarter (.25) of a day* (20%) shall be reserved for either the nurse's personal use as outlined in 2301, or for use in the event of family illness as specified in 2312. The Employer shall maintain an up to date record of the balance of income protection credits reserved for each of these purposes.

(*In the nurse's first year of employment, amend "one day" to read "three-quarters of a day" and amend "one-quarter of a day" to read "one-half of a day".)

By April 1, 1996, the Union shall be advised of the date nurses' total income protection credits were allocated to the personal and the personal/family illness income protection banks.

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- (a) (i) A nurse who becomes injured or ill in the course of performing her/his duties must report such injury or illness as soon as possible to her/his immediate supervisor.
- (ii) A nurse unable to work because of a work related injury or illness will inform the Employer immediately, in accordance with established procedures, so that a claim for compensation benefits can be forwarded to the Workers Compensation Board (W.C.B.). Workers Compensation payment will be paid directly to the nurse by W.C.B.
- (iii) Where a nurse has applied for W.C.B. benefits and where a loss of normal salary would result while awaiting a W.C.B. decision, the nurse may elect to submit an application to the Employer requesting an advance subject to the following conditions:
- (iv) Advance payment(s) shall not exceed the nurse's basic salary as defined in Article 3802 (exclusive of overtime), less the nurse's usual income tax deductions, Canada Pension Plan contributions, and U.I.C. contributions.

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(v) The advance(s) will cover the period of time from the date of injury until the date the final W.C.B. decision is received, however in no case shall the total amount of the advance exceed seventy percent (70%) of the value of the nurse's accumulated income protection credits.

(vi) The nurse shall reimburse the Employer by assigning sufficient W.C.B. payments to be paid directly to the Employer to offset the total amount of the advance.

(vii) in the event that the W.C.B. disallows the claim, including any appeal, the nurse shall be paid for the absence in accordance with the income protection provisions of this Agreement and the Employer shall recover the total amount of the advance by payroll deduction.

(viii) Upon request, the Employer will provide a statement to the nurse indicating the amount of advance payment(s) made and repayment(s) received by the Employer.

(b)

(i) A nurse who has accumulated sufficient income protection credits may elect to submit an application to the Employer requesting that the Employer supplement the W.C.B. payments. The amount of such supplement will equal ten percent (10%) of the nurse's regular net salary not earned due to the time loss. Regular net salary will be based on the nurse's basic salary as defined in Article 3802 of the Collective Agreement (exclusive of overtime), less the nurse's usual income tax deduction, Canada Pension Plan contributions and Unemployment Insurance contributions.

The Employer's supplement shall be charged to the nurse's accumulated income protection credits and such Supplement shall be paid until the nurse's accumulated income protection credits are exhausted, or until 90 calendar days have elapsed since the first day of supplement, whichever is less.

(ii) Subject to the provisions of each plan, the nurse may request the Employer to deduct from the supplement, if sufficient, the contributions which would have been paid by the nurse to the Employer's pension plan, dental care plan,

long term disability plan, and group life insurance plan as if the nurse was not disabled. If the supplement is not sufficient, or where **the nurse elects to receive** an advance, the nurse may, subject to the provisions of each plan, forward self-payments to the Employer to ensure the continuation of these benefit plans. The Employer will contribute its usual contributions to these benefit plans while the nurse contributes.

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- (iii) Further to this, the Employer shall notify Workers Compensation of salary adjustments at the time they occur.
- (iv) In accordance with Section 41(6)(b) of the Workers Compensation Act of Manitoba, the Employer shall make application to the Workers Compensation Board by January 1, 1994 so that the Workers Compensation Board may determine whether or not the supplements referenced in 2303(b)(i) shall continue in effect after January 1, '1995.
- (v) If at any time it is decided by the Workers Compensation Board that any payment to be made to the nurse by the Employer must be offset against benefits otherwise payable by the Workers Compensation Board, then such payment shall not be payable.

(c) Where the Workers Compensation Board recommends a work assessment period or a modified return to work period, the Employer shall make every reasonable effort to arrange for such assessment/return subject to the W.C.B. covering all related costs.

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 - (i) Where a nurse is unable to work because of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident she/he must advise her/him supervisor as soon as possible and she/he must submit a claim for benefits to the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation (MPIC). The nurse shall be entitled to receive full income protection benefits for any period of time deemed to be a "waiting period" by MPIC.
 - (ii) Subject to (a) (i), where a nurse has applied for MPIC benefits and where a loss of normal salary would result while awaiting a MPIC decision, the nurse may submit an application to the Employer requesting an advance subject to the following conditions:

- (iii) Advance **payment(s)** shall not exceed the nurse's basic salary as defined in Article 3802 (exclusive of overtime), less the nurse's usual income tax deductions, Canada Pension Plan contributions, and **UIC** contributions.
 - (iv) The **advance(s)** will cover the period of time from the date of injury in the motor vehicle accident until the date the final **MPIC** decision is rendered. In no case shall the total amount ~~of~~ the advance exceed seventy percent (70%) ~~of~~ the value of the nurse's accumulated income protection credits.
 - (v) The nurse shall reimburse the Employer by assigning sufficient **MPIC** payments to be paid directly to the Employer to offset the total amount of the advance or by repayment to the Employer immediately upon receipt of payment made by **MPIC** directly to the nurse.
 - (vi) In the event that the **MPIC** disallows the claim, including any appeal, the nurse shall be paid for the absence in accordance with the income protection provisions of this Agreement and the Employer shall recover the total amount of the advance by payroll deduction.
 - (vii) Upon request, the Employer will provide a statement to the nurse indicating the amount of advance **payments(s)** made and **repayment(s)** received by the Employer.
- (b)
- (i) Subject to (a), a nurse who has accumulated sufficient income protection credits may elect to submit an application to the Employer requesting that the Employer supplement the **MPIC** payments.
 - (ii) The amount of such supplement will equal ten percent (10%) of the nurse's regular net salary not earned due to the time loss. Regular net salary will be based on the nurse's basic salary as defined in Article 3802 of the Collective Agreement (exclusive of overtime), less the nurse's usual income tax deduction, Canada Pension Plan contributions and Unemployment Insurance contributions.
 - (iii) The Employer's supplement shall be charged to the nurse's accumulated income protection credits and such supplement shall be paid until the nurse's accumulated income protection credits are exhausted.

- (iv) If at any time it is decided by the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation that any payment to be made to the nurse by the Employer must be offset against benefits otherwise payable by the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation, then such payment shall not be payable.
- (c) It is agreed that the following will be implemented on a trial basis during the life of this Collective Agreement: Where a work assessment period or a modified return to work period is recommended by MPIC, the Employer shall make every reasonable effort to arrange for such assessment/return subject to the MPIC covering all related costs.

2304 The Employer shall be entitled to recover any income protection paid to a nurse if her/his employment is not continued beyond her/his probationary period, from the nurse's final termination cheque.

2305 A nurse who is unable to report for work due to illness shall inform her/his supervisor prior to the commencement of her/his next scheduled shift(s). A nurse who fails, without valid reason, to give notice as specified below will not be entitled to receive income protection benefits for the shift(s) in question.

Prior to Day shift	--	One (1) hour
Prior to Evening shift	--	Three (3) hours
Prior to Night shift	--	Three (3) hours

A nurse returning to work following an absence of one week or more shall inform the Employer by 1400 hours the day prior to returning to work.

2306 The Employer, either at the time of notification by the nurse of claiming income protection, or by advance notice prior to future income protection claims, may require a medical certificate or report as proof of the validity of any claim for income protection and as proof of the nurse's fitness to return to duty. Failure to provide such a certificate when requested may disqualify a nurse from receiving paid income protection or may result in a refusal of permission for her/him to resume her/his duties.

2307 Days off and Recognized Holidays or days given in lieu of Recognized Holidays which fall within a period of sick leave shall not be considered a part of, or charged to, the nurse's accumulated income protection.

2308 At the effective date of this Agreement, each nurse will retain income protection entitlement accumulated and not used to that date.

2309 A nurse will inform the Employer in writing when a medical decision is made regarding elective surgery so that staff coverage for her/his intended

absence may be arranged. Failure to give such notice shall result in non-entitlement to income protection benefits for the period of absence.

2310 If hospitalized due to accident or illness while on scheduled vacation, a nurse may utilize income protection to cover the hospitalization and/or post-hospitalization period, and the displaced vacation shall be re-scheduled at a time mutually agreed between the nurse and the Employer within the available time periods remaining during that vacation year. Proof of such hospitalization shall be provided if requested.

2311 The Employer will annually, on written request, provide each nurse with a statement of her/his accrued income protection credits.

2312 Subject to the provisions of 2302, a nurse may use up to five (5) days income protection in any one (1) calendar year for illness of a spouse, child or parent.

2313 A nurse who has completed the probationary period who is unable to perform her/his work by reason of an accident or illness not fully covered by income protection, upon providing an acceptable medical certificate, shall be granted unpaid leave of absence as required for recovery; subject to review at three (3) months, or lesser intervals, at the discretion of the Employer.

ARTICLE 24 -- LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2401 The nurse will be required to submit a written request for any leave of absence unless otherwise herein stipulated. These requests will specify the reason for the leave and will be considered on an individual basis and may be allowed at the discretion of the Employer unless otherwise indicated in the Agreement; however, requests for education leave will be given special consideration. Except in emergencies such requests must be made at least four (4) weeks in advance. The Employer shall notify the nurse and the head nurse of the nurse's nursing unit of her/his decision, in writing, without undue delay, after the request. Requests for extension of educational leave, maternity leave, paternity leave, adoption leave, and bereavement leave will be granted if reasonably possible.

Where a nurse requests to return to work prior to the expiry of the leave of absence as set out in the approved request, the Employer shall have no obligation

to return the nurse to work until such time that the leave of absence would have expired.

2402 Overstaying of leave of absence without valid reason may be deemed as a resignation.

2403 The Employer shall make every reasonable effort to assure that a nurse granted leave of absence for any reason shall return to the same position. For leaves of absence of one (1) year or less, the nurse is assured of being placed in the same occupational classification and at the same step on her/his salary scale on her/his return, but she/he cannot be assured of being placed in the same nursing unit, position or shift. In the case of longer leaves of absence, a nurse may be placed in any position covered by this Agreement and shall be reinstated at her/his previous salary, provided that such salary shall not exceed the maximum for the position in which she/he is placed. A nurse not placed in her/his former position will be given consideration over other nurses for the first vacancy made available to her/him in a similar position.

In cases where a Licensed Practical Nurse is eligible for or obtains a Registered Nurse designation, it is understood by the parties that should the nurse not be successful in obtaining a Registered Nurse position within the Facility, she/he shall be considered as laid-off.

In cases where a Licensed Practical Nurse has been granted an educational leave of absence to pursue a Registered Nurse designation and is unsuccessful, it is understood by the parties that she/he shall be considered as laid-off.

2404 There shall be no loss of income protection accumulations or vacation accumulations up to the date of any leave of absence whether granted with or without pay.

2405 Income protection and vacation benefits will continue to accrue during any period of a leave of absence, approved by the Employer of four (4) weeks or less.

2406 Professional Leave: If, in the opinion of the Employer it is in the best interests of patient care, nurses may, whenever practicable, be granted time off with pay in order to attend professional or educational meetings, conventions, workshops and institutes.

2407 Education Leave:
(a) Where the Employer requires a nurse to attend educational conferences, workshops, programs or seminars during working hours, the Employer shall pay registration or tuition fees, and approved expenses and shall ensure that the nurse suffers no loss of salary.

- (b) Where the Employer requires a nurse to attend educational conferences, workshops, programs or seminars during non-working time, the Employer shall pay registration or tuition fees, and approved expenses and shall pay for the time of such attendance at straight time rates.

2408 Parentinn Leave

Parenting Leave consists of Maternity and Parental Leave. Parental Leave includes Paternity and Adoption Leave. A nurse shall be granted leave of absence for up to **fifty-two** (52) weeks where she/he qualifies for Parenting Leave.

- (a) Maternity Leave - Up to seventeen (17) weeks of Maternity Leave without pay will be granted subject to the following conditions:

- (i) a written request must be submitted not later than the end of the-fifth (5th) month of pregnancy and not less than one (1) month before the intended date of the leave.
- (ii) if requested by the nurse, unpaid Maternity Leave of shorter duration may be granted at the discretion of the Employer.
- (iii) ~~the~~ Employer is entitled to require a nurse to stop work in the case of unsatisfactory **job** performance or if the state of her health as verified by a qualified medical practitioner **becomes** incompatible with the requirements of her job.

- (b) Parental Leave -

- (i) In order to qualify for Parental Leave a nurse must be the natural mother of a child; or be the natural father of a child or must assume actual care and custody of his newborn child (Paternity Leave) or adopt a child under the law of the province (Adoption Leave).
- (ii) A nurse who qualifies for Parental Leave, except in the case of Adoption Leave as specified below, must submit to the Employer an application in writing for Parental Leave at least four (4) weeks before the intended date of the commencement of the leave.
- (iii) In the case of Adoption Leave, the nurse must submit a written request **for** such leave. The nurse may commence adoption leave upon one (1) day's notice provided that application for

such leave is made when the adoption has been approved and the Employer is kept informed of the progress of the adoption proceedings.

(iv) A nurse who qualifies in accordance with (i), (ii) and (iii) will be granted Parental Leave without pay for a continuous period of up to fifty-two (52) weeks inclusive of vacation as specified in (c) below. If requested by the nurse, extensions to leaves under this clause will be granted in accordance with **2401**.

(c) Except as outlined below, any nurse must use current annual vacation, (which was earned during the previous vacation year), during the current vacation year. If the current annual vacation is not used, then the Employer has the right to schedule the vacation prior to the end of the current vacation year or pay out any monies owing.

Where Parenting leave is seventeen (17) weeks or less, vacation shall be scheduled and taken in accordance with the provisions of the Collective Agreement. No carry-over of vacation is permitted.

Where Maternity and/or Parental Leave exceeds seventeen (17) weeks, the nurse may elect to carry over to the next vacation year, up to five (5) days of current annual vacation. The balance of the current annual vacation will be paid out at a time immediately following the period during which UIC benefits were payable (even if this period extends into the following vacation year).

Any vacation earned up to the time of the commencement of leave in accordance with 2408 (a), (b), or (c) will be retained and will be available to be taken in the following vacation year.

(d) **Subject** to (e) below, Parental Leave must commence no later than the first anniversary date of birth or adoption of the child or of the date on which the child comes into actual care and custody of the nurse.

(e) Where a nurse takes Parental Leave in addition to Maternity Leave, the nurse must commence the Parental Leave immediately on the expiry of the Maternity Leave without a return to work unless otherwise approved by the Employer.

(f) Three (3) days of paid leave of absence (23.25 hours) shall be granted to a full-time nurse prior to the commencement of Maternity, Paternity, or Adoption Leave. The nurse will use this leave to replace scheduled hours of work immediately prior to the Sunday of the week the leave commences.

Part-time nurses shall be entitled to a pro rata amount of this leave based on their hours paid at regular rate of pay in the previous six (6) months.

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Union Leave:

(a)

Subject to at least two (2) or more weeks written notice of request, and no additional costs to the Employer, leave of absence without pay shall be granted to Union representatives for the purpose of attendance at meetings of the Manitoba Nurses' Union.

(b)

A nurse elected or selected to a full-time position with the Manitoba Nurses' Union or the National Federation of Nurses' Unions shall be granted leave of absence without loss of salary or benefits for a period of up to one (1) year. Such leave shall be renewed each year, on request, during her/his term of office. It is understood that the Manitoba Nurses' Union will reimburse the Employer for the total recovery of payroll and related costs.

2410

Jury and Witness Duty: A nurse required to serve as a juror or subpoenaed as a witness in any court of law shall receive leave of absence at her/his basic rate of pay, and remit to the Employer any payment received except reimbursement of expenses.

2411

Bereavement Leave:

(a)

Bereavement leave of up to five (5) working days without loss of pay shall be granted in the event of death of a spouse, common-law spouse, child, parent, step-parent, sibling; and bereavement leave of up to four (4) working days without loss of pay shall be granted in the event of death of a father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, former legal guardian, fiance, and any other relative who has been residing in the same household. Such days may be taken only in the period which extends from the date of death up to and including the day following interment, or four (4) calendar days following the death, whichever is the greater. Bereavement leave may be extended by up to two (2) additional working days as may be necessitated by reason of travel to attend the funeral.

(b)

Necessary time off, up to one (1) day at basic pay will be granted a nurse to attend a funeral as a pallbearer. Necessary time off, up to one (1) day at basic pay may be granted a nurse to attend a funeral as a mourner. Special consideration will be given to requests for leave related to the death of significant other persons under this provision.

- (c) For the purpose of this section, a day is defined as a calendar day irrespective of the number of hours per day scheduled for the affected nurse.

2412 Leave re Public Office: A nurse will be granted unpaid leave of absence to enable her/him, if nominated, to campaign for public office and, if elected, to serve her/his term(s) of office.

2413 Pre-retirement Leave:

(a) Full-time nurses who:

- (i) retire at age sixty-five (65) years; or
- (ii) retire after age sixty-five (65) years; or
- (iii) have completed at least ten (10) years continuous employment and retire after age fifty-five (55) years but before age sixty-five (65) years; or
- (iv) have completed at least ten (10) years of continuous employment and who meet the "Magic 80" provisions of the MHO Retirement Pension Plan

shall be granted paid pre-retirement leave on the basis of four (4) days per year of employment.

* Subject to the above, pre-retirement leave for any period of layoff up to a maximum of five (5) years will be calculated on a pro rata basis, based on the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Hours Worked During Layoff}}{\text{Annual Full-time Hours}} \quad X \quad \text{Entitlement of a Full-Time Nurse}$$

- (v) terminate employment at any time due to permanent disability.

(b) Part-time nurses who:

- (i) retire at age sixty-five (65) years; or
- (ii) retire after age sixty-five (65) years; or
- (iii) have completed at least ten (10) years continuous employment and retire after age fifty-five (55) years but before age sixty-five (65) years; or
- (iv) have completed at least ten (10) years of continuous employment and who meet the "Magic 80" provisions of the MHO Retirement Pension Plan

shall be granted paid pre-retirement leave as specified above on a pro rata basis. Calculation will be based on the following formula:

Average Annual Hours Actually Worked From <u>Last Date of Employment</u> Annual Full-time Hours	X	Entitlement of a Full-time Nurse
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Subject to the above, **pre-retirement** leave for any period of layoff up to a maximum of five (5) **years** will be calculated on a pro rata basis, based on the following formula:

<u>Hours Worked During Layoff</u> Annual Full-time Hours	X	Entitlement of a Full-Time Nurse
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- (v) terminate employment at any time due to permanent disability.
- (c) Calculation of **pre-retirement** leave entitlement shall begin from the date of the nurse's last commencing employment at the Facility and shall be based on the nurse's total length of continuous employment on the date of retirement.
- (d) Payment shall, at the option of the nurse, be made in a lump sum or as a continuation of salary until scheduled retirement date.

NOTE: ~~Where~~ a nurse chooses to take a lump sum payment, the retirement date shall ~~be her/his~~ last day worked.

2414 Leave re Citizenship: Nurses shall be **allowed** the necessary time off with pay to attend citizenship court to become a Canadian citizen.

ARTICLE 25 -- SENIORITY

2501 "Seniority" shall ~~be~~ defined as the length of the nurse's continuous employment from the last date on which ~~she/he~~ commenced work at the Facility, subject to Article 34 herein.

2502 Seniority shall be considered as a factor in vacancy selection (including promotion and transfer), demotion, and if all other posted selection criteria are equal, it shall be considered as the governing factor. Seniority of a nurse relates to the seniority of other nurses in the same occupational classification.

2503

The seniority of a nurse will be retained but will not accrue if:

- (i) she/he is on any unpaid leave of absence in excess of four (4) consecutive weeks except those referenced in Article 2504 ;
- (ii) she/he is on Workers Compensation for a period of more than two (2) years from the date of the first absence from work related to the injury or illness;
- (iii) she/he is on an educational leave of absence in excess of two (2) years;
- * (iv) she/he is laid off for more than twenty-six (26) weeks and less than five (5) years.

2504

The seniority of a nurse **will** be retained and will accrue if:

- (i) she/he is on any period of paid leave of absence;
- (ii) she/he is on any period of Employer paid income protection;
- (iii) she/he is on an educational leave of absence up to **two** (2) years;
- (iv) she/he is on Workers Compensation for a period of up to **two** (2) years from the date of the first absence from work related to the injury or illness;
- (v) she/he is on any period of unpaid leave of absence of less than four (4) weeks;
- (vi) she/he is laid off for less than twenty-six (26) weeks;
- (vii) she/he is on parenting leave;
- (viii) she/he is on Educational Deferred Salary Leave.

2505

The seniority of a nurse will terminate if:

- (i) she/he resigns;
- (ii) she/he is discharged, and not reinstated under the grievance procedure;
- (iii) she/he is laid off for more than five (5) years;
- (iv) she/he fails to report for duty within seven (7) days after notification to do so, subject to Article 2706;
- (v) she/he fails to report for work as scheduled at the end of a leave of absence, vacation, or suspension without valid reason.

Note:

It is agreed that the provisions of 2503 (iv) and 2505 (iii) shall be extended to nurses who are on layoff and who have recall rights as at April 1, 1996.

2506

The Employer shall once annually, upon written request, provide the Union with a seniority listing of names of nurses within the scope of this Agreement together with the length of each nurse's continuous employment with the Facility. Any alleged errors in the list will be reviewed by the Employer and corrected as soon as possible.

ARTICLE 26 -- NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

2601 Employment may be terminated voluntarily by a nurse or for just cause by the Employer subject to the following periods of written notice, exclusive of any vacation due:

- (a) for classifications other than Nurse IV or Nurse V -- four (4) weeks, and
- (b) for Nurse IV and Nurse V classifications-- six (6) weeks.

2602 Employment may be terminated with less notice or without notice:

- (a) by mutual agreement between the nurse and the Employer for special circumstances (It is agreed that transfer of a spouse of less than four (4) weeks notice shall constitute reasonable cause for lesser notice to be given.), or
- (b) during the probationary period of a newly hired nurse subject to Article 31 herein, or
- (c) in the event a nurse is dismissed for sufficient cause to justify lesser or no notice.

2603 The Employer may give equivalent basic pay in lieu of notice.

2604 Subject to other provisions contained in this Agreement relative to termination of employment, each nurse shall, unless otherwise mutually agreed, upon termination of her/his employment and within five (5) office working days following the completion of her/his last working shift, receive pay in lieu of unused vacation, and all salary earned to date of termination.

ARTICLE 27 -- LAYOFF AND RECALL

2701 When a reduction in the working force becomes necessary, nurses will be laid off in reverse order of seniority within their occupational classification, subject only to more senior nurses being qualified, competent and willing to perform the required work.

2702 Notice of intention of layoff or equivalent pay thereof shall be given by personal service or by registered mail to the nurse(s) concerned and a copy of the notice forwarded to the Union. Notice shall be as follows:

- Layoffs of six (6) weeks or less - two (2) weeks notice;
- Layoffs of longer than six (6) weeks - four (4) weeks notice.

A nurse who is on layoff shall not be entitled to notice of layoff when she/he comes back to work on an incidental basis.

2703 No layoff of full-time or part-time nurses shall occur when casual nurses are being employed, unless no full-time or part-time nurse on staff is qualified, competent and willing to fill the position(s) in question.

X Notwithstanding Article **3402**, additional available shifts shall be offered to a nurse on layoff, before part-time and casual nurses, provided she/he is qualified, competent and willing to perform the required work. During the first three (3) years of a layoff, the nurse on layoff will receive preferential consideration for the assignment of such shifts provided that this will not result in her/him working in excess of her/his regular EFT commitment. During the period between three (3) to five (5) years, a laid off nurse may indicate availability for additional available shifts but will not receive preferential consideration over part-time nurses. Notwithstanding 1405, during the period between three (3) to five (5) years where a nurse does not work all or part of said additional available shift(s), for any reason, payment shall be made only in respect of hours actually worked; this is not applicable to the base EFT of a term position occupied by a laid off nurse.

In the event the nurse accepts additional available shifts, the provisions of the Collective Agreement shall be applicable except as modified hereinafter:

(a) vacation pay shall be calculated in accordance with section 2103 and shall be paid at the prevailing rate for the nurse on each pay cheque, and shall be prorated on the basis of hours paid at regular rate of pay,

(b) income protection accumulation shall be calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Additional available hours worked by the laid-off nurse}}{\text{Full-time hours}} \times \text{Entitlement of Full-time Nurse}$$

(c) in the event the layoff is longer than twenty-six (26) weeks, seniority shall be calculated in accordance with regular hours worked,

(d) **the** nurse shall be paid four and onequarter percent (4.25%) of the basic rate of pay in lieu of time off on Recognized Holidays. Such holiday pay shall be calculated on all paid hours and shall be included in each pay cheque,

(e) participation in benefit plans is subject to the provisions of each plan.

Any period of time during the layoff when the nurse works additional available shifts or works in a term position shall not extend the five (5) year period referenced in Article 25.

However, a nurse on layoff who agrees to work in a term position shall retain her/his right to be recalled into a permanent position while working in the term position.

2704 No new nurses will be hired when other nurses are on layoff except for reasons of a special skill requirement.

2705 All nursing job vacancies, permanent and term, shall be posted in accordance with the terms of this agreement. Nurses on layoff shall be entitled to apply for these vacancies.

2706 Nurses shall be recalled in seniority order to available positions in equal or lower paid occupational classifications provided they are qualified to perform the required work. Such recall shall be made by registered mail or by personal service and shall provide for at least one (1) week's notice to report back to work.

The nurses affected will contact the Department of Nursing by telephone not later than four (4) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Recognized Holidays following the notice of recall being delivered. Failure to notify as above shall result in the nurse being placed last on the recall list.

A nurse being placed last on the recall list who is subsequently recalled to work and who fails to report for duty as scheduled without valid reason shall have her/his employment terminated.

2707 In the event of a deletion of an occupied position, as much notice as possible shall be given to the incumbent who will be entitled to exercise her/his seniority rights, subject to her/his ability, performance and qualifications, to displace a nurse in a position of equal or lower classification. Any nurse thus displaced shall also be entitled to a like exercise of seniority rights.

A nurse may displace another nurse in a position of equal classification only when she/he has greater seniority in that particular classification than has the other nurse.

2708 Laid off nurses shall be **entitled to apply** for **nursing job** vacancies other than those to which they have recall rights. Copies of **job postings** will be sent to **the** President of the Local during the period when any nurses are on layoff.

2709 Accumulated vacation entitlement shall be paid out at time of layoff except where, prior to the date of layoff, a nurse has been awarded a term or permanent position which commences within four (4) weeks of date of layoff.

2710 Nurses who are absent from work due to a leave of absence for any reason shall be advised of layoff or deletion of their position in accordance with this Agreement and shall be required to comply with all provisions of this Agreement except that they shall not be expected to return to work prior to the expiry of their leave of absence.

ARTICLE 28 -- PROMOTION AND SECONDMENT

2801 Upon promotion, a nurse shall receive a salary applicable to her/his new classification which provides an increase of at least one increment above her/his former salary. A promotion shall mean an increase in classification from one occupational classification to another.

2802 The nurse's anniversary date of employment prior to promotion shall continue to govern with respect to increments.

2803 The first three (3) calendar months following a nurse's promotion shall be considered to be a trial period. During the first six (6) weeks of this trial period, the nurse may return to her/his former position at her/his request or be returned to her/his former position by the Employer. During the last six (6) weeks of this trial period, she/he may return to her/his former classification at her/his request or be returned to her/his former classification by the Employer.

2804 In the event of a temporary lateral secondment being necessitated by an unforeseen staffing shortage on a nursing unit, this secondment will be made as close to the commencement of the shift as possible. Selection of the nurse to be seconded shall be based on ability and experience and shared as equally as possible.

ARTICLE 29 -- DISCIPLINE, DEMOTION AND ACCESS TO PERSONNEL FILE

2901 In all instances where the Employer considers that a nurse warrants disciplinary action, the Employer shall make every effort to take such action at a meeting with the nurse and, when possible, shall give the nurse advance notice of the nature of the complaint. The nurse may be accompanied at the meeting by a Union representative.

2902 If the action referred to in the above clause results in a written warning, suspension, demotion or dismissal of a nurse, the Employer shall notify the nurse in writing of the action taken and the reasons either by registered mail or personal service.

2903 A nurse who is demoted due to inadequate performance shall be paid at the step of the lower scale that corresponds to her/his level of experience.

2904 If a nurse is reclassified to a lower paid position because of changing conditions within the Facility, she/he will retain her/his current salary level until the salary scale of the lower position reaches her/his level of salary.

Effective February 1, 1997, the application of this provision as it relates to the deletion, layoff/recall procedure shall be limited to a three (3) year period from the date the nurse assumes a position in the lower paid classification or until the salary scale of the lower position reaches her/his level of salary whichever occurs first. For nurses red-circled prior to February 1, 1997, the application of this provision as it relates to the deletion, layoff/recall procedure shall be limited to a five (5) year period from February 1, 1997, or until the salary scale of the lower position reaches her/his level of salary, whichever occurs first.

2905 A nurse shall be given the opportunity to examine any document which is placed in her/his personnel file, including, but not limited to, those documents which may be utilized to substantiate a disciplinary action against her/him, and her/his reply to any such document shall also be placed in her/his personnel file. Upon written request the nurse shall also receive an exact copy of such document.

2906 A nurse accompanied by a Union representative if she/he so elects may examine her/his personnel file upon request. A nurse shall have recourse to the grievance procedure to dispute any derogatory entry in her/his personnel file. The Employer agrees not to introduce as evidence any such derogatory entry at any hearing unless the nurse has been made aware of its contents at the time of filing or a reasonable time thereafter. Any nurse who has been terminated may consult her/his file and upon written request shall receive copies of specified

documents so long as the written request is made within twenty-one (21) days of her/his termination.

2907 There shall be one (1) personnel file maintained by the Employer for each nurse.

ARTICLE 30 -- VACANCIES, TERM POSITIONS AND NEW POSITIONS

3001 Subject to section 3002 herein, the Employer agrees to post notices of vacant, term or new positions covered under this Agreement for at least seven (7) days to enable nurses presently in the employ of the Facility to apply for same. Such posting shall not preclude the Employer from advertising outside the Facility premises. All postings shall state minimum qualifications required, the equivalent to full-time (E.F.T.) and date of closing of the competition. Job descriptions shall be available to applicants on request.

3002 The Employer will be required to post a notice of vacancy for only five (5) days for a vacancy that is created by:

- (a) a nurse terminating employment and not giving the full period of notice as specified in Article 26 herein, or
- (b) a transfer occasioned by posting.

3003 Provided that equivalent qualifications are met, preference shall be given to nurses presently in the employ of the Facility who have submitted a written application for the vacant, term or new position.

3004 Each nurse who applies for a posted vacancy will be notified in writing of the disposition of her/his application.

3005 The applicant selected for any position shall receive, within two (2) weeks of the selection being made, written confirmation of the salary scale, her/his placement on such scale, and any special conditions that may be applicable to her/his appointment.

3006 "Term Position":

A position occupied by a full-time or part-time nurse for a specified period of time, up to a maximum of one (1) year, to replace a nurse(s) who is/are on vacation or leave of absence, or to carry out a special short term project or where the

Employer has provided notice of permanent deletion of **position(s)** under the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Employment Security, or as otherwise mutually agreed between the Union and the Employer. If the Employer determines there is a term position to be filled by a nurse, the term position shall be posted in accordance with Article 30. This shall not preclude the Employer from utilizing part-time nurses and/or casual nurses to work available shifts as specified in Articles 34 and 35 when the Employer decides that a term position is not required.

The Employer shall provide written confirmation of the start and expiry dates of the term position prior to the nurse's commencement in the position. This period may be extended if the Employer so requests and the Union agrees.

The maximum duration specified in paragraph 1 above for term positions shall not apply in situations where a nurse is absent indefinitely due to Workers Compensation and/or illness and/or accident or where there is a temporary vacancy due to leave for Public Office. In these cases, the Employer shall state on the job posting that the said term position is an "Indefinite Term" which will expire subject to a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours notice. The "Indefinite Term" will expire upon either the return to work or termination of employment of the nurse on leave. Any term positions directly resulting from the above procedure will be posted in the same manner.

The terms of this Collective Agreement shall be applicable to the nurse in the term position, except that a nurse occupying a term position may be required to complete the term before being considered for other term positions within the bargaining unit.

On expiry of the term position the nurse:

- (a) newly hired from outside the Facility shall be entitled to exercise her/his seniority rights to obtain any vacant position for which she/he is qualified, without interruption of seniority or benefits if the nurse had been awarded the position prior to the expiry of the term position and the position commences within four (4) weeks of the expiry of the term position.
- (b) who was employed by the Employer immediately prior to accepting the term position, shall return to her/his former position if reasonably possible. A nurse not returned to her/his former position shall be returned to her/his former occupational classification and employment status.

ARTICLE 31 -- PROBATIONARY PERIOD

3101 The period from the date of last employment to the completion of three (3) calendar months of employment for full-time nurses [and from the date of last employment to the later of completion of four (4) calendar months or thirty (30) shifts worked for part-time nurses] will be recognized as a probationary period. During such period the nurse shall not have recourse to the grievance procedure for reasons of termination of employment for unsuitability or unsatisfactory performance. This clause shall not preclude the Employer from extending the probationary period of a full-time or part-time nurse up to an additional three (3) calendar months providing that the Employer gives written notification to the Union specifying the reason(s) for the extension.

ARTICLE 32 -- PERFORMANCE APPRAISALS

3201 An Employer shall complete a written appraisal of a nurse's performance at least once annually. Upon request, the nurse shall be given an exact copy of the appraisal.

3202 The nurse shall have an opportunity to read such document.

3203 The nurse's signature on such document merely signifies that the contents of the document have been read.

3204 If the nurse disputes the appraisal, she/he may file a reply to the document in accordance with Article 29, or she/he may file a grievance under Article 12 of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 33 -- DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY

3301 In recognition of the fact that during the performance of their duties nurses may have their clothing or other personal property damaged, the Employer

agrees to make appropriate compensation for same in accordance with Facility policy.

ARTICLE 34 -- SPECIAL UNDERSTANDINGS RE PART-TIME NURSES

3401 A part-time nurse shall be assigned and committed to work her/his EFT as agreed to in writing at the time of commencing employment. This written agreement shall only be revised when the nurse secures an alternate position in accordance with the provisions of the Collective Agreement.

3402 Part-time nurses who make known to the Employer that they wish to work occasional additional available shifts shall be given preference for such shifts unless the part-time nurse has already worked in that day.

3403 A part-time nurse called back to work hours in excess of a shift (as defined in 1404) in any one (1) day shall be paid at overtime rates of pay with a guaranteed minimum of three (3) hours at overtime rates. If the extra time worked under this subsection commences within less than three (3) hours before the start of a shift, the guaranteed minimum of overtime pay will not apply. In such cases, the nurse will be paid at overtime rates from the time she/he starts to work to the beginning of her/his shift.

3404 Except for part-time nurses who agree to work on a greater number of weekends, it is understood that a part-time nurse may be required to work on one (1) weekend in three (3).

3405 A part-time nurse is committed to work her/his regular hours during the summer months except for her/his period of vacation with pay, and also to work on at least three (3) Recognized Holidays per year, one (1) of which may be Christmas or New Year's.

3406

(a) Vacation pay shall be calculated as follows:

Hours Paid at Regular Rate of Pay (during vacation year) Full-time Hours	X	Entitlement of a Full-time Nurse
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(b) Unless otherwise mutually agreed, between the nurse and the Employer, part-time nurses shall receive their entitled vacation over a

period of time equivalent to the vacation period of a full-time nurse (includes travel time as per 2103 of local variations).

3407 Income protection accumulation for part-time nurses shall be calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Regular Hours Worked by Part-time Nurses}}{\text{Full-time Hours}} \times \text{Entitlement of Full-time Nurses}$$

3408 Part-time nurses will be paid four point two five percent (4.25%) of their basic pay in lieu of time off on Recognized Holidays. Such holiday pay shall be calculated on all paid hours (excluding overtime hours as defined in Article 16) and shall be included in each regular pay cheque.

3409 A part-time nurse shall receive increments (calculated from the date of her/his last increment, or her/his starting date as the case may be) on the basis of one (1) increment for each 1343 hours worked or one (1) year's service, whichever occurs later. In the case of the increment being given on the basis of 1343 hours worked, it shall be applied to the pay period next following completion of 1343 hours worked.

3410 Seniority accumulated by a part-time nurse up to December 31, 1978 shall be retained; and effective from January 1, 1979 seniority will be calculated in accordance with regular hours worked for purposes only with respect to Articles 25, 27 and 28 herein.

3411 Subject to Article 3806, a nurse whose employment status change's from part-time to full-time shall be entitled to receive an increment on the later of :

(a) one (1) calendar year from the date of his/her last increment, or date of employment as the case may be;

(b) on completion of 2015 hours calculated under the formula:

$$B = 2015 - (A \times 3/2)$$

A = number of hours during which seniority was accrued under part-time status since the date of her/his last increment, or starting date as the case may be.

B = number of hours remaining to be worked as full-time to earn an increment.

3412 Subject to Article 3806, a nurse whose employment status changes from full-time to part-time shall be entitled to receive an increment on the later of:

(a) one (1) calendar year from the date of her/his last increment, or date of employment as the case may be;

(b) on completion of 1343 hours calculated under the formula:

$$B = 1343 - (A \times 2/3)$$

A = number of hours during which seniority was accrued under full-time status since the date of her/his last increment, or starting date as the case may be.

B = number of hours remaining to be worked as part-time to earn an increment.

ARTICLE 35 -- SPECIAL UNDERSTANDINGS RE CASUAL NURSES

3501 A casual nurse is one called in occasionally by the Employer to replace a full-time or part-time nurse or to supplement regular staff coverage in situations of unforeseen staff shortage.

3502 Casual nurses will receive vacation pay at the rate of six percent (6%) of all hours paid at basic salary including hours worked on Recognized Holidays in a bi-weekly pay period.

Note: Casual nurses will receive 2% less than their current entitlement for the vacation years May 1, 1997 to April 30, 1999.

3503 Casual nurses are paid in accordance with the salaries specified in Appendices "A" and "B" and receive a starting salary as described in Article 38.

A casual nurse shall receive increments (calculated from the date of her/his last increment, or the nurse's start date as the case may be) on the basis of one (1) increment for each 2015 regular hours worked. Such increment shall be applied on the first day of the first pay period following completion of 2015 hours.

When a nurse elects to terminate her/his full-time or part-time position and immediately requests to have her/his name placed on a casual roster, the following conditions will apply:

- (a) Such casual nurse will be paid in accordance with the salary specified in Appendices "A" and "B";
- (b) She/he will receive the salary of the occupational classification into which she/he is assigned and at the same increment level that had been attained while working as a full-time or part-time nurse.

NOTE: For purposes of implementation, on January 1, 1991 the Employer shall:

- (a) commence recognition of academic allowances in accordance with Appendix "B", which shall be paid on the first day of the first complete pay period following application being made by the casual nurse.
- (b) commence accumulating the regular hours of work of casual nurses for incremental purposes.

3504 Casual nurses will be entitled to the transportation allowance outlined in Article 20.

3505 Casual nurses will be entitled to the shift premium and weekend premium outlined in Article 17.

3506 Casual nurses required to work on a Recognized Holiday, excluding Remembrance Day, shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1.50) their basic rate of pay. Casual nurses required to work on Remembrance Day shall be paid at the rate of double their basic rate of pay.

3507 Casual nurses will be entitled to the Responsibility Pay premium outlined in Article 19.

3508 Casual nurses will be entitled to compensation for overtime worked in accordance with Article 16.

3509 The Employer agrees to deduct union dues in an amount specified by the Union in any pay period for which the casual nurse receives any payment, and such dues shall be forwarded to the Manitoba Nurses' Union monthly in accordance with Article 501.

In the event that no payment is made during the pay period, the Employer shall have no responsibility to deduct and submit dues for that period.

3510 A casual nurse reporting for work and finding no work available will be guaranteed three (3) hours pay at her/his basic rate of pay.

3511 Casual nurses will be entitled to the rights outlined in 2905, 2906, 2907.

3512 Articles 12 and 13 herein apply only with respect to the terms of this Article.

3513 Casual Nurses will be entitled to the allowance as outlined in Article 18.

3514 Casual nurses shall accrue seniority for hours worked only for the purposes of Article 30 and only in situations where there are no qualified full-time or part-time applicants currently in the bargaining unit.

The Union agrees that upon implementation of the above (3514), the following will become effective:

- (a) Subject to (b) and (c) below, casual nurses will receive payment for one orientation day following the completion of every four (4) shifts worked.
- (b) Should the above-noted casual nurse, within eighteen (18) calendar months of obtaining a casual employment status, obtain a permanent or term full-time or part-time position in any unit or department, she/he shall be paid her/his outstanding orientation pay at regular rates on her/his first pay cheque subsequent to obtaining the said position.
- (c) When the orientation is six (6) days or greater, the casual nurse shall be paid two-thirds of the orientation period at the time of taking the orientation. The outstanding unpaid orientation period shall be subject to the recovery process outlined above.

3515 Notwithstanding Article 3514, casual nurses hired after date of signing shall not be given preference over nurses on the Central Redeployment List.

ARTICLE 36 -- SPECIAL UNDERSTANDINGS RE NON-REGISTERED/NON-LICENSED/GRADUATE PENDING LICENSE NURSES

The terms of this Agreement shall be applicable to the non-registered/non-licensed/graduate pending license nurse except as follows:

3601

Termination:

- (a) Failure of a non-registered/non-licensed/graduate pending license nurse to make application for registration/license within three (3) months of commencing employment will be deemed to be just cause for termination.
- (b) Failure of a non-registered/non-licensed/graduate pending license nurse to obtain registration/license within twenty-four (24) months of commencing employment or denial of registration/license by the appropriate provincial licensing body shall constitute just cause for termination.

3602

Salaries and increments of Newly Graduated Nurses:

- (a) Starting salary of a newly graduated non-registered/non-licensed/graduate pending license nurse awaiting initial registration/license shall be discounted by eight percent (8%) until such time as registration/license is achieved. Such a nurse is not entitled to receive an increment until registration/license is achieved.
- (b) The anniversary date of a newly graduated nurse who obtains registration/license within one (1) year of commencing employment shall be the date of her/his commencement of employment.
- (c) When registration/license is obtained later than one (1) year but before two (2) years the anniversary date shall be the date on which registration/license is obtained.

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Out of Province Nurses:

- (a) A person in good standing as a Registered Nurse in another province, country or territory may commence employment at the Nurse II rate and upon providing proof of registration in Manitoba not later than six (6) months following commencement of her/his employment, shall receive recognition of previous experience as specified in section 3803, retroactive to the date of her/his employment.
- (b) When registration of a nurse in good standing as a Registered Nurse in another province, country or territory is obtained later than six (6) months but before two (2) years the anniversary date shall be the date on which registration/license is obtained.

ARTICLE 37 -- HEALTH PROGRAM

3701 Health examinations required by the Employer shall be provided by the Employer and shall be at the expense of the Employer.

3702 Time off without loss of regular pay shall be allowed at a time determined by the Employer for such medical examinations and laboratory tests, provided that these are performed on the Facility premises.

3703 With the approval of the Employer, a nurse may choose to be examined by a physician of her/his own choice, at her/his own expense, as long as the Employer receives a statement as to the fitness of the nurse from the physician.

3704 Time off for medical and dental examinations and/or treatments, may be granted and such time off shall be chargeable against accumulated income protection benefits.

ARTICLE 38 -- SALARIES AND INCREMENTS

3801 Nurses shall be paid in accordance with the salary schedule as outlined in Appendix "A", forming part of the Agreement.

3802 "Basic or Regular Salary or Pay" shall mean the rates of pay shown in Appendix "A" (Salaries) and Appendix "B" (Academic Allowances).

3803 Applicable to Registered Nurses and Registered Psychiatric Nurses:
(a) The starting salary of a Registered Nurse or a Registered Psychiatric Nurse newly employed as a Nurse II shall recognize previous experience applicable to the position applied for on the basis of equivalent full-time experience as specified hereinafter:

<u>Length of Experience</u>	<u>Starting Rate</u>
Less than 1 year	Start Rate
1 year within past 4 years	1 Year Rate
2 years within past 5 years	2 Year Rate
3 years within past 6 years	3 Year Rate
4 years within past 6 years	4 Year Rate
5 years within past 7 years	5 Year Rate

- (b) A nurse employed at a classification above Nurse II shall be granted a **starting salary that is not less than one (1) increment step above** what her/his starting salary would be if she/he were employed as a Nurse II.
- (c) Starting salary of a nurse who has completed the Registered Nurse program, having had previous experience as a Licensed Practical Nurse or Registered Psychiatric Nurse, shall commence at the Nurse II start rate as specified in Appendix "A", and after not more than three (3) months in said position, the Employer shall, on the basis of written performance appraisal discussed with her/him, grant such additional increments as performance warrants, subject to 3602(a).
- (d) Notwithstanding 3803(c) a nurse returning from a leave of absence who has completed the Registered Nurse program having had previous experience as a Registered Psychiatric Nurse, and who returns to work in the psychiatric area shall receive full recognition for previous experience when placed on the salary schedule,

3804 Applicable to Licensed Practical Nurses:

- (a) The starting salary of a newly employed Licensed Practical Nurse shall recognize previous experience applicable to the position held on the basis of equivalent full-time experience as specified hereinafter:

<u>Length of Experience</u>	<u>Starting Rate</u>
Less than 1 year	Start Rate
1 year within past 4 years	1 Year Rate
2 years within past 5 years	2 Year Rate
3 years within past 6 years	3 Year Rate
4 years within past 6 years	4 Year Rate
5 years within past 7 years	5 Year Rate
6 years within past 7 years	6 Year Rate

3805 **Starting** salaries, as specified above, are to be regarded as minimum and shall not prevent the Employer from granting a higher starting salary to any nurse, when, in the judgement of the Employer, additional experience or other qualifications so warrant it.

3806 Increments:

- (a) Increments as specified in salary schedule Appendix "A" shall be granted annually on the anniversary date of the nurse's employment, or as altered by the terms of this Agreement, the latter of which shall take precedence, however, the Employer may, with reasonable cause and on the basis of a written performance appraisal previously discussed

with the nurse, withhold an annual increment, subject to review within and not later than three (3) months of the date such increment was withheld.

- (b) If a nurse takes an unpaid leave of absence, the annual date on which she/he will be paid an increment will be delayed for one (1) month for every full month she/he is on leave of absence except that salary increases will not be delayed because of educational leave of up to two (2) years.

3807 If new classifications which come under the scope of this Agreement are created during the term of this Agreement, or if there is a substantial change in the job content of an existing classification falling within the bargaining unit, the Employer will inform the Union of the proposed rates of pay for such positions. If the Union wishes to enter into negotiations on these rates of pay it will so inform the Employer within seven (7) days and negotiations will commence within an additional ten (10) days, which time may be extended by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Union. If the parties are unable to reach agreement concerning the rates of pay the dispute shall, at the request of either or both parties, be dealt with in accordance with the provisions as set forth in Article 13 Arbitration Procedure herein, commencing at section 1302.

ARTICLE 39 -- EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PROGRAM

3901 The parties agree that the Manitoba Health Organizations sponsored dental plan will be on a 50-50 cost shared basis.

3902 Long Term Disability Plan

The Long Term Disability Plan with benefit levels as approved by MHO Employee Benefits Committee on April 3, 1986, will be implemented for all eligible nurses effective October 1, 1988. The premiums of the plan will be shared on a 50/50 cost shared basis to a maximum of 1% for each party.

The Employer agrees to fund its share of costs on an administrative service basis as required and in addition the Employer will provide a net reserve to cover future benefits for employees on the disability plan.

The parties agree that income protection credits and Workers Compensation benefits will be used where applicable, to offset the elimination period. Once the

elimination period has been exhausted the nurse will commence drawing disability benefits. It is understood that the elimination period for the Long Term Disability Plan is one hundred and nineteen (19) calendar days. A nurse may claim income protection benefits for a period of time not to exceed this elimination period.

The Employer and the Union agree to set up a Joint Committee which on an ongoing basis will deal with any problems arising out of the Long Term Disability Plan. Representatives of MHO and the Manitoba Nurses' Union shall be invited as required to assist in these discussions to problem solve. The Committee shall meet at the request of either party.

ARTICLE 40 -- STAFF DEVELOPMENT

4001 The Employer shall provide an orientation program by a nursing inservice staff member for nurses newly employed. The orientation program shall include such essential information as policies, nursing procedures, the location of supplies and equipment and fire and disaster plans.

4002 The Employer shall provide a program of inservice education for nurses pertinent to patient care.

4003 The Employer shall provide, in a central location, such reference materials as are required in relation to maintaining current knowledge of general nursing care.

APPENDIX "A" -- SALARIES

A. ■ Effective April 1, 1996, monthly salaries (hourly salaries shall be calculated as follows: mc be paid as follows:

	Start	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year
licensed	2360.740	2437.982	2514.216	2606.906	2691.872	2786.740
Practical Nurse:	(14.059)	(14.519)	(14.973)	(15.525)	(16.031)	(16.596)

	Start	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year
Nurse II:	3083.958	3191.592	3299.563	3412.067	3522.052	3635.730
	(18.366)	(19.007)	(19.650)	(20.320)	(20.975)	(21.652)

	Start	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year
Nurse III:	3201.163	3309.134	3421.806	3531.791	3633.885	3745.210
	(19.064)	(19.707)	(20.378)	(21.033)	(21.641)	(22.304)

	Start	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year
Nurse IV:	3310.981	3433.560	3556.307	3690.137	3843.445	3992.210
	(19.718)	(20.448)	(21.179)	(21.976)	(22.889)	(23.775)

	Start	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year
Nurse V:	3495.018	3628.847	3782.155	3930.929	4093.305	4252.320
	(20.814)	(21.611)	(22.524)	(23.410)	(24.377)	(25.324)



A.2 Effective in November, 1996 and for nurses hired PRIOR to November 1, 1996 hourly rates follows: (to calculate annual salary multiply hourly rate by 1994.2 hours until March 31, 1997 are restored to 2015 hours)

	Start	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year
Licensed Practical Nurse:	14.059	14.519	14.973	15.525	16.031	16.590

	Start	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year
Nurse II:	18.366	19.007	19.650	20.320	20.975	21.650

	Start	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year
Nurse III:	19.064	19.707	20.378	21.033	21.641	22.300

	Start	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year
Nurse IV:	19.718	20.448	21.179	21.976	22.889	23.770

	start	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year
Nurse V:	20.814	21.611	22.524	23.410	24.377	25.320



A.3 Effective in November, 1996 and for nurses hired ON OR AFTER November 1, 1996 he paid as follows: (to calculate annual salary multiply hourly rate by 1994.2 until March 31, are restored to 2015 hours)

	Start	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year
Licensed Practical Nurse:	13.616	14.059	14.519	14.973	15.525	16.031

	Start	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year
Nurse II:	17.788	18.366	19.007	19.650	20.320	20.971

	Start	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year
Nurse III:	18.463	19.064	19.707	20.378	21.033	21.641

	Start	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year
Nurse IV:	19.097	19.718	20.448	21.179	21.976	22.889

	Start	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year
Nurse V:	20.159	20.814	21.611	22.524	23.410	24.377

A.4

Applicable north of the 53rd parallel: Remoteness Allowances as per the standard Manitoba civil service practice are to be included as follows:

REMOTENESS ALLOWANCES

Remoteness Allowances shall be paid subject to the following eligibility.

A. Dependent Supporting or Non-dependent Supporting Status:

Non-dependent supporting status will be assumed for all employees eligible for Remoteness Allowances, and claims for dependent supporting status will be subject to the following criteria and conditions:

1. The employee shall be supporting one or more dependents where a dependent includes:
 - spouse living with and dependent on the employee for main and continuing support; this is presumed to be the wife in a marriage whether or not gainfully employed, unless satisfactory evidence is produced to the contrary;
 - unmarried dependent children under 18 years of age;
 - unmarried dependent children over 18 but under 21 years if in full time attendance at a school or university or similar educational institution;
 - unmarried children of any age if mentally or physically disturbed.
2. There is a presumption of marriage evidenced by co-habitation. if a marriage contract is not in existence, a common-law arrangement must have been in existence for at least one year prior to the application.
3. A claim, with appropriate attestation, notarized where considered necessary, for payment of depending supporting status allowances, will be submitted to the Facility when first requesting the allowance, and renewed annually thereafter prior to the fiscal year.

4. Where both spouses are employees of the Facility or Departments or Agencies to which these regulations apply, the dependent supporting rate will be paid to the permanent employee or, if both are permanent, to the husband. The other spouse will not receive either dependent supporting or non-dependent supporting rate of Remoteness Allowance.

B. Hourly Rated Personnel:

Remoteness Allowances are to be determined separately from hourly wage rates. Except for employees hired on an "if, as and when" basis, Remoteness Allowances are to be considered on a daily basis, i.e. 1/10th of the bi-weekly rate, up to the maximum amount for the bi-weekly period, for the following conditions:

1. For each day the employee is at work irrespective of the number of hours worked;
2. For each day that the employee is recognized as being a "stand-by"; or
3. "In order to qualify for the daily rate, an employee hired on an "if, as and when" basis, would be required to work one-half or greater of the normal working hours (i.e. 7.75 hours in any one day)."

C. Locations and Residence:

The Remoteness Allowance applicable to the location at which the employee has established his residence and maintains a family home is normally that which prevails, since the residence would be within normal daily travel distance to the employee's headquarters. In any case where the employee does not have a residence established on a continuing basis in relation to his headquarters, the location of the employee's official headquarters, as established by the employing authority, shall be considered the location for Remoteness Allowance.

D. Occupants of Government Owned or Supplied Property:

Where properties have been reappraised in 1974 or 1975 the full rental, as assessed by the Department of Municipal Affairs and approved by Management Committee, representing a fair rental of that property, is paid by the employee, the full Remoteness Allowance will be paid. Other situations will be examined individually and the full Remoteness Allowance may be reduced accordingly.

E. Limitations:

The Remoteness Allowances for dependent supporting or non-dependent supporting employees as indicated, represent a maximum hourly taxable allowance relative to paid employment. They are payable during paid holidays and vacations taken during continued employment, during authorized paid sickness leave and as limited in paragraph B above for hourly-rated employees. They are not payable during periods of absence without pay, nor payable at "time and a half" or other premium pay scales, nor included as part of regular weekly earnings in calculation of vacation wages on termination of employment.

The bi-weekly Remoteness Allowances is:

Effective January 1, 1993

Dependent Supporting	77.90
Non-Dependent Supporting	48.47

The Employer and the Union further agree that any change to this policy which is made by the Provincial Government will equally affect all nurses who come under the scope of this Agreement.

In the event that there is any dispute regarding the application or interpretation of the Remoteness Allowance such dispute shall be handled through the grievance and arbitration procedures.

APPENDIX "B" -- ACADEMIC ALLOWANCES

B. The non-cumulative additional rates of pay hereinafter set forth shall be paid to a Licensed Practical Nurse, Nurse II, III, IV, or V for the academic attainments herein set forth:

(a) Upon completion of an approved clinical course, or an approved course in gerontology, or the Nursing Unit Administration Course, or a Registered Nurse with a Registered Psychiatric Nurse Diploma, or an approved midwifery course, or the adult education certificate from the Red River Community College or the University Certificate in Nursing (one year course, also called University Diploma in Nursing), or an Operating Room Technician course in addition to a Licensed Practical Nurse diploma, or a Baccalaureate Degree in Arts or Sciences; or the equivalent, provided such preparation is relevant to the position held by the nurse:

Fifty dollars (\$50.00) above normal placement.

(b) For a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing; or a University Certificate in Nursing, as described in B. (a) above, in addition to a Baccalaureate Degree in Arts or Science, or the equivalent in the opinion of the Employer:

One hundred dollars (\$100.00) above normal placement.

(c) For a Master's Degree in Nursing, or its equivalent in the opinion of the Employer, from a recognized university:

One hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) above normal placement.

NOTE: Nurses currently receiving academic allowances in excess of the above specified amounts shall continue to be paid at the higher rate.

APPENDIX "C" -- OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS

- C.1 Occupational classifications are as follows:
- (a) **NURSE II** -- A Registered Nurse (or Registered Psychiatric Nurse) employed in a general duty position or its equivalent.
 - (b) **NURSE III** -- A nurse who is permanently assigned responsibility for the nursing activities of a **small** group of nursing staff on a unit or ward and who may replace a Nurse IV in her/his absence; Staff Health/Infection Control Nurse.
 - (c) **NURSE IV** -- A nurse who is permanently assigned responsibility for the nursing activities and staff on a unit or ward on a twenty-four (24) hour basis; a nurse responsible for supervision of the clinical experience of student nurses (Clinical Instructor); or a nurse responsible for inservice education instruction (Inservice Education Instructor).
 - (d) **NURSE V** -- A nurse who is responsible for the nursing activities and staff of more than one (1) nursing unit on a permanent basis; Nursing Supervisors.
 - (e) **L.P.N.** -- A Licensed Practical Nurse is a person entitled to practice under the **Licensed** Practical Nurse's Act of Manitoba.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

It is agreed that if Manitoba Health Services Commission premiums are introduced during the life of this Agreement, the parties will meet to discuss and decide on an equitable sharing of the cost of these premiums.

FOR THE EMPLOYER:

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FOR THE UNION:

 J. Watson
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FOR THE MANITOBA NURSES' UNION:

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Signed the 26th day of February, 1997.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
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 FLIN FLON NURSES LOCAL 14
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WHEREAS the Collective Agreement calls for a reduction in the paid hours of work from November 1, 1996 to March 31, 1999;

AND WHEREAS, the parties hereby agree that no employee's pension benefit shall be negatively impacted as a result of these reduced hours of work;

THEREFORE, the parties further agree that every employee who receives a benefit at a time when her average earnings calculation includes part or all of the period from November 1, 1996 to March 31, 1999, shall have that benefit calculated by using notional earnings. Notional earnings are those earnings the employee would have received had there been no reduction in paid hours. Any additional costs for this adjustment shall be absorbed by the resources of the pension plans.

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Re: Memo - Feasibility of Reporting on Cheque Stubs

The Employer agrees to examine the feasibility of reporting to nurses on each cheque stub, the following information:

1. Unused vacation entitlement to be taken in the current vacation year.
2. Banked overtime hours.

It is understood **that** the reporting of this information is **subject** to the limitations of the Employer's payroll system and subject to the acceptability to the Employer of any costs associated with modifying the payroll system.

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Agency Nurses

The Employer commits to making every reasonable effort to minimize to the greatest degree possible the use of nurses employed by outside agencies ("agency nurses") to fill occasional available shifts.

The Employer affirms its commitment that such shifts, including those which result from not filling term or permanent positions for a period of time, will be offered first to facility nurses in accordance with the provisions of the collective agreement. Only when nurses at the facility are not available, will the facility resort to seeking assistance from outside agencies.

The Employer further agrees to meet with the Union on a quarterly basis to review trends and data (number of agency nurses used, reasons for use and process management used to attempt to obtain facility nurses) and explore alternatives to minimize the use of agency nurses to the greatest degree possible.

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94 out of 97 Facilities will agree to participate in the Provincial Health Care Labour Adjustment/Redeployment Program. For those Employers where this is a new provision, this will be effective the date of ratification. Letter of Agreement for new participants to be appended to the collective agreement as per Page 194 of the current Central Agreement booklet. A list of all participating facilities will be appended to each collective agreement for information purposes.

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Re: Participation in Pension Plan

The Employer and the Union agree to participate in the Jointly Trusteed/Merged Pension Plan in accordance with the Trust Agreement and Plan Text as established by the Board of Trustees as anticipated and in accordance with the September, 1996 Memorandum of Understanding for Amalgamation of the Pension Plan for Employees of Participating Health Care Organizations in Manitoba ("MHO Plan") and the Retirement Plan for Employees of the Health Sciences Centre and St. Boniface General Hospital et al (HSC/SBGH Plan).

The parties agree that the plans' liabilities and assets, including surpluses, will be transferred from the existing plans to the successor plan. The contribution rate schedule as indicated in the Memorandum of Understanding of September, 1996 may only be amended by the process outlined in the Trust Agreement or through collective bargaining.

FOR THE EMPLOYER:

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Markus Zelik

FOR THE UNION:

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FOR THE MANITOBA NURSES' UNION:

Marla Nikamp

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Re: ~~Amnest~~ From: ~~1/H~~ ~~11~~ Reduction ~~ation~~

The Employer will not exercise any right it may receive through legislation which enables the Employer to unilaterally reduce the wages specified in the Collective Agreement or the hours of work specified in the Collective Agreement during the life of this Collective Agreement.

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Re: Five Year Lay-off Protection in this Collective Agreement

This includes all nurses who are beyond the three (3) years since April 1, 1996.
Implementation mechanism to be discussed.

FOR THE EMPLOYER:

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The Employer and the Union mutually agree that the following conditions shall apply to shifts of less than seven and ~~three-quarter (7.75)~~ hours. It is agreed that there shall be no scheduled shifts of less than four **(4.0)** hours.

1. The terms and conditions of the Collective Agreement shall apply to part-time nurses working shifts of less than seven and ~~three-quarter (7.75)~~ hours except as otherwise stated hereinafter.
2. The Employer shall notify the Union in writing of its intent to introduce a shift of less than seven and ~~three-quarter (7.75)~~ hours. This notice shall include reasons for the introduction of this shift. The Employer and the Union shall meet within fourteen (14) days to discuss the introduction of the shift **and** the feasibility of available alternatives to same. **If** there are no mutually acceptable alternatives, then the following shall apply.
3. Effective on the date of signing of this memorandum the Employer shall post **all** vacant, term or new positions which will include scheduled shifts of less than seven and ~~three-quarter (7.75)~~ hours. Such **posting(s)** shall specify the shift length(s) for the particular position.
4. Shifts of four (4.0) to five (5.0) paid hours shall include one (1) fifteen (15) minute rest period. Shifts of greater than five (5.0) paid hours but less than seven (7.0) paid hours shall include one **(1)** fifteen **(15)** minute rest period and exclude one (1) thirty (30) minute unpaid meal period. For shifts of seven (7.0) paid hours to seven and ~~three-quarter (7.75)~~ paid hours - rest and meal periods to be the same as per current agreements Article **14** for the "normal" seven and ~~three-quarter (7.75)~~ hour shift.
5. In the event that a nurse working such a shift agrees to remain at work beyond the end of her/his scheduled shift, **she/he** shall be paid for all hours worked beyond the shift at her/his basic salary up to seven and ~~three-quarter (7.75)~~ hours. Overtime rates of pay shall be applicable to time worked in excess of seven and ~~three-quarter (7.75)~~ hours, **such** time to have been authorized in such manner **and** by such person as may be directed by the Employer.

6. If a part-time nurse agrees to work an additional available shift, as referenced in 3402, she/he shall be paid for those hours at her/his basic salary unless the part-time nurse has already worked in that day, in which case overtime rates of pay shall apply.
7. No nurse shall be scheduled to work more than one (1) shift of less than seven and three-quarter (7.75) hours in any one (1) day.

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The Employer and the Union mutually agree that the following conditions and understandings apply re the "twelve" hour shift schedule pattern.

1. The procedure to be followed for the trial and implementation of the "twelve" hour shift schedule pattern shall be as follows:
 - (a) A ward meeting of all nurses who will be affected by the shift change, the Head Nurse, and the Director of Nursing will be held to discuss a tentative shift schedule pattern and proposed date of commencement of the trial period. A date will be fixed for a **secret ballot vote to establish that the** majority of nurses are in favour of the shift change. A letter will be forwarded to the President of Local 14 informing her/him of the proposed changes.
 - (b) A majority of seventy-five percent (75%) of the nurses affected must vote in favour of the shift change before trial of the "twelve" hour shift schedule pattern can commence. Nurses terminating employment on the ward before commencement of the trial period will not be entitled to vote.
 - (c) The trial period for the "twelve" hour shift schedule pattern shall be twelve (12) weeks.
 - (d) Prior to completion of the trial period, a ward meeting will be held to review the "twelve" hour shift.
2. Hours of Work:
 - A. Applicable to the Four Week Rotation --
 - (i) There shall be thirteen (13) regular shifts of eleven (11) hours and fifty-five (55) minutes (11.915 hours) duration in any two (2) consecutive bi-weekly periods, and unless

otherwise mutually agreed, no more than seven (7) such shifts may be scheduled in any one (1) bi-weekly period of work and no more than four (4) such shifts may be scheduled without a day Off.

- (ii) Overtime rates of pay shall be paid for time worked which exceeds the 11.915 hour shift, or time worked which exceeds one hundred and fifty-five (155) hours in any two (2) consecutive bi-weekly periods.
- (iii) Each shift of 11.915 hours is to be inclusive of two (2) fifteen (15) minute rest periods, and one (1) thirty (30) minute meal period. It is understood that this meal period is to be taken at the discretion of the nurse and provided that such break will not unduly disrupt patient care. Each shift of 11.915 hours shall be exclusive of one (1) meal period not exceeding twenty (20) minutes in length.
- (iv) It is understood that whenever 11.915 hours is mentioned, its equivalent eleven (11) hours fifty-five (55) minutes (11:55) may be used.

B. Applicable to the Six Week Rotation--

- (i) There shall be twenty (20) regular shifts of eleven (11) hours and thirty-seven (37) minutes (11.625 hours) duration in each three (3) consecutive bi-weekly periods. Each shift shall be inclusive of two (2) fifteen (15) minute rest periods and one (1) thirty (30) minute meal period and exclusive of one (1) thirty-seven (37) minute meal period.
- (ii) Overtime rates of pay shall be paid for time worked which exceeds an 11.625 hour shift or for time worked in excess of two hundred and thirty-two and one-half (232.50) hours in three (3) consecutive bi-weekly periods.
- (iii) It is understood that whenever 11.625 hours is mentioned, its equivalent eleven (11) hours thirty-seven (37) minutes (11:37) may be used.

3. Coverage on the "twelve" hour shift is to be **provided by** a Day shift extending from 0730 hours to 1945 hours and a Night shift extending from 1930 hours to 0745 hours. Night shift shall be considered as the last shift of each calendar day.
4. Vacation - Recognized Holidays - Income Protection:
 - (a) The number of duty days off that a nurse receives under the "twelve" hour shift schedule pattern are to correspond exactly in hours to the **duty** days off on a seven and three-quarter (7.75) hour shift pattern.
 - (b) Application of Article 2203 --
A nurse required to work on a Recognized Holiday shall be paid for hours worked at the rate of **one** and one-half (**1.50**) times her/his basic pay and, in addition, shall receive seven and three-quarter (7.75) hours off at her/his basic rate of **pay**.
 - (c) Application of Article 2206 --
A nurse may accumulate three (3) Recognized Holidays for purposes of taking **two** (2) paid "twelve" hour shifts off duty to be taken consecutively with scheduled days off or to complete a partial week of vacation.
5. Income protection shall accrue in accordance with the terms of the Collective Agreement and will be utilized for periods of absence from scheduled duty due to accident or illness.
6. Shift Premium and Responsibility Pay are to **be** paid in accordance with the Collective Agreement.
7. There must be mutual agreement between the Employer and the Union to continue the "twelve" hour shift schedule pattern, otherwise the provisions regarding Hours of Work and Shift Schedules in the Collective Agreement or **some** other mutually agreeable variation of the Collective Agreement provisions shall apply.
8. The terms of 1504(h) shall be applicable.

FOR THE EMPLOYER:

[Signature]
[Signature]
Markus Zick

FOR THE UNION:

V. Watson
S. Smetana
Ronnie M. Bawes

FOR THE MANITOBA NURSES UNION:

Markus Zick

Signed the 26th day of February, 1997.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
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BETWEEN
FLIN FLON HOSPITAL INC. AND
NORTHERN LIGHTS MANOR INC.
AND
FLIN FLON NURSES LOCAL 14
OF THE MANITOBA NURSES, UNION

Re: Escort Duty

It is agreed that this Memorandum is supplementary to the Collective Agreement between the Hospital and the Local.

1. The Hospital will assume the responsibility for a one (1) night's stay in a hotel, two (2) meals, and necessary taxi fares. Receipts should be presented to the Director of Finance on return. Cash advances will be available for expenses related to Escort Duty if required.
2. The Hospital will pay for the return air fare for the escort. Should air flights be delayed, the escort shall return by the next most convenient method of transportation (e.g. bus).
3. If the nurse escorts the patient on her/his off duty time, the Hospital will pay the nurse a minimum of five (5) hours regular pay, or regular pay for the number of hours taken from assuming escort responsibility in Flin Flon to when the patient is admitted to the referral health facility, whichever is the greater.
4. Should such escort duty take place on a Recognized Holiday on a nurse's normal time off duty (as in (3) above), the hourly rate of pay shall be time and one-half (1.50) the regular rate of pay.
5. The Hospital will pay the nurse overtime rates when a nurse acts as escort and such duty extends the normal working shift.
6. If the nurse is slated for duty and is unable to return to the Hospital on time because of transportation time tables, the Hospital will pay the nurse as if she/he had worked that shift. This clause will only apply provided that the nurse has attempted to obtain some other form of transportation, as in (2) above.

7. The Hospital will give preference for escort duty to nurses who are on days off. Such a nurse may stay for her/his full length of days off and the return air fare, etcetera, will still apply.
8. Any nurse going out on escort duty will not suffer any loss in regular salary as a result of missing any portion of a scheduled shift.

FOR THE EMPLOYER:

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Markus Zherke

FOR THE UNION:

V. Wotton
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Bonnie H M Powers

FOR THE MANITOBA NURSES' UNION:

Maria Yickamp

Signed the 26th day of February, 1997.

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Re: Article 11 -- Joint Committees

It is agreed between the above named parties that for purposes of application of section 1101 of the Collective Agreement, the Union representatives on Union Management Committee shall be employees of the Hospital.

FOR THE EMPLOYER:

[Signature]
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FOR THE UNION:

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FOR THE MANITOBA NURSES' UNION:

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1. When a full-time position is posted, **two (2)** nurses may **apply** to equally share that position. The decision to allow **two (2)** nurses to split a full-time position rests solely with Management who will consider the needs of the area.
2. **In** the event that one ~~(1)~~ the nurses sharing a full-time position resigns, and the Management decision is to **allow** this position to remain a twinning position, the position will be posted as full-time with the following wording noted on the job posting:

"This full-time position is currently being filled by **two (2)** nurses working part-time. The remaining nurse wishes to continue working **her/his** half of the rotation and **she/he will** be allowed to do so if another nurse is willing to work the other **half** of the rotation. If you **wish to apply for the** other half ~~of~~ this rotation, **please apply** in the normal manner stating **same.**"
3. Providing there **is** another nurse willing to share the full-time rotation the remaining nurse will be maintained in the shared position.
4. If the Management decision is to no longer allow this position to remain as a twinning position, or if **no** nurse is willing to share the rotation with **the** remaining nurse, the posted position will be offered to **the** remaining nurse **as** full-time and will be granted to **her/him** if **she/he** wishes to change from part-time to full-time.
5. If the remaining nurse refuses to accept the position on a full-time basis, the position **may** be offered as full-time **to** the most suitable applicant for the full-time job posting.
6. The remaining nurse will then be offered any part-time position that is currently vacant and if none is available, **she/he** shall be dealt with in accordance with Article 2707.



FOR THE EMPLOYER:

FOR THE UNION:

A. [unclear]

V. [unclear]

Andrew [unclear]

Stretton

Marie [unclear]

Bonnie M. [unclear]

FOR THE MANITOBA NURSES' UNION:

Marie [unclear]

Signed the *26th* day of *February*, 1997.

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Re: Employment Security

Whereas, the Employer is concerned with its employees employment security, and

Whereas, the Union is concerned with its members employment security, and

Whereas, within the Province of Manitoba health care reform continues to be explored, and

Whereas, there may be a need to examine the delivery of health care within the facility, and

Whereas, there may be a need to examine the current complement of nursing staff:

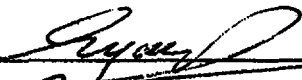
1. It will be incumbent upon the Employer to notify the Union, in writing, at **least** ninety (90) days prior to any alteration in the delivery of health care and/or in the current complement of nursing staff.
2. If it becomes necessary to reduce the staffing complement, all avenues relevant to the issue of employment security for the nurses will be examined and discussed between the Employer and the Union, no later than twenty (20) days after the above.
3. The Employer **and** the Union agree to meet to develop the process for the planned reductions within five (5) days after the above.
4. The Employer **will**, wherever reasonably possible, carry out these reductions by way of attrition.
5. In keeping with the Employer's commitment to ensure that any affected nurse shall retain employment with the Employer, and where reductions cannot be dealt with through attrition, Article 2707 shall apply. Should


the nurse choose to not exercise seniority rights under Article 2707, then layoff in accordance with Article 27 shall apply.

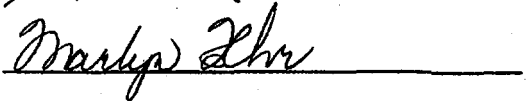
6. In the event of #5 above occurring or in the event of the closure of a facility, and in conjunction with #7 below, the Employer will make every reasonable effort to achieve necessary funding for retraining and redeployment of nurses.
7. The Employer will also cooperate with other facilities, with M.H.O., and/or the Government of Manitoba, to participate in the establishment of a broader redeployment and retraining effort.

[This memo applies in all instances where employment security is an issue, except in cases related to 2403 paragraphs two (2) and three (3) and in the Job Sharing memorandum where reference is made to layoff.]


FOR THE EMPLOYER:









FOR THE UNION:







FOR THE MANITOBA NURSES' UNION:



Signed the 26th day of February, 1997.

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EDUCATIONAL DEFERRED SALARY LEAVE PLAN (EDSLP)

1. It is agreed that the EDSLP will be reviewed thirty (30) months from implementation date and every twenty-four (24) months thereafter by the Employer and the Union.
2. The Local 14 shall save the Employer harmless from any claims from nurses enrolled in the EDSLP as a result of monies collected and not remitted in accordance with the Plan. It is agreed remittance of all monies to the Plan, in Trust, is to be forwarded on each payday to the carrier of the Plan in Trust.

Terms of _____ of the
Educational Deferred Salary Leave Plan

Eligibility A nurse eligible to be by a Collective Agreement of the Manitoba Nurses' Union may apply for membership in the Educational Deferred Salary Leave Plan following completion of the probationary period indicated in the Collective Agreement.

The Plan The EDSLP is implemented for the sole purpose of formal educational Leaves of Absences (LOAs) in excess of six (6) months.

Contributions/Enrollment Form.

- (a) On filling out the enrollment form for membership, the nurse shall indicate the amount of her/his earnings that are to be deferred and remitted by the Facility to the Plan, in trust. The amount shall be no less than 5% and not more than 30% of gross earnings at the time of the application. The bi-weekly amount will be rounded to the next higher dollar.
- (b) The amount to be deferred in trust may be changed once annually (date as determined by the Employer).

- (c) The nurse may indicate on the enrollment form a date(s) when it is anticipated she/he will be requesting a leave of absence, utilizing the deferred amounts.

Leave of Absence:

- (a) It is agreed between the Employer and the Union for the purpose of the EDSLP, that the Collective Agreement regarding application for leaves of absence shall apply, excepting that the nurse must make application for the leave at least two (2) months prior to the first day of her/his intended leave of absence.
- (b) in the event that more than one nurse simultaneously applies for leave of absence under EDSLP for the same period of time and where all such requested leaves cannot be granted, seniority as defined in the Collective Agreement shall be the governing factor.
- (c) Each request for a LOA under EDSLP will be reviewed on an individual basis and will be granted if reasonably possible, dependent upon the operational requirements of the unit/facility.
- (d) A maximum of 2 nurse(s) covered by the Local 14 may be on LOA under EDSLP from the facility at any one time.
- (e) Requests for LOA under EDSLP shall be submitted in writing to the Head Nurse with final approval being the responsibility of the Director of Nursing.
- (f) A nurse having received approval for a leave, who voluntarily transfers to another unit (position), may have the leave honoured dependent upon the operational requirements of the unit to which she/he has transferred.
- (g) In the event an occupational classification [as defined in Appendix "C" of the Collective Agreement between Flin Flon General Hospital Inc. and Local 14] change occurs as a result of a leave of absence under EDSLP, it is understood the guarantee of a position upon return in the new occupational classification is contingent upon a suitable position in the new occupational classification being available.

FOR THE EMPLOYER:

[Signature]

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Markus Zehle

FOR THE UNION:

Watson

Smetham

Donna M. Baines

FOR THE MANITOBA NURSES' UNION:

Marla Dickamp

Signed the 26th day of February, 1997.

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RE: REFLECTIONS ON THE NORTHERN RESIDENTS DEDUCTIONS: TRAVEL IN DESIGNATED AREAS ALLOWANCE
BY REVENUE CANADA

The Employer is aware of the Northern Residents Deductions: Travel in Designated Areas allowance provided by Revenue Canada and agrees to investigate this allowance for implementation for the 1997 Tax Year. Application of this allowance would be subject to:

1. All parties acknowledge the Northern Residents Deductions: Travel in Designated Areas allowance is administered by Revenue Canada and is subject to any changes implemented by Revenue Canada or any ruling which Revenue Canada may imply in respect to the benefits eligible.
2. **Should** Revenue Canada **reduce** the Northern Residents Deductions: Travel in Designated Areas allowance or eliminate the Northern Residents Deductions: Travel in Designated Areas allowance, the Employer shall not be responsible for any costs to make **up** for the lost benefits.
3. The Employer will not incur any additional costs in implementing the Northern Residents Deductions: Travel in Designated Areas allowance.
4. Any implementation of the Northern Residents Deductions: Travel in Designated Areas allowance shall be subject to review by Legal Counsel to ensure Revenue Canada Tax Regulations are adhered to.

FOR THE EMPLOYER:

FOR THE UNION:

<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
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FOR THE MANITOBA NURSES' UNION:

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Signed the 26th day of February, 1997.

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This Letter of Agreement confirms that the above-named parties have ratified the Letter of Understanding on Redeployment Principles which is appended to and forms part of this Letter of Agreement.

FOR THE EMPLOYER:

[Signature]
[Signature]
Marlene Ziel

FOR THE UNION:

V. Watson
[Signature]
Ronnie U. M. Baines

FOR THE MANITOBA NURSES' UNION:

Maria Yickamp

Signed the 26th day of February, 1997.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
ON REDEPLOYMENT PRINCIPLES

BETWEEN

PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS - LISTED IN APPENDIX "A"

AND

PARTICIPATING UNIONS - LISTED IN APPENDIX "8"

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.01** The parties agree to work to develop employment security strategies to reduce the negative impact **on** employees effected **by** the restructuring of the health services system. The parties agree to strive towards consistency and timeliness in implementing this Letter of Understanding.
- 1.02** It is agreed **by** the parties that this Letter of Understanding shall work in **concert** with the provisions of the applicable Collective Agreements of the unions involved and shall **be** supplementary to same.
- 1.03** All terms and conditions of Collective Agreements and personnel policies and procedures of the receiving facility shall apply to the incoming employee except those terms **and** conditions of the Collective Agreement **that** have been abridged by this Letter of Understanding.
- 1.04** This Letter of Understanding governs the movement of laid-off employees **and/or** the movement of positions between bargaining **units** of the above-mentioned unions and employers.
- 1.05** For the **purposes** of this Letter of Understanding "receiving **agreement(s)**" shall mean the Collective Agreement applicable to the **certified** bargaining unit which is the recipient of **transferred positions/employees**. Conversely, the "sending **agreement(s)**" shall mean the Collective Agreement applicable to the certified bargaining unit where the **position/employee** originated.
- 1.06** All particulars of job opportunities at receiving facilities will **be** made **available** to the unions **as** they become **known** to the above-mentioned employers.
- 1.07** "Central Redeployment List" means a list of employees who have been **laid-off** from a participating **employer**. Those **on** this list may apply for and receive preferential consideration for new **and** vacant in-scope positions at another participating employer, as set out **in** 4.02 herein.

Manitoba Council of Health Care Unions (MCHCU) will be provided with a copy of the Central Redeployment List, with an updated list provided on a continuing basis.

2. SENIORITY:

- 2.01** Employees shall accumulate seniority according to the terms of the applicable Collective Agreement
- 2.02** Employees without a Collective Agreement shall not have seniority rights.
- 2.03** Transfer of Seniority: The affected employer(s) and affected union(s) shall meet to determine any provisions for a transfer of seniority between bargaining units.

3. TRIAL PERIOD:

- 3.01** Employees who move to a new bargaining unit/employer may be required to serve a trial period in accordance with the Collective Agreement in the receiving facility. If unsuccessful in the trial period, the employee shall return to the Central Redeployment List and to the recall list of the sending employer.

4. NEW AND VACANT POSITIONS:

- 4.01** All new and vacant in-scope positions shall be filled in accordance with the terms of the Collective Agreement and that bargaining unit, unless otherwise mutually agreed between affected employers and affected bargaining units/unions.
- 4.02** When a new or vacant in-scope position is not filled by an internal employee as specified in 4.01, the receiving facility within a region, as defined in Appendix VII, shall give preferential consideration to qualified applicants from the same region who are on the Central Redeployment List.

If there are no applicants/no qualified applicants from the same region, the receiving facility shall provide preferential consideration to qualified applicants from other regions who are on the Central Redeployment List.

The following provisions shall apply in filling the vacancy.

- (a) Employees on the Central Redeployment List shall be listed in order of seniority [as per "sending" Collective Agreement(s)];
- (b) subject to 4.01, selection, shall be made from applicants on the Central Redeployment List as described above. Copies of the above-mentioned new or vacant in-scope position postings will be sent as they occur to the MCHCU and participating employers (process to be established);

- (c) seniority shall be applicable to the selection in accordance with the receiving Collective Agreement;
- (d) in assessing an employee's history only formally documented material contained in the employee's personnel file will be considered;
- (e) receiving facilities job description applies vis-a-vis qualification requirements;
- (f) Once an employee has been permanently redeployed and has completed the trial period with a receiving employer, she/he shall relinquish any recall rights to her/his former employer unless she/he is laid off from the receiving employer. Should an employee be laid off from the receiving employer, she/he will be placed back on the recall list with the sending employer for the balance of time she/he would have been on the recall list. She/he will also have recall rights in accordance with the Collective Agreement of the receiving employer and be placed back on the Central Redeployment List. For the purposes of the Central Redeployment List, an employee's seniority shall be the cumulative seniority from the original sending employer and the original receiving employer.

5. TRANSFER OF SERVICE/MERGER/AMALGAMATION:

- 5.01 In the event of a transfer(s) of service/merger/amalgamation, the affected employer(s) and unions shall meet to determine whether employees should have the opportunity to move with the service or department to the receiving facility, to the extent that such positions are available.

6. PORTABILITY OF BENEFITS:

The following benefits are portable:

- 6.01 Accumulated income protection benefits/sick leave credits.
- 6.02 Length of employment applicable to rate at which vacation is earned.
- 6.03 Length of employment applicable to pre-retirement leave. NOTE: Deer Lodge Centre limits payment of pre-retirement leave to service acquired since April 1, 1983. Incoming employees would retain original service date for this purpose.
- 6.04 Length of employment for the purpose of qualifying to join benefit plans, eg, two (2) year pension requirement.
- 6.05 Benefits: An incoming employee is subject to the terms and conditions of the receiving facilities benefit plans, however, normal waiting periods would be waived, subject to the applicable benefit plans' terms and conditions.

6.06 Salary Treatments -

- (a) If range **is** identical, then placed **step-on-step**;
- (b) If the range is not identical, then placement will **be** at a step on the range which is closest (higher **or** lower) to **the** employee's salary at the time of **layoff**.

NOTE: No **red-circling** provision except for Deer Lodge Centre employees who were guaranteed provisions as contained in the "Transfer Agreements" for the **1983** and **1987** transfer from federal to provincial jurisdiction and for whom the red circling provisions were in place prior to the inception of the Letter of Understanding.

6.07 Upon hire of an employee from **the** Central Redeployment List, the receiving employer agrees to confirm in writing to the employee **all** benefits, including seniority where applicable, which were transferred **from** the sending employer under this Letter of Understanding.

7. OTHER CONDITIONS:

7.01 Hours of service since last increment is not **portable** for purposes of calculating next increment, **if** applicable.

7.02 Salary and vacation earned to date to be paid out by sending employer.

7.03 Banked time including overtime bank, stat bank, to be paid out **by** sending employer.

8. TRAINING:

8.01 The parties **agree** that provisions for training will be dealt with by **the** Joint Provincial Labour Adjustment Committee.

9. DURATION OF LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING:

9.01 This Letter of Understanding shall **be** in full force and effect for **a 12** month period commencing date of signing. In the event that any **one** of the parties **signatory** to this **Letter** of Understanding wishes to terminate its participation in this Letter of Understanding, it shall give sixty (60) days written notice to the other parties.

10. APPEAL PANEL:

10.01 Should a **dispute(s)** arise between a participating **union(s)** and a participating **employer(s)** regarding the application, interpretation or alleged violation of this Letter of Understanding, the parties concerned shall meet and attempt to resolve the **dispute(s)** through discussion.

Should the dispute remain unresolved, any party to the dispute may refer **the matter(s)** to an **Appeal** Panel composed of:

- Two (2) persons from Participating Employers who are not directly involved in the dispute.
- Two (2) **persons** from **the** Participating Unions who are not directly involved in the dispute.

The Appeal Panel shall set its own procedures for hearing the dispute and may accept any evidence that it deems appropriate.

Only lay advocate(s) shall be utilized by each **party** to the dispute in **the** presentation of its case.

The Appeal Panel shall make every effort to mediate the dispute to resolution.

Should efforts to **mediate fail**, **the** Appeal Panel shall submit its written **recommendation(s)** for settlement to the parties concerned, within fourteen (14) calendar days.

The Letter of Understanding on Redeployment Principles represents a tentative agreement reached November 24, 1992 in a Committee representing Employers and Unions listed in Appendix "A" and "6" respectively.

This Letter of Understanding is subject to ratification by employers and locals/bargaining units.

PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS - REDEPLOYMENT

Employer	Local
Lynn Lake District Hospital No. 38	Lynn Lake Nurses local 43
MacGregor & District Health Centre	MacGregor Nurses Local 98
Man. Cancer Treatment & Research Fdn	MCF Nurses Local 36
McCreary/Alonsa Health Centre	McCreary/Alonsa Nurses Local 63
Minnedosa Health District	Minnedosa Nurses Local 31
Misericordia General Hospital	Misericordia Nurses Local 2
Morden Health District	Morden Nurses Local 7
Neepawa District Memorial Hospital	Neepawa Nurses Local 12
Notre Dame Medical Nursing Unit	Notre Dame Nurses Local 55
Pembina Manitou Health Centre	Pembina Manitou Nurses Local 104
Pine Falls General Hospital	Pine Falls Nurses Local 18
Portage District General Hospital	Portage la Prairie Nurses Local 39
Red River Valley Health District	Red River Valley Nurses Local 35
Rehab Centre for Children	Children's Rehab Nurses Local 58
Riverdale Health Services District	Rivers Nurses Local 90
Riverview Health Centre	Riverview Health Centre Nurses Local 11
Roblin Health District	Roblin Nurses Local 30
Rock Lake Health District	Rock Lake Nurses Local 75
Rosburn District Health Centre	Rosburn Nurses Local 57
Russell & District PCH Inc.	Russell PCH Nurses Local 87
Russell District Hospital	Russell Nurses Local 15
Sandy Lake Medical Nursing Home	Sandy Lake Nurses Local 96
Selkirk & District General Hospital	Selkirk Nurses Local 16
Seven Oaks General Hospital	Seven Oaks Nurses Local 72
Seven Regions Health Centre	Seven Regions Nurses Local 59
Shoal Lake - Strathclair Health Centre	Shoal Lake Nurses Local 50
Snow Lake Medical Nursing Unit #40	Snow Lake Nurses Local 19
Souris Health District	Souris Nurses Local 17
St. Boniface General Hospital	St. Boniface Nurses Local 5
St. Claude Hospital & Pavillion	St. Claude Nurses Local 68
St. Paul's Home	St. Paul's Home Nurses Local 99
St. Rose General Hospital	St. Rose Nurses Local 29
Stonewall & District Health Centre	Stonewall Nurses Local 106
Swan River Valley Hospital District #1	Swan River Nurses Local 26
Swan River Valley PCH Inc.	Swan River PCH Nurses Local 44
Tache Nursing Centre	Tache Nurses Local 49
The Convalescent Home of Winnipeg	Convalescent Home Nurses Local 13
The Pas Health Complex Inc.	The Pas Nurses Local 28
The Sharon Home Inc.	Sharon Home Nurses Local 47
The Sherwood Lodge	Virден Nurses Local 40
Thompson General Hospital	Thompson Nurses Local 6
Tri-Lake Health District	Killarney Nurses Local 85
Victoria General Hospital	Victoria Nurses Local 3
West-Man Nursing Home Inc.	Virден Nurses Local 40
Westview Lodge	Boissevain Nurses Local 71
Winnipeg River Health District	Pinawa Nurses Local 46
Winnipeg River Health District	Lac du Bonnet Nurses Local 81

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Employer

Local

Altona Community Memorial Health Centre	Altona Nurses Local 33
Arborg & Districts Health Centre	Arborg Nurses Local 22
Baldur Health District	Baldur Nurses Local 66
Beausejour Hospital District #29	Beausejour Nurses Local 69
Betel Home Foundation	Betel Home Nurses Local 77
Betel Home Foundation (Gimli)	Gimli Betel Nurses Local 88
Bethania Mennonite PCH	Bethania Nurses Local 103
Bethel Hospital	Winkler Nurses Local 32
Bethesda Health & Social Services	Bethesda Nurses Local 101
Birtle Health Service District	Birtle Nurses Local 54
Boissevain Health Centre District	Boissevain Nurses Local 71
Boyne Lodge	Boyne Lodge Nurses Local 48
Brandon General Hospital	Brandon Nurses Local 4
Carberry Plains District Health Centre	Carberry Plains Nurses Local 11
Carman Memorial Hospital	Carman Nurses Local 89
Churchill Health Centre	Churchill Nurses Local 67
Concordia Hospital	Concordia Nurses Local 27
Dauphin General Hospital	Dauphin Nurses Local 25
Deloraine Health Centre	Deloraine Nurses Local 70
Dinsdale Personal Care Home	Dinsdale Nurses Local 86
Douglas Campbell Lodge	Douglas Campbell Lodge Nurses Local 105
Dr. Gendreau Memorial PCH Inc.	Dr. Gendreau Mem. Nurses Local 61
East Gate Lodge Inc.	Beausejour Nurses Local 69
East View Lodge	East View Nurses Local 20
Ebenezer Home for the Aged	Ebenezer Home Nurses Local 93
Erickson District Health Centre	Erickson Nurses Local 73
Fairview Home Inc.	Fairview Nurses Local 21
Flin Flon General Hospital	Flin Flon Nurses Local 14
Foyer Notre Dame Inc.	Foyer Nurses Local 107
Fred Douglas Lodge	Fred Douglas Lodge Nurses Local 100
Gilbert Plains Health Centre Inc.	Gilbert Plains Nurses Local 38
Gillam Hospital Inc.	Gillam Nurses Local 34
Glenboro Health District	Glenboro Nurses Local 42
Golden West Centennial Lodge	Golden West Nurses Local 91
Grace General Hospital	Grace Nurses Local 41
Grandview District Hospital	Grandview Nurses Local 52
Grandview Personal Care Home Inc.	Grandview Nurses Local 52
Hamiota District Health Centre	Hamiota Nurses Local 83
Hartney Medical Nursing Unit	Hartney Nurses Local 82
Health District #10	Virden Nurses Local 40
Health Sciences Centre	Health Sciences Centre Nurses Local 10
Johnson Memorial Hospital	Johnson Memorial Nurses Local 51
Lakeshore District Health System	Lakeshore Nurses Local 65
Leaf Rapids Health Centre	Leaf Rapids Nurses Local 45
Lions Prairie Manor	Lions Manor Nurses Local 37
Lorne Memorial Hospital	Lorne Memorial Nurses Local 9
Luther Home	Luther Home Nurses Local 102