

ARTICLES OF A COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

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**WCB – ALBERTA
(MILLARD HEALTH)**

AND

HEALTH SCIENCES ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA

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COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT made this 11th day of October, 2022

BETWEEN

THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD
a body corporate,
(hereinafter referred to as the "Employer")

OF THE FIRST PART

- and -

THE HEALTH SCIENCES ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA
(hereinafter referred to as "Union")

OF THE SECOND PART

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS the parties acknowledge that their primary purpose is to provide efficient client care service leading to the effective rehabilitation of clients, and

WHEREAS the purpose of this Collective Agreement is to ensure harmonious relations exist between the Employer and the Employees and to establish mutually satisfactory working conditions,

NOW THEREFORE THIS COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT WITNESSES that the parties hereto in consideration of the covenants herein contained agree with each other as follows:

ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS

In this Collective Agreement:

- 1.01 "Act" means *The Public Service Employee Relations Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. P-43 as amended.
- 1.02 "Compulsory Interest Arbitration" and "Collective Agreement Arbitration" shall be determined and take meaning from the sections of the *Act* dealing with the resolution of a difference or dispute.
- 1.03 "Anniversary Date", unless otherwise changed by the operation of the terms of this Collective Agreement, means the date that an Employee commenced employment as an Employee of the Workers' Compensation Board.
- 1.04 "Basic Rate of Pay" means the rate specified in the salary scales set out in Article 28 to which an Employee is entitled as compensation for services rendered exclusive of all allowances and premium payments.
- 1.05 "Business Quarter" means a period of time as determined by the Employer equal to three (3) calendar months.

1.06 "Millard Health" means the facility located at:

131 Airport Road
Edmonton, AB
T5G 0W6

and any other location at which work is performed within the scope of Bargaining Certificate No. 1-81, issued by the Public Service Employee Relations Board.

1.07 "Employer" means the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) and its designate as required.

1.08 "Employee" means a person hired to perform functions of a paramedical technical and/or paramedical professional nature in a classification included herein, or who is included in the bargaining unit defined as "All Employees when employed in a paramedical technical and/or paramedical professional capacity" as certified by the Public Service Employee Relations Board, and whose employment is designated as:

(a) "Permanent Full-Time Employee", one who has or will be required to complete the specified probation period in Article 11 and who is continuously employed on a regularly scheduled basis in accordance with Article 21; or

(b) "Permanent Part-Time Employee", one who has or will be required to complete the specified probation period under Article 11 and who is continuously employed on a regularly scheduled basis. Permanent part-time Employees work fourteen (14) hours or more per week.

(c) "Long Term Temporary Employee" means one who is hired for a term longer than six (6) months as relief or for a special project of limited duration to a maximum of twenty four (24) months. Long Term Temporary Employee's may be extended by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Union. Where possible, such extension requests shall be submitted to the Union in writing thirty (30) days prior to expiry. Such agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld. A Long Term Temporary Employee shall be covered by the terms and conditions of this Collective Agreement, except for the following:

Article 18 (Layoff and Recall);
Article 19 (Position Abolishment);
Article 35 (Professional Development and Education Leave);
Article 43 (Long Term Disability Plan);
Article 45 (Group Life Insurance), except after completion of one (1) year of continuous service; and
Article 46 (Pension Plan), except as required under the *Public Service Pension Act*.

(d) "Short Term Temporary Employee" means one who is hired for six (6) months or less as relief or for a special project of limited duration. A Short Term Temporary Employee shall be covered by the terms and conditions of this Collective Agreement, except for the following:

Article 18 (Layoff and Recall);
 Article 19 (Position Abolishment);
 Article 28 (Salaries), except that 28.04 and 28.07 are applicable;
 Article 31 (Vacations), except that Article 31.09 is applicable;
 Article 33 (General Policies Covering Leaves of Absence), except that
 Article 36 (Bereavement Leave) is applicable;
 Article 35 (Professional Development and Education Leave);
 Article 41 (Health Benefits);
 Article 42 (Sick Leave);
 Article 43 (Long Term Disability);
 Article 45 (Group Life Insurance);
 Article 46 (Pension Plan); and
 Article 51 (Seniority).

(e) "Casual Employee" means one who:

- (i) is regularly scheduled for a period of three (3) months or less for a specific job, or
- (ii) relieves for absences the duration of which is three (3) months or less, or
- (iii) works on a call-in basis and is not regularly scheduled.

No casual Employee shall be scheduled without their consent. A Casual Employee shall be covered by the terms and conditions of this Collective Agreement, except for the following:

Article 11 (Probationary Period);
 Article 14 (Permanent Part-Time Employees);
 Article 18 (Layoff and Recall);
 Article 19 (Position Abolishment);
 Article 21 (Hours of Work for Full-Time Employees), except that Articles 21.03, 21.04, and 21.05 are applicable;
 Article 28 (Salaries), except that 28.04 and 28.07 are applicable;
 Article 31 (Vacations), except that Article 31.09 is applicable;
 Article 32 (Named Holidays), except that Article 32.06 is applicable;
 Article 33 (General Policies Covering Leaves of Absence);
 Article 35 (Professional Development and Education Leave);
 Article 41 (Health Benefits);
 Article 42 (Sick Leave);
 Article 43 (Long Term Disability Plan);
 Article 45 (Group Life Insurance);
 Article 46 (Pension Plan); and
 Article 51 (Seniority).

- 1.09 "Employer" shall also mean and include such Officers as may, from time to time, be appointed or designated by the Workers' Compensation Board to carry out its administrative duties.
- 1.10 "Layoff" means a separation from employment with the potential for future recall.
- 1.11 "Month" is the period of time between the date in one month and the preceding date in the following month.

- 1.12 "Position Abolishment" means the permanent abolishment of an employment position.
- 1.13 "Red-Circling" means the Employee shall continue to receive his current salary in the higher paid classification until the salary of the lower paid classification passes his current salary.
- 1.14 "Seniority" is the measurement of the length of the period of employment and begins to accrue from the date the current period of continuous employment within the bargaining unit commenced.
- 1.15 "Gross Earnings" shall mean all monies earned by an Employee under the terms of this Collective Agreement.
- 1.16 "Shift" means a daily tour of duty exclusive of overtime hours.
- 1.17 "Vacation" means annual vacation with pay.
- 1.18 Throughout this Collective Agreement, a pronoun used applies to the gender spectrum. A word used in the singular applies also in the plural and vice versa.
- 1.19 "Time Periods" means periods of time referred to in days shall be deemed to mean such periods of time calculated on consecutive calendar days exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and Named Holidays specified in Article 32.
- 1.20 "Preceptor" shall mean an employee who is supervising, educating, or evaluating students.
- 1.21 "Union" means Health Sciences Association of Alberta.
- 1.22 "Local Unit Representative" means a Union Member and Employee of the Employer who has been appointed by the Local Unit.
- 1.23 "Steward" means an Employee of the Employer designated by the Union to act as an Employee Representative in the administration of the Collective Agreement.

ARTICLE 2: TERM OF COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

- 2.01 The term of this Collective Agreement shall be from January 1, 2021 up to and including the 31st day of December 2024 and from year to year thereafter unless notice in writing is given by either party to the other party, not less than sixty (60) days nor more than 120 days preceding the expiry date, of its desire to change or amend this Collective Agreement.
- 2.02 Where notice is served by either party to commence collective bargaining, this Collective Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until procedures and/or acts contemplated by the *Act* for the resolution of disputes have been complied with.
- 2.03 Notwithstanding the above, the terms and conditions included within this Collective Agreement may be altered during its term by mutual written consent between the Union and the Employer.

ARTICLE 3: NO STRIKE OR LOCKOUT

- 3.01 The Union agrees that during the life of this Collective Agreement, it will not be involved in nor will it condone or authorize a strike, slowdown, stoppage of work, picketing of the Employer's premises, or refusal to perform work, and no Employee shall be involved in such action.
- 3.02 If an Employee engages in a strike, slowdown, stoppage of work, picketing of the Employer's premises or refusal to perform work during the life of this Collective Agreement, the Union shall instruct them to return to work immediately and perform their duties faithfully and resort to the grievance procedure established herein for the settlement of any difference or grievance. If the Employee does not return immediately, they may be deemed to have terminated their employment.
- 3.03 The Employer agrees that, during the life of this Collective Agreement, it will not sanction or authorize a lockout.

ARTICLE 4: MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

- 4.01 The management of the Millard Health is vested exclusively in the Employer. All functions, powers, rights and authorities which the Employer has not specifically abridged, delegated or modified by way of the Agreement, are recognized by the Union.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Union acknowledges that it shall be the exclusive right of the Employer to operate and manage its business, including the right to:

- (a) maintain order, discipline and efficiency;
- (b) make, alter, and enforce, from time to time, rules and regulations to be observed by an Employee, which are not in conflict with any provision of this Collective Agreement;
- (c) direct all types of Employees in the work force and to create new classifications and work units and to determine the number of Employees, if any, needed from time to time in any work unit or classification and to determine whether or not a position, work unit, or classification will be continued, abolished or declared redundant;
- (d) hire, promote, transfer, lay-off, recall; and
- (e) demote, discipline, suspend or discharge for just cause.

ARTICLE 5: RECOGNITION AND UNION BUSINESS

- 5.01 The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole bargaining agent for Employees covered by this Collective Agreement.
- 5.02 No Employee shall be required or permitted to make any written or verbal agreement which may be in conflict with the terms of this Collective Agreement.
- 5.03 Except as otherwise specified elsewhere in this Collective Agreement, all correspondence between the parties arising out of this Collective Agreement or incidental thereto shall pass to and from the Employer and the Union.
- 5.04 An Employee shall not engage in Union business during their working hours without prior written permission of the Employer.
- 5.05 Any duly accredited Officer of the Union may be permitted on the Employer's premises for the purpose of transacting Union business provided prior permission to do so has been granted by the Employer.
- 5.06 A representative of the Union shall have the right to make a presentation of up to thirty (30) minutes at the orientation of new Employees with respect to the structure of the Union, as well as the rights, responsibilities and benefits under the Collective Agreement, provided, however, that attendance at the presentation shall not be compulsory and that a representative of the Employer may be present at the presentation. To facilitate orientations, a schedule of any formal orientation sessions regularly conducted by the Employer shall be provided to the Union Representative. A list of new Employees within the bargaining unit scheduled to attend at such orientations, shall be provided to the Union Representative no later than three (3) days prior to such sessions.
- 5.07 The name of the person(s) acting as the Union Representative shall be supplied in writing to the Employer before they are recognized as the Union Representative. This representative shall be entitled to leave work to carry out the functions as provided in this Collective Agreement (such as but not limited to Group Representative duties, attendance at disciplinary meetings, EMAC meetings, etc.) provided written permission to leave work during working hours, and agreement on the length of time of such leave, shall first be obtained from the Supervisor. Such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld. This representative shall suffer no loss of pay for time spent on the Employer's premises in performing such duties.
- 5.08 At the beginning of each calendar year, the Union will provide written confirmation to the Employer, of the names of the Union's Representatives.
- 5.09 Representatives of the Union will be granted time off with pay in order to participate in collective bargaining with the Employer. HSAA agrees to reimburse the Employer for actual salary paid to the Employee while on leave plus an administrative charge of fifteen percent (15%).
- 5.10 Members of the HSAA Board will be granted time off with pay to attend meetings of the Board. Time off will be requested in writing with as much advance notice as possible. HSAA agrees to reimburse the Employer for actual salary paid to the Employee while on leave plus an administrative charge of fifteen percent (15%).

ARTICLE 6: EMPLOYEE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 6.01 A Joint Employee-Employer Committee shall be established. The purpose of the Joint Committee is to promote and to provide for effective and meaningful communications of information and ideas and to make recommendations on matters of mutual concern. Matters may be referred to the Committee by Employees or the Employer. Participants should do so in a constructive and professional manner, and should be able to do so without negative repercussions.
- 6.02 There shall be no loss of income for time spent by Employees at meetings and in carrying out the functions of this Committee.
- 6.03 **Stewards**
- (a) The name of a Steward shall be supplied to the Employer before they are recognized as a Steward. The number of Stewards will be limited to a maximum of one.
 - (b) Stewards shall be granted time off with pay in order to participate in Steward training and related workshops, seminars, and schools. The cost of training will be covered by the Union and the Union will reimburse the Employer wages for any time off related to training provided by the Union.
 - (c) The Steward shall be allowed reasonable time while on duty without loss of pay to perform their duties. Time to perform Steward duties shall take place during regular work hours. Steward duties may include but are not limited to:
 - (i) Accompanying an Employee at an investigation or outcome meeting called by the Employer where disciplinary action is possible.
 - (ii) Processing grievances including preparation and attendance at grievance hearings.
 - (iii) Meeting with new Employees consistent with Article 5.06.
 - (iv) Attendance at EMAC or labour/management meetings.
 - (d) It is the sole responsibility of the Union to arrange the attendance of a Steward for 6.03 (c) (i) and (ii). The presence of a Steward will be agreed to by the Employee and the Union.
 - (e) A Steward shall obtain permission from their Supervisor to leave work and agreement on the length of time of such leave. Such permission shall be requested with as much advance notice as possible and shall not be unreasonably denied.

ARTICLE 7: OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE

- 7.01 The parties to this Collective Agreement will cooperate to the fullest extent in the matter of Occupational Health, Safety and Accident Prevention.
- 7.02 Required safety equipment and devices will be provided where necessary by the Employer.
- 7.03 The Millard Health Occupational Health, Safety and Wellness Committee shall include at least two (2) Employee representatives appointed by the Union.
- 7.04 The Millard Health Occupational Health, Safety and Wellness Committee shall meet at least quarterly.
- 7.05 When an issue has been submitted to the Millard Health Occupational Health, Safety and Wellness Committee, the parties will discuss the issue to determine if a formal meeting is required. If either party requests a formal meeting, the meeting will be scheduled within ten (10) working days of the request.
- 7.06 There shall be no loss of income for time spent by Employees at meetings and in carrying out the functions of this committee.
- 7.07 The Millard Health Occupational Health, Safety and Wellness Committee shall also consider measures necessary to protect the security of each Employee on the Employer's premises and may make recommendations to the Employer in that regard. Should the recommendations not be implemented or steps taken towards implementation within thirty (30) days from the date the recommendation is made, the Millard Health Occupational Health, Safety and Wellness Committee may request and shall have the right to have the recommendations presented to the Employer. The Employer will reply in writing to the Millard Health Occupational Health, Safety and Wellness Committee within fourteen (14) calendar days of the receipt of the recommendation.

ARTICLE 8: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- 8.01 Membership in the Union is voluntary.
- 8.02 Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 8.01, the Employer will deduct from the gross earnings (exclusive of Long Term Disability Benefits) of each Employee covered by this Collective Agreement, including Employees temporarily assigned to a non-union position of the Employer an amount equal to the dues as specified by the Union. Said deductions shall be forwarded to the Union, or its authorized representative, not later than the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following.
- 8.03 Dues shall be accompanied by a list showing for each of the Employees from whom deductions have been taken:
- (a) name;
 - (b) home address;
 - (c) home phone number;

- (d) employment status (e.g. Permanent, Temporary, Casual);
 - (e) increment level;
 - (f) the amounts of the dues deductions, on an ongoing basis;
 - (g) work telephone number;
 - (h) seniority date;
 - (i) classification; and
 - (j) employment category (e.g. active or leave of absence).
- 8.04 Dues will be deducted from an Employee during sick leave with pay and during a leave of absence with pay.
- 8.05 The Union shall give not less than thirty (30) days' notice of any change in the rate at which dues are to be deducted, and the Employer shall not be required to effect a change in the rate more often than once in any calendar year.
- 8.06 The Employer agrees to supply the Union with a monthly statement indicating new Employees, Employees terminated, Employees reclassified, promoted or transferred outside the scope of this Collective Agreement, and any other changes of Employees' status.
- 8.07 The Employer will record the amount of Union dues deducted on the T-4 forms issued to an Employee for income tax purposes.

ARTICLE 9: BULLETIN BOARDS

- 9.01 The Employer shall provide an electronic version of the HSAA bulletin board on the internal network for the exclusive use of the Union to post notices of meetings and other notices which may be of interest to Employees. The local unit chair and alternate shall have the exclusive right to have editing privileges to the electronic HSAA bulletin board. The Employer reserves the right to require that posted material objectionable to the Employer be removed from the bulletin board. If accessibility issues arise with the electronic version, the Union has the right to revert back to the HSAA physical bulletin board.

ARTICLE 10: NO DISCRIMINATION

- 10.01 There shall be no discrimination, restriction, or coercion exercised or practiced by either party in respect to any Employee by reason of race, color, creed, national origin, political or religious affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, physical disability, mental disability, source of income, family status, marital status, age, nor by reason of membership or non-membership or lawful activity in the Union, nor in respect of an Employee or Employer exercising any right conferred under the Collective Agreement or any law of Canada or Alberta.

ARTICLE 11: PROBATIONARY PERIOD

- 11.01 A newly hired Employee shall serve a probationary period of six (6) months worked, immediately following the date on which the current period of continuous employment commenced.
- 11.02 If, in the opinion of the Employer, the Employee is found to be unsatisfactory, the Employer will identify, in writing, any deficiencies and allow the Employee opportunity to correct them during the probationary period.
- 11.03 If, in the opinion of the Employer, the Employee is found to be unsatisfactory, the Employee's probationary period may be extended up to a maximum of three (3) months and the Employer will advise the Union.
- 11.04 If, in the opinion of the Employer, the Employee is found to be unsatisfactory they may be terminated without notice and without recourse to the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE 12: JOB DESCRIPTIONS; NEW CLASSIFICATIONS; CLASSIFICATION REVIEW

12.01 Job Descriptions

- (a) Copies of job descriptions will be on hand within the appropriate team/program/work unit and will be available to each Employee upon request.
- (b) The Employer will provide HSAA with a copy of job descriptions within the bargaining unit within five (5) days of whenever changes are made to the job descriptions.

12.02 New Classifications

- (a) If the Employer creates a new classification which falls within the bargaining unit and which is not now designated in this Collective Agreement, it shall establish a salary scale based on the Employer evaluation program and give written notice of same to the Union.
- (b) If the Union fails to object in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the notice from the Employer, the assigned salary scale shall be considered as established.
- (c) If the Union objects to the salary scale assigned by the Employer, and by negotiation succeeds in effecting a change, the amended salary scale shall be retroactive to the date the new classification was implemented.
- (d) Failing resolution of the difference by negotiation within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of the notice from the Employer, the Union may submit the matter to a mutually acceptable single Adjudicator who is qualified in Wage Administration and Determination.

- (e) The Adjudicator shall meet and hear all pertinent matters from both the Employer and the Union and render a decision within thirty (30) calendar days of the first hearing.
- (f) The finding shall be final and binding on both parties. It shall be retroactive to the date the new classification was implemented.
- (g) Each of the parties shall bear the expense of its appointee to the Adjudication Board. The fees and expenses of the single Adjudicator shall be borne equally by the parties.

12.03 **Classification Review**

- (a) An Employee who has good reason to believe that they are improperly classified may apply to their supervisor in writing to have their classification reviewed. The supervisor will give consideration to such application and notify the Employee accordingly within thirty (30) calendar days.
- (b) Should the Employee feel that they have not received proper consideration in regard to a classification review, they may request that the matter be further reviewed by discussion between the Union and Employer or their delegate within thirty (30) calendar days.
- (c) Should the Employer and the Union not be able to agree on the appropriate classification within sixty (60) days of their first meeting, then they shall jointly submit the dispute to a mutually acceptable single Adjudicator who is qualified in Wage Administration and Determination.
- (d) The Adjudicator shall meet and hear all pertinent matters from both the Employer and the Union and render a decision within thirty (30) calendar days of the first hearing.
- (e) The finding shall be final and binding on both parties. It shall be retroactive to the date of the request for the classification review.
- (f) The Adjudicator shall only deal with the question of whether a position is appropriately classified within the Employer's evaluation program.
- (g) The Employer and the Union shall equally share the costs and expenses of the Adjudicator.

ARTICLE 13: PROMOTIONS AND VACANCIES

13.01 Applications for newly created positions or promotions shall be made in writing to the Employer.

13.02 **Vacancies**

- (a) Where a permanent vacancy within the bargaining unit occurs in a Department, in an established position, or as a result of the creation of a new position or a temporary position of six (6) months or more, notice

shall be posted for not less than seven (7) working days in advance of making an appointment.

- (b) When circumstances require the Employer to fill a posted vacancy before the expiry of seven (7) working days, the appointment shall be made on a temporary or relief basis only.
- (c) Subject to Article 13.03, vacancies shall be filled, whenever possible, by promotion from within Millard Health.
- (d) Notwithstanding Article 13.02(a), where it can be demonstrated there is no one on staff with the skills, experience or qualifications to fill a vacancy or new position, the Employer may take steps to advertise outside the Centre to fill the position without posting.
- (e) The notice of posting referred to in Article 13.02(a) shall contain the following information:
 - (i) duties of the position;
 - (ii) qualifications required;
 - (iii) hours of work (for information purposes only);
 - (iv) status of position (classification and FTE), and expected term if a temporary position; and
 - (v) salary.
- (f) The Employer shall forward to the Union copies of the posting of vacancies of all positions within the Bargaining Unit outlined in Article 13.02(a) within three (3) working days of the posting.

13.03 Competitions

- (a) In making a promotion, the determining factors shall be experience, performance, qualifications, and other relevant attributes, applicable to the position. For each vacancy, the Employer shall weight the criteria as applicable to the position and establish a documented grading system utilizing the criteria. The Employer shall grade all applicants and fully document all information and judgments which result in the grade for each candidate. Where these factors are determined by the Employer to be relatively equal, seniority shall be the deciding factor.
- (b) Applicants for a promotion or vacancy within the bargaining unit shall be informed in writing of the decision within seven (7) calendar days of the date of the appointment being made.
- (c) Upon request, an unsuccessful applicant will be provided with copies of:
 - (i) the documentation relating to the grading system;
 - (ii) grades; and

- (iii) all documentation which resulted in the grades for the applicants (including any interview notes).
- (d) A promotion shall be on a trial basis. The promoted Employee will be given a trial period of six (6) months in which to demonstrate their ability to perform the new tasks to the satisfaction of the Employer. Should such Employee fail to succeed or request to return to their former position during the above-mentioned trial period, the Employer will make a sincere effort to reinstate the Employee in their former position or, if such reinstatement is not possible, place the Employee in another suitable position at a rate of pay equivalent to that of their former position.
- (e) When an Employee is promoted to a classification to which is assigned a higher salary scale, the salary of such promoted Employee shall be advanced to that step in the new scale which is next higher than their current rate or to the step which is next higher again, if such salary increase is less than the Employee's normal increment of the former salary scale. In the event that a promoted Employee is at the last increment in the scale for the classification held prior to the promotion, their salary shall be advanced to that step in the scale which is next higher than their current rate or, if such salary increase is less than the Employee's last normal annual increase, they shall be advanced to the step which is next higher again in the scale.
- (f) An Employee's anniversary date for the purpose of qualifying for an annual increment shall be changed as a result of a promotion to the date on which the promotion becomes effective.
- (g) An Employee who requests and is granted a transfer to a classification to which is assigned a lower salary scale will immediately receive the rate of pay assigned to the position to which they have transferred.
 - (i) In determining the step on the lower scale the Employer will place them at the step on the salary scale in accordance with their experience and service.
- (h) When for reason of ill health, the Employer and Employee agree to a transfer resulting in the Employee being assigned to a classification to which is assigned a lower salary scale, their rate may be "red-circled" for a period of twelve (12) months.
 - (i) After twelve (12) months, if the Employer and Employee agree to maintain the transfer on a permanent basis, the Employee will receive the rate of pay assigned to the position to which they have transferred.
 - (ii) The step on the lower salary scale will be determined in accordance with Article 13.03 (g).

ARTICLE 14: PERMANENT PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

14.01 All provisions of this Collective Agreement shall apply to a permanent part-time Employee according to time worked unless otherwise specified.

ARTICLE 15: CHANGE OF STATUS

15.01 A permanent Employee may give the Employer notice of a desire to decrease their regular hours of work on a permanent or temporary basis, at any time. If the decrease is on a temporary basis, the term will be subject to agreement between the Employee and the Employer.

15.02 The Employer will attempt to accommodate the request, subject to operational requirements, by determining if any vacancies exist, or are anticipated for the Employee to transfer into. Should it be denied, the Employer shall provide reasons in writing.

15.03 If a suitable vacancy exists, the Employer may transfer the Employee into the vacant position without a posting under Article 13.

15.04 If no suitable vacancy exists, then the Employer will seek a posting waiver for a new position from HSAA, and upon receipt of the waiver, the Employer may transfer the Employee into the new position.

15.05 When a full-time Employee transfers to a part-time position:

- (a) any unused vacation must be paid out;
- (b) any vacation used that is not yet earned shall be repaid by the Employee or deducted from their pay cheque;
- (c) repayment arrangements between the Employer and the Employee may be made by mutual agreement. In the event a mutual agreement cannot be made, the Employer shall recover the overpayment by deducting three (3) equal payments from the Employee's gross earnings per pay period; and
- (d) they will be provided with written confirmation stating a specific number of hours per shift cycle as their regular hours of work (FTE).

ARTICLE 16: TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENTS

16.01 When an Employee is directed to perform the duties of a classification of greater responsibility, and where the Employee is deemed to have assumed the majority of the duties of this higher level position for at least three (3) consecutive workdays, they shall be paid the equivalent of one (1) increment on their regular scale or if they are at the top step of their range, they will receive an additional, four percent (4%) of salary. In the event the temporary assignment is for a period greater than twenty (20) consecutive working days, the Employee shall be paid at the step in the higher pay grade at which they would have been paid had the assignment been a permanent promotion.

- 16.02 Where an Employee is directed to substitute on another job outside the scope of the bargaining unit, the provisions of Article 16.01 shall apply. When the Employer temporarily assigns the Employee to a position outside the scope of the bargaining unit, they shall continue to be covered by the terms and conditions of the Collective Agreement.
- 16.03 During periods of temporary assignment to a classification which is assigned a higher salary scale, an Employee so assigned shall receive any overtime or call-back premiums based on the higher basic hourly rate.

ARTICLE 17: EVALUATIONS AND HUMAN RESOURCES FILES

- 17.01 The parties to this Collective Agreement recognize the desirability of Employee evaluations in accordance with written organizational requirements and accreditation guidelines, and:
- (a) all such evaluations shall be for the constructive review of the performance of the Employee and shall be in writing; and
 - (b) meetings for the purpose of the evaluation interview shall be scheduled by the Employer with reasonable advance notice. The Employee shall sign their evaluation for the sole purpose of indicating that they are aware of its contents. Upon request, the Employee shall be given a copy of their evaluation document. The Employee shall have the right to respond in writing and their reply shall be placed in their Human Resources file.
- 17.02 An Employee's evaluation shall not be released by the Employer to any person, except a Board of Arbitration, the Employer's counsel, or as required by law, without the written consent of the Employee.
- 17.03 By appointment made at least one (1) working day in advance, an Employee may view their Human Resources file twice each year or when the Employee has filed a grievance. An Employee shall be entitled to be accompanied by a Union representative when viewing their Human Resources file. The Employee will not be permitted to view documents containing employment reference information or information relating to other Employees.

ARTICLE 18: LAY-OFF AND RECALL

- 18.01 Prior to layoffs occurring, the parties will meet and discuss the appropriate application of Article 18.04 to the circumstances, including but not limited to:
- (a) the timing and specific process to be followed; and
 - (b) any other issue the parties deem appropriate.
- 18.02 In case it becomes necessary to reduce the work force by:
- (a) reduction in the number of Employees; or

- (b) reduction in the number of regularly scheduled hours available to one or more Employees;

the Employer will notify Employees who are to be laid off ten (10) working days prior to layoff. If the Employee laid off has not been provided with an opportunity to work ten (10) working days after notice of layoff, the Employee shall be paid in lieu of such work for that portion of the ten (10) working days during which work was not made available.

- 18.03 If the Employer proposes to layoff an Employee while they are on leave of absence, Workers' Compensation, or absent due to illness or injury, they shall not be served with notice under Article 18.02 until they have advised the Employer of their readiness to return to work.
- 18.04 Layoff is not a normal occurrence. Layoff shall be in reverse order of seniority, however the Employer shall have the right to retain Employees who would otherwise be laid off when layoff in accordance with this Article would result in retaining Employees who are not capable and qualified of performing the work required.
- 18.05 Employees shall be recalled in reverse order of layoff provided they are qualified and capable of performing the work required. The method of recall shall be by telephone and, if such is not possible, by written notice with confirmation of delivery sent to the Employee's last known place of residence. The Employee so notified will return to work as soon as possible but not later than five (5) days following the date of the telephone call or six (6) days following the date of initial registration of the letter.
- 18.06 No new Employees will be hired while there are other Employees on layoff as long as laid off Employees can perform the work required.
- 18.07 In the case of a layoff in excess of one (1) month, the Employee's salary increment date shall be adjusted by the same amount of time as the layoff and the new salary increment date shall prevail thereafter.
- 18.08 In the case of a layoff in excess of one (1) month's duration, an Employee may make prior arrangements and be responsible for the payment of the full premiums of any benefit plans they are eligible to continue.

18.09 **Recall to Casual Work**

For the purpose of this clause "Casual Work" will mean:

- (a) work on a call in basis inside their classification which is not regularly scheduled;
- (b) regularly scheduled work for a period of three (3) month or less for a specific job; or
- (c) work to relieve for an absence the duration of which is anticipated to be three (3) month or less.

- 18.10 The Employer shall offer opportunities for casual work to laid off Employees in order of their seniority before assigning the work to another Employee, providing the laid off Employee is qualified and capable of performing the work required.
- 18.11 A laid off Employee may refuse an offer of casual work without adversely affecting their recall status.
- 18.12 An Employee who accepts an offer of casual work will be governed by the Collective Agreement provisions governing casual Employees. However, such Employee's recall status and seniority standing upon recall will not be affected by the period of casual employment.

ARTICLE 19: POSITION ABOLISHMENT

19.01 Should the Employer find it necessary to abolish a position which is covered by this Collective Agreement, the Employer shall provide written notification to the affected Employee and the Union noting what positions are being abolished and the date such abolishment is to occur. The Union and the Employer will meet and discuss reasonable measures to protect the interests of Employees so affected. Further:

- (a) In the event notice of position abolishment is given under this Article and where alternate comparable employment with the Employer is not arranged, any Employees occupying such positions shall be terminated. However, the Employees affected shall be determined by reverse order of seniority and shall receive the following termination benefits:
- (i) employees shall receive one (1) month notice for each full year of continuous employment to a maximum of twelve (12) months. Partial years of service shall be prorated accordingly in the calculation of notice. At the Employer's option, Employees may be given pay in lieu of notice. An affected Employee may resign in writing at any time during the notice period and receive termination pay in lieu of notice for any remaining portion of the notice period; and
 - (ii) employees with less than one (1) year of continuous service shall be provided notice or pay in lieu of notice prorated based on the above noted formula.

In the event the Employee works the notice period the Employer may, with the concurrence of the Employee, assign such Employee duties of a classification other than the Employee's normal classification.

- (b) If a job is secured at a lower paid classification the Employee's rate of pay shall be red-circled for a period of twelve (12) months from the date the Employee is placed into the lower paid classification, after which, the Employee's rate of pay shall be adjusted to the rate within the lower paid classification which most closely corresponds with the red-circled rate of pay.
- (c) If the Employer rehires the Employee during the period of notice or severance for which the Employer has made payment of severance or in lieu of notice in accordance with this part, the Employee shall repay to the Employer the

difference, if any, in money based upon the difference in time between the period of unemployment, and the length of time for which payment of severance or in lieu of notice was made.

ARTICLE 20: RESIGNATION/TERMINATION

- 20.01 An Employee shall give to the Employer fourteen (14) days' notice of their intention to terminate their employment.
- 20.02 A temporary Employee shall not have the right to grieve the termination of their employment upon the conclusion of their work assignment.
- 20.03 An Employee shall be deemed to have terminated their employment when:
- (a) they are absent from work without good and proper reason and/or without the approval of the Employer;
 - (b) they do not return from a leave of absence or vacation as scheduled; or
 - (c) they do not return from layoff as required by Article 18.05 of this Collective Agreement.
- 20.04 An Employee who voluntarily leaves the employ of the Employer shall receive the wages and other monetary entitlements to which they are entitled as soon as the Employer can make the wages and other monetary entitlements available. In any event, the Employer will not delay receipt of wages beyond four (4) working days.
- 20.05 Where applicable, an Employee who does not successfully complete registration and/or licensing examinations after a maximum of one (1) rewrite shall be considered terminated.
- 20.06 **Vacation Pay on Termination**
- (a) If employment is terminated, and proper notice given, an Employee shall receive vacation pay in lieu of:
 - (i) the unused vacation earned during the previous vacation year at their basic rate, together with;
 - (ii) eight percent (8%) if eligible for one hundred and forty-four decimal nine six (144.96) hours; or ten percent (10%) if eligible for one hundred and eighty-one decimal two zero (181.20) hours; twelve percent (12%) if eligible for two hundred and seventeen decimal five six (217.56) hours; or fourteen percent (14%) if eligible for two hundred and fifty-three decimal eight zero (253.80) hours of their earnings at the basic rate of pay from the end of the previous vacation year to the date of termination.
- 20.07 Vacation taken in excess of what has been earned at the time of termination shall be deducted from final pay.

20.08 Notwithstanding other provisions of this Collective Agreement, if employment is terminated by an Employee without giving proper notice, pursuant to Article 20.01, such Employee shall receive vacation pay at the rate prescribed in the Alberta Employment Standards Code, covering vacations with pay, provided that this clause may be waived if termination is due to reasons acceptable to the Employer.

ARTICLE 21: HOURS OF WORK FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

21.01 Regular hours of work for a full-time Employee shall be:

- (a) seven and one-quarter (7 ¼) hours per day; and
- (b) thirty-six and one-quarter (36 ¼) hours per week.

21.02 Work Schedules

Notwithstanding Article 21.01, flexible or modified hours of work may be implemented where mutually agreed between the Employer and the Employee.

Except in cases of emergency or by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Employee, shift schedules shall provide for:

- (a) at least two (2) of the scheduled days off to be consecutive in each two (2) week period;
- (b) where possible a minimum of one (1) weekend off in each two (2) week period but, in any event, two (2) weekends off in each five (5) week period;
- (c) at least twelve (12) hours off between the end of one shift and the commencement of the next shift;
- (d) not more than six (6) consecutive scheduled days of work; and
- (e) an Employee shall be aware that they may be required to work various shifts throughout the twenty-four (24) hour day and the seven (7) days of the week.

21.03 Breaks

- (a) Regular hours of work shall, as scheduled by the Employer, include two (2) rest periods of fifteen (15) minutes during each shift of seven and one-quarter (7 ¼) hours, and exclude an unpaid meal period of not less than forty-five (45) minutes, unless mutually agreed between the Employer and Employee.
- (b) Except for these breaks, hours of work shall be consecutive.
- (c) If an Employee is required to work and is recalled to duty during their meal period, compensating time off shall be provided later in the day, or they shall receive pay at the applicable overtime rate.

21.04 Shift Schedule Changes

- (a) Unless otherwise agreed between the Employer and the Employee, changes in start time of work or changes to a different scheduled day of the week requires a minimum of four (4) weeks' notice.
- (b) When changes to shift schedules are made without following these guidelines outlined in Articles 21.04(a), overtime rate of two times (2x) their basic rate of pay shall apply for the first day of work of the changed schedule.

21.05 Employee Shift Trading

Employees may exchange shifts and/or days off with the approval of the Employer provided no increase in costs is incurred by the Employer.

ARTICLE 22: HOURS OF WORK FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

22.01 Regular hours of work for part-time Employees shall be:

- (a) up to thirty-six and one quarter (36 ¼) hours per week;
- (b) the ratio of workdays to non-workdays shall not exceed an average of 5:2, averaged at the end of each business quarter;
- (c) at least fourteen (14) hours per week; and
- (d) at the time of hire or transfer, the Employer shall state in writing a specific number of hours per shift cycle which constitute the regular hours of work for each part-time Employee. Such hours shall not be altered except by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Employee or by the operation of the provisions of the Collective Agreement.

22.02 Additional Hours of Work for Part-Time Employees

- (a) A part-time Employee may work additional hours from time to time.
- (b) Where a part-time Employee volunteers or agrees, when requested, to work additional hours, which are not designated as their scheduled days of rest, they shall be paid their basic rate of pay for such hours or, if applicable, at the overtime rate provided in Article 25 for those hours worked in excess of seven and one quarter (7 ¼) hours in a day.
- (c) An Employee required by the Employer to work on their scheduled day(s) of rest will receive two times (2x) their basic rate of pay.

This premium payment will cease and the Employee's basic rate of pay will apply at the start of their next scheduled shift, or additional hours worked pursuant to Article 22.02(b).

22.03 Breaks

- (a) Regular hours of work shall, as scheduled by the Employer, include one (1) rest period of fifteen (15) minutes in instances where the shift is less than seven and one quarter ($7 \frac{1}{4}$) hours but more than three and three quarter ($3 \frac{3}{4}$) hours and exclude an unpaid meal break of not less than forty-five (45) minutes, unless mutually agreed between the Employer and Employee.
- (b) Except for these breaks, hours of work shall be consecutive.
- (c) If an Employee is required to work and is recalled to duty during their meal period, compensating time off shall be provided later in the day, or they shall receive pay at the applicable overtime rate.

22.04 Shift Schedule Changes

- (a) Unless otherwise agreed between the Employer and the part-time Employee, changes in start time of work or changes to a different scheduled day of the week requires a minimum of four (4) weeks' notice.
- (b) When changes to shift schedules are made without following these guidelines outlined in Articles 22.04(a), overtime rate of two times (2x) their basic rate of pay, shall apply for the first day of work of the changed schedule.

22.05 Employee Shift Trading

Employees may exchange shifts and/or days off with the approval of the Employer provided no increase in costs is incurred by the Employer.

ARTICLE 23: HOURS OF WORK FOR CASUAL EMPLOYEES

23.01 Hours of work for a casual Employee shall be:

- (a) up to seven and one quarter ($7 \frac{1}{4}$) hours per day; and
- (b) up to thirty-six and one-quarter ($36 \frac{1}{4}$) hours per week.

Flexible or modified hours of work may be implemented where mutually agreed between the Employer and Employee.

ARTICLE 24: SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL

24.01 Effective the date of ratification of this Collective Agreement, a shift differential of two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$2.75) per hour shall be paid in addition to the basic rate of pay to:

- (a) employees working a shift wherein the majority of the hours fall within 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.; or
- (b) employees for each regularly scheduled hour worked between 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. provided that greater than one (1) hour is worked.

ARTICLE 25: OVERTIME

- 25.01 Overtime is all time authorized by the Employer and worked by an Employee in excess of their regularly scheduled hours of work. Overtime worked will be paid at two times (2x) the Employee's basic hourly rate of pay thereafter, exclusive of meal periods if taken.
- 25.02 An Employee required by the Employer to work on their scheduled day(s) off will receive two times (2x) their basic hourly rate of pay for hours worked. This premium payment will cease and the Employee's basic rate of pay will apply at the start of their next regular working period.
- 25.03 By mutual agreement between the Employer and Employee, time off at the applicable overtime rate may be granted in lieu of overtime pay.
- 25.04 Requests for authorization for overtime shall not be unreasonably denied.
- 25.05 Where possible, the Employee shall see approval for overtime prior to it occurring.

ARTICLE 26: PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

- 26.01 When an Employee is required to wear protective clothing in the course of their work, it shall be the responsibility of the Employer to provide and launder such clothing.
- 26.02 Any Employee that is required to wear Personal Protective Equipment in the course of their work, shall either have the Employer provide such equipment or reimburse the Employee in accordance with the Employer policy.
- 26.03 Provisions in the Employer's Corporate policy restricting payment for steel-toed work boots shall not apply. For steel-toed work boots the Millard Health policy will apply.
- 26.04 Employees who realize damage to their clothing directly caused by the conditions of their employment shall have that clothing replaced or repaired by the Employer unless the damage is caused by the Employee's refusal to wear protective clothing. Normal wear and tear shall not be considered the responsibility of the Employer.

ARTICLE 27: TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE

- 27.01 It is not an expectation that an Employee utilize a personal vehicle for corporate related purposes. If there are extenuating circumstances resulting in a fleet vehicle not being available, the Employee shall seek Employer approval. In the event the Employee chooses to use a private automobile on the Employer's business, the Employee will be reimbursed at the rate established for all Employees of the Employer.
- 27.02 Should an Employee covered by this Collective Agreement be required to travel outside the City of Edmonton on the business of the Employer, the Employee will

be reimbursed according to the current policy of the Employer. The Employee will be made aware of the details of this policy and the necessary procedures to be followed in claiming these expenses.

ARTICLE 28: SALARIES

- 28.01 Both parties to this Collective Agreement recognize that an Employee normally improves in skill and ability relative to experience. In the event that there is just reason to believe that such improvement has not occurred, an increment may be withheld. Where an increment is withheld, the Employee shall be so advised, in writing, and their performance will be reevaluated on a month-to-month basis. After they reach a satisfactory performance level, the increment shall be granted as of that date, however, their anniversary date for increment purposes shall not be changed.
- 28.02 Basic monthly salary scales and merit performance increments as set out hereinafter shall be applicable to an Employee employed in a designated classification only when such classification has been created within the work force of the Employer and falls within the scope of this bargaining unit.
- 28.03 The parties to this Collective Agreement acknowledge that local organization and operation vary according to circumstances and that it may be necessary to establish additional classifications and salary levels to those stated in Article 28.04. In such situations, the provisions of Article 12 apply.
- 28.04 Monthly Salary Scales - See Appendix "A".
- 28.05 Salary reviews will be conducted annually subject to Article 28.01.
- 28.06 An Employee who terminates their employment with the Employer prior to the signing of this Collective Agreement shall be entitled to retroactive pay for the applicable general salary increase, for the period they were employed between January 1, 2021 and their termination date, provided application for such retroactive pay is made in writing on termination but no later than ninety (90) days after the signing of this Collective Agreement by the Employer.
- 28.07 An Employee who has completed the required training in any of the classifications covered by this Collective Agreement, and who is awaiting registration examinations or results of same, shall be paid the starting rate of the classification.
- 28.08 The Employer will recognize long and faithful service in accordance with its Long Service Policy for all Employees.

ARTICLE 29: RECOGNITION OF PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

- 29.01 Salary recognition shall be granted for work experience satisfactory to the Employer (including experience in the private sector), provided not more than four (4) years have elapsed since such experience was obtained as outlined in the following guidelines:
- (a) one (1) annual increment for one (1) year experience within the last five (5) years;
 - (b) two (2) annual increments for two (2) years experience within the last six (6) years;
 - (c) three (3) annual increments for three (3) years experience within the last seven (7) years;
 - (d) four (4) annual increments for four (4) years experience within the last eight (8) years;
 - (e) five (5) annual increments for five (5) years experience within the last nine (9) years; or
 - (f) six (6) annual increments for six (6) years experience within the last ten (10) years.
- 29.02 Further increments for previous experience may be granted at the discretion of the Employer.

ARTICLE 30: OVER/UNDER PAYMENTS

- 30.01 In the event that an Employee is over or under compensated by an error on the part of the Employer, the Employer may commence correction of such compensation error in the month immediately following the date when the Employee or Employer first became aware of the error. With respect to overpayments, repayment arrangements between the Employer and the Employee may be made by agreement. In the event a mutual arrangement cannot be made, the Employer shall recover the overpayment by deducting up to ten percent (10%) off the Employee's gross earnings per pay period. If an underpayment is brought to the attention of the Employer by the Employee, and that underpayment is not corrected by the second pay day following the date of discovery of the error, or the date on which the Employee ought reasonably to have discovered the error, the Employee shall have ten (10) days to file a grievance under Article 48.
- 30.02 In the event of over/under payments, where requested by the Employee, the Employer shall be provided with details of all calculations.

ARTICLE 31: VACATIONS

- 31.01 All full-time Employees (permanent and long-term temporary), shall earn entitlement to vacation.
- 31.02 During the first (1st) and each subsequent year of continuous full-time employment, an Employee shall earn entitlement to vacation on a basis of twelve decimal zero eight (12.08) hours for each month worked to a maximum of one hundred and forty-four decimal nine six (144.96) hours.
- 31.03 Upon completion of the sixth (6th) and each subsequent year of continuous full time employment, an Employee shall earn entitlement to vacation on a basis of fifteen decimal one zero (15.10) hours for each month worked to a maximum of one hundred and eighty-one decimal two zero (181.20) hours.
- 31.04 Upon completion of the sixteenth (16th) and each subsequent year of continuous full time employment, an Employee shall earn entitlement to vacation on a basis of eighteen decimal one three (18.13) hours for each month worked to a maximum of two hundred and seventeen decimal five six (217.56) hours.
- 31.05 Upon completion of the twenty-fourth (24th) and each subsequent year of continuous full time employment, an Employee shall earn entitlement to vacation on a basis of twenty-one decimal one five (21.15) hours for each month worked to a maximum of two hundred and fifty-three decimal eight zero (253.80) hours.
- 31.06 Vacation entitlements shall not be cumulative. Vacation shall be taken in the calendar year in which it is earned. The Employer may approve a request for a carry-over of vacation into the following calendar year as follows:

Entitlement	Permitted Carry-Over
144.96 hours	36.25 (36 ¼) hours
181.20 hours or more	72.50 hours

- 31.07 Unless given six (6) weeks' advance notice of an alteration of their scheduled vacation period, an Employee required by the Employer to work in their vacation period will receive two times (2x) their basic rate of pay for hours worked. This premium payment will cease and the Employee's basic rate of pay will apply at the start of their next regularly scheduled day. The time so worked will be rescheduled as vacation leave with pay to be added to the vacation period, when possible, or the Employee will be granted equivalent time off in lieu thereof within thirty (30) days of return to work from vacation. With the approval of the Employer, an Employee may elect to receive regular pay in lieu of the aforementioned time off.

The Employer shall be responsible for all non-refundable costs related to alteration or cancellation of the vacation.

- 31.08 An Employee, on the effective date of this Collective Agreement, who was entitled to vacation in excess of that set out in this Article, shall retain same.
- 31.09 Short-term temporary and casual Employees shall be paid six percent (6%) of their basic rate of pay for each hour worked, to be included on each month-end pay cheque in lieu of paid vacation.

31.10 All permanent part-time and long-term temporary part-time Employees shall be paid vacation pay on each month-end cheque at the following rates:

- (i) eight percent (8%) of their salary if their service is less than six years;
- (ii) ten percent (10%) of their salary after six years of service;
- (iii) twelve percent (12%) of their salary after 16 years of service; and
- (iv) fourteen percent (14%) of their salary after 24 years of service.

31.11 Scheduling Vacation

- (a) Each program/service area shall set out an annual date for Employees to make vacation requests and ensure a process that allows for staff to know what dates are available based on selection picks according to seniority. Seniority shall be considered where there is a dispute regarding preference for the time when vacations are to be taken. The vacation planner will include a deadline for submissions of requests and a date not greater than four (4) weeks by which vacation requests will be approved or denied.
- (b) Employees will make vacation requests by the deadline if they wish to exercise seniority on scheduling preferences. Requests received after this deadline shall be on a first-come, first-served basis and will be approved or denied within two (2) weeks of the request being submitted or as is reasonable based upon the date the vacation request was submitted. The Employer shall ensure a process that allows staff to see what dates are available and what requests are pending and approved based on the request date.
- (c) In expressing their vacation preferences, subject only to operational requirements, Employees will have the right to exercise their seniority for a guarantee of vacation in only one (1) of four (4) "prime times". When an Employee exercises their seniority for vacation preferences in one of the four (4) "prime time" periods, they shall not be allowed to exercise their seniority rights for the same timeframe in the next vacation year.

"Prime times" are defined as follows:

- (i) the first (1st) prime time (Easter) will be one (1) week before and one (1) week after Easter Sunday in each year;
- (ii) the second (2nd) prime time (Early Summer) will be between June 15 up to the August Civic Holiday in each year;
- (iii) the third (3rd) prime time (Late Summer) will be following the August Civic Holiday and September 15 in each year; and
- (iv) the fourth (4th) prime time (Christmas) will be between December 15 and January 2 in each following year.

- (d) When a vacation request cannot be approved in its entirety, and a portion of that vacation request is available, the Employee will be contacted within the approval timelines outlined in 31.11 (a) and (b) and shall be given the option to modify the original vacation request.
- (e) An Employee may request vacation consecutively across Early and Late Summer Peak Periods and must choose one Summer Peak Period in which to exercise their seniority for the entire request. In this scenario, seniority rights cannot be exercised for either Early or Late Summer Prime Time in the following year.

ARTICLE 32: NAMED HOLIDAYS

32.01 Full-time Employees shall be entitled to a day off with pay on or for the following named holidays:

New Years Day	Labour Day
Family Day	Thanksgiving Day
Good Friday	Remembrance Day
Easter Monday	Christmas Day
Victoria Day	Boxing Day
Canada Day	One day: Christmas Floater
August Civic Day	
National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	

and all general holidays proclaimed to be a statutory holiday by any of the following:

- (a) the Municipal Government;
- (b) the Province of Alberta; or
- (c) the Government of Canada.

32.02 To qualify for a named holiday with pay, the Employee must:

- (a) work the scheduled day immediately prior to and immediately following each holiday except where the Employee is absent due to illness or other reasons acceptable to the Employer; and
- (b) work on the holiday when scheduled or required to do so.

32.03 An Employee required by the Employer to work on a named holiday shall be paid for all hours worked on the paid named holiday at one and one-half times (1½x) their basic rate plus:

- (a) one (1) day's pay; or
- (b) by mutual agreement, a day off with pay within thirty (30) days either before or after the holiday; or
- (c) by mutual agreement, a day added to their next annual vacation; or

(d) by mutual agreement, compensating time off for all scheduled overtime hours worked at two and one-half times (2 ½x) the hours worked to be taken within thirty (30) days of the named holiday unless the Employer approves a longer period.

32.04 No payment shall be due for a named holiday which occurs during:

(a) a layoff; or

(b) all forms of leave during which an Employee is not paid.

32.05 Subject to Article 32.02, when a named holiday falls on a day that would otherwise be an Employee's regularly scheduled day off, the Employee shall receive an alternate day off at their basic rate of pay.

32.06 A permanent part-time, long-term part-time, short-term part-time or casual Employee shall be paid in addition to their basic rate of pay, with each month-end pay, five decimal zero percent (5.0%) of their basic hourly rate of pay, in lieu of the named holidays and floater holiday.

ARTICLE 33: GENERAL POLICIES COVERING LEAVES OF ABSENCE

33.01 All applications for leave of absence must be made in writing to the Employer.

33.02 Leaves of absence greater than twenty two (22) working days shall be made to the Employer sixty (60) calendar days in advance of such leave unless the Employer agrees to a lesser period. The application shall specify the requested dates and the reason for the leave. An approval shall not be unreasonably denied.

33.03 All vacation entitlement must be used before an unpaid leave of absence is approved. The vacation entitlement does not need to be exhausted for other leaves of absence outlined in Article 37, 52 and Letter of Understanding #1.

33.04 The Employer will acknowledge receipt of the request, in writing, within fourteen (14) calendar days of the Employee's request.

33.05 Where possible, the Employer will communicate its decision a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days prior to the requested commencement of such leave, provided the Employee's written request is submitted a minimum of two (2) months prior to the leave.

33.06 Where approval is denied, the Employer will respond in writing and reasons shall be given.

33.07 An Employee who has been granted leave of absence of any kind and who overstays their leave without permission of the Employer shall be deemed to have terminated their employment.

33.08 In the case of leave of absence in excess of twenty two (22) working days duration, an Employee may make prior arrangements and be responsible for the

payment of the full premiums of any benefit plans they are eligible for and chooses to continue.

- 33.09 In the case of a leave of absence in excess of twenty two (22) working days, an Employee shall cease to earn sick leave, vacation credits, termination benefits and long service awards. An Employee's increment date shall be adjusted by the same amount of time as the leave of absence and the new increment date shall prevail thereafter (except for educational leave defined in Article 35).
- 33.10 A leave of absence without pay of up to and including five (5) days per year to extend vacation time may be granted by the Employer. Leave of absence in excess of five (5) days shall not be unreasonably withheld. Approval will be based on:
- (a) the circumstances of the request; and
 - (b) whether it is practical and reasonable for the department to grant the request.

ARTICLE 34: EARNED TIME OFF

- 34.01 Full-time Employees (permanent and long-term) are eligible to participate in the Earned Time Off (ETO) schedule. Participation is voluntary and is subject to management approval.
- 34.02 Full-time Employees who participate in the ETO schedule work seven hours and thirty-five minutes per day to earn one (1) day off per month.
- 34.03 An ETO day is taken in the 1st full month after it is earned.
- 34.04 ETO days may not be banked at the Employee's discretion but may be rescheduled subject to mutual agreement.
- 34.05 Either party may withdraw from the ETO schedule by providing notice as per Article 21.04.

ARTICLE 35: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL LEAVE

- 35.01 A professional development allocation of forty times (40x) the hourly rate of pay, shall be available for permanent Employees of zero decimal four (0.4) FTE or greater, as of January 1st each year. This fund can be used for: reimbursement of tuition costs, registration fees, materials, travel costs for professional development courses and reimbursement of required professional membership and licensing fees. Employees will also be able to access Leave of Absence (LOA) with pay up to two (2) working days per year. It will remain the discretion of the Employer to approve educational requests based on operational requirements.
- 35.02 The professional development allocation will be pro-rated for new Employees or temporary employees granted permanent status during the course of a year. The allocation amount will be determined from the 1st of the next month following date of hire. For example, a new staff member hired on July 17th, the allocation

amount would be calculated beginning on August 1st of that year and would be pro-rated for the remainder of that year. As such, the new staff member would be allocated professional development funds as follows: 40x their hourly rate x 5/12. It will remain the discretion of the Employer to approve educational requests based on operational requirements.

- 35.03 Should the Employer direct an Employee to participate in an instructional program during their normal day of work, such participation shall be without loss of earnings calculated at their basic rate of pay, and the Employer will reimburse prior approved expenses. Should the Employer direct a permanent full-time Employee to participate in an instructional program on their regularly scheduled days of rest, they shall be compensated at two times (2x) their basic rate of pay for time spent on authorized educational leave instructional time. All Employees shall be compensated at two times (2x) their basic rate of pay for all time spent on authorized training in excess of their normal daily hours of work. Alternatively, remuneration may be provided in the form of compensating time off at a mutually agreed upon time.
- 35.04 For the purpose of determining salary increments, an Employee shall be deemed to remain in the continuous service of the Employer for the first eighteen (18) calendar months only of such period of leave. In the event the period of education leave continues for a period in excess of eighteen (18) months, an Employee's salary increment date shall be delayed by the amount of time that said leave exceeds eighteen (18) months and the newly established increment date shall prevail thereafter.
- 35.05 In the granting of leave of absence to enable Employees to participate in professional seminars, workshops and/or other programs that are conducted as a means of upgrading job-related knowledge and skills, the Employer shall endeavour to ensure that each Employee be given an equal opportunity to attend such educational programs.

ARTICLE 36: BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

- 36.01 If a death occurs in the employee's immediate family, up to five (5) working days leave may be granted, without a loss of pay. If considerable travel is involved, an additional two (2) days travel time with pay may be granted. Part-time employees will be entitled to the same benefit; meaning if their regular work schedule for that week is three (3) days, then they would be entitled to those three (3) days as paid bereavement leave.
- 36.02 Supervisors may approve reinstatement of up to seven (7) vacation days (including two (2) days travel time) if a death occurs in the employee's immediate family while the employee is on vacation.
- 36.03 Bereavement leave may be granted in order for an employee to attend the funeral of a close personal friend or a relative who is not immediate family.
- 36.04 Definition of Immediate Family

Immediate family includes spouse, child (step), parent (step), brother (step), sister (step), partner (including common-law partner), mother-in-law, father-in-

law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, guardian, grandparent or grandchild.

ARTICLE 37: MATERNITY, PARENTAL AND ADOPTIVE PARENT LEAVE

Maternity Leave

- 37.01 An Employee who has completed ninety (90) days of employment shall, upon their written request, be granted maternity leave to become effective thirteen (13) weeks immediately preceding the estimated date of delivery, or such shorter period as they may request. Such leave shall be without pay and benefits and shall not exceed eighteen (18) months (sixteen (16) weeks of unpaid maternity leave and sixty-two (62) weeks of unpaid parental leave) unless an extension is granted by the Employer. Requests for extension shall not be unreasonably denied. Such extension, when granted, shall not exceed an additional six (6) months.
- 37.02 Maternity leave shall be without pay and benefits except for the portion of leave during which the Employee has a valid health-related reason for being absent from work and is also in receipt of any of: Sick Leave, Employment Insurance Supplementary Unemployment Insurance Benefit (SUB) or Long Term Disability (LTD). During this period, benefit plan premium payments shall be administered in the same fashion as an Employee absent due to illness.

Parental/Adoptive Leave

- 37.03 A parent-to-be who has completed ninety (90) days of employment shall, upon written request, be granted an unpaid leave to commence two (2) weeks prior to the delivery or such shorter period as may be mutually agreed between the Employee and Employer. Such leave shall be without pay and benefits and shall not exceed sixty-two (62) weeks.
- 37.04 An Employee who has completed ~~her~~ ninety (90) days of employment shall be granted a leave of absence for a period of up to sixty-two (62) weeks in duration for the purpose of adopting a child provided that:
- (a) they make written request for such leave at the time the application for adoption is approved; and
 - (b) they provide the Employer, where possible, with at least one (1) full working day notice that such leave is to commence. Requests for extension shall not be unreasonably denied. Such extension when granted, shall not exceed an additional six (6) months.
- 37.05 Parental/Adoptive leave must be completed within seventy-eight (78) weeks of the date the baby is born or placed with the parents.

Giving Notice

- 37.06 Starting Leave: An Employee must give written notice of at least six (6) weeks before starting maternity or parental leave.
- 37.07 Returning to Work: An Employee absent on maternity, parental or adoption leave shall provide the Employer with four (4) weeks written notice of readiness to return to work or to confirm they will not be returning to work after their leave ends. Following such notice, the Employer will reinstate them in the same position held immediately prior to taking such leave or provide them with alternate work of a comparable nature at not less than the same step in the salary scale and with other benefits accrued to them up to the date they commenced the leave.

ARTICLE 38: PERSONAL LEAVE

- 38.01 Employees may encounter situations requiring their immediate attention during working hours. Personal Leave may be granted in accordance with the Employer's Policy.
- 38.02 Any other provisions of this plan will be determined solely by the Employer.

ARTICLE 39: UNION BUSINESS

- 39.01 Provided the efficiency of Millard Health shall not in any case be seriously disrupted, leave of absence without pay shall be granted by the Employer to an Employee elected or appointed to represent the Union at Conventions, Meetings, Workshops, Seminars and Schools provided the Employee gives the Employer five (5) working days' written notice for such leave or whatever lesser period the Employer may agree to. An approval shall not unreasonably be denied.

ARTICLE 40: COURT APPEARANCE

- 40.01 An Employee required by law to appear in court as a witness for reasons arising from their employment, for jury selection, or as a member of a jury shall:
 - (a) suffer no loss of regular earnings for the scheduled shifts so missed; and
 - (b) be paid at their basic rate of pay for the hours of attendance at court on their scheduled day of rest and be granted an alternate day of rest as scheduled by the Employer. Such rescheduling shall not be construed to be a violation of Article 21.02.

For purposes of clarification, a casual Employee shall be paid only for the hours of attendance at court. Any monies received by the Employee from the Court shall be paid over to the Employer.

- 40.02 When an Employee is required to attend Court for matters arising outside their employment, they shall be granted a leave of absence without pay.

ARTICLE 41: HEALTH BENEFITS

41.01 Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan

- (a) This plan provides basic coverage for medical and hospital expenses.
- (b) Where premiums are required, Employees pay the full premium for this plan.

41.02 Extended Medical, Dental, Vision Care Plans and Health or Wellness Spending Account

- (a) Extended Medical Plan
This plan provides for partial coverage for prescription drugs and supplementary hospital and medical expenses.
- (b) Dental Plan
This plan provides coverage for basic dental work and partial reimbursement for major work such as crowns and bridges. An option is available for orthodontics.
- (c) Vision Care Plan
This plan provides partial coverage for the purchase or repair of glasses or contact lenses, and optical examinations.
- (d) Health or Wellness Spending Account
This plan provides an amount to be used for discretionary health or wellness claims.

41.03 Notwithstanding Article 41.02, limitations to benefits and other provisions of these plans will be determined solely by the Employer Policy and the contract with the carrier.

41.04 This article applies only to permanent and long-term temporary Employees.

41.05 The Employer will pay the full amount of the claims and administration costs for these plans as outlined in the contract with the carrier, including any increases.

ARTICLE 42: SICK LEAVE

42.01 Sick leave is provided by the Employer for any legitimate health-related reason for being absent from work, quarantine by a Medical Officer of Health, or because of an accident for which compensation is not payable under *The Workers' Compensation Act*.

42.02 The Employer recognizes that alcoholism, drug addiction and mental illness are illnesses which may respond to therapy and treatment, and that absence from work due to such therapy shall be considered sick leave.

42.03 After an Employee has completed three (3) months' continuous employment, they shall be entitled to sick leave pay to a maximum of six hundred and thirty-eight (638) hours and benefits in accordance with the schedule outlined in Article 42.07.

42.04 Employees may be required to submit satisfactory proof to the Employer of any health-related reason for being absent from work. Employees who abuse sick leave may be discharged.

42.05 Leave of Absence and Sick Leave

(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Collective Agreement, sick leave pay shall not be granted during any leave of absence or lay-off.

(b) Sick leave pay shall be granted for complications which arise from a pregnancy before and after completion of a maternity leave of absence provided that appropriate medical evidence supports such complications.

42.06 Employees are not eligible for sick leave for the first three (3) months of employment.

42.07 Sick leave entitlement shall be accrued in the following manner:

Service	Benefit Level	
	Hours @ Full Salary	Hours @ 90% Salary
More than Three Months but Less than One Year	159.5	478.5
One Year but Less than Three Years	319	319
Three Years but Less than Six Years	478.5	159.5
Six Years or More	638	---

42.08 No sick leave shall be granted for any illness which is incurred once an Employee commences their vacation. In that event, the Employee will be receiving vacation pay. However, sick leave shall be granted:

(a) if an Employee becomes ill during their vacation period as stated in Article 42.09 below, only after the expiry of the Employee's vacation and provided the illness continues beyond the vacation;

(b) for the period of sick time falling within a scheduled vacation period that the Employee becomes ill prior to the commencement of the scheduled vacation, if the Employee so wishes, the number of sick days paid within the scheduled vacation period shall be considered as vacation days not taken and may be rescheduled to a later date.

42.09 Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 42.07, should an Employee be admitted to hospital as an "in-patient" or confined to their bed on the advisement of a physician during the course of their vacation, they shall be considered as being on sick leave for the period of hospitalization or confinement and subsequent period of recovery provided they notify their Employer upon return from vacation and provides satisfactory proof of their hospitalization or confinement. Vacation time not taken as a result of such stay in hospital or confinement shall be rescheduled to a mutually agreeable time.

- 42.10 Should an Employee be terminated or laid off while on sick leave, sick pay shall continue until sick leave is exhausted, or until recovery from the illness, whichever occurs first.
- 42.11 An illness which is the result of service in the armed forces, or arising out of a criminal offense if found guilty by a criminal court is an exclusion from sick leave pay.
- 42.12 In the case of a long-term temporary Employee who is in receipt of sick leave pay at the date of the anticipated termination of temporary employment, such sick leave pay shall cease.

ARTICLE 43: LONG TERM DISABILITY PLAN

- 43.01 The Employer will continue to provide for Employees covered by this Collective Agreement the Long Term Disability Plan that is currently in effect.

ARTICLE 44: WORKERS' COMPENSATION

- 44.01 When an Employee is unable to work due to a work-related injury, the Employee will be eligible for Workers' Compensation and retained on full salary for the period of temporary total disability in accordance with the Employer's Policy for all staff.

ARTICLE 45: GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PLAN

- 45.01 Group Life Insurance consists of:
- (a) basic compulsory coverage including accidental death and dismemberment;
 - (b) optional additional Employee coverage; and
 - (c) dependent coverage.
- 45.02 Limitations to the benefits and other provisions of this plan will be determined solely by Employer Policy and the contract with the carrier. Basic and dependent insurance is paid one hundred percent (100%) by the Employer.

ARTICLE 46: PENSION PLAN

- 46.01 The Employer shall provide retirement benefits for eligible Employees by way of participation under the *Public Service Pension Act*.

ARTICLE 47: DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL

- 47.01 **Just Cause**
Except for the dismissal of an Employee serving a probationary period, there shall be no discipline or dismissal except for just cause.

47.02 Notice of Disciplinary Action

Where circumstances permit, the Employer shall schedule a disciplinary discussion with the Employee by giving reasonable advance notice which shall not be less than twenty-four (24) hours. The Employer shall advise the Employee of the nature of the meeting and that they have the right to be accompanied by a representative of the Union at such meeting. The Union may request an extension of twenty-four (24) hours in order to arrange the attendance of a Labour Relations Officer or designate and such requests shall not be unreasonably denied. The Employee shall be compensated at their applicable rate of pay for the duration of such meeting(s) which shall take place during regular work hours.

47.03 Warning Letters

Unsatisfactory performance or conduct by an Employee which is considered by the Employer to be serious enough to be entered on the Employee's records but not serious enough to warrant suspension or dismissal, may result in a written warning to the Employee with a copy to the Union within four (4) working days of the disciplinary action unless the Employee expressly requests in writing that a copy not be sent. The written warning shall indicate that it is disciplinary action. It shall state a definite period in which improvements or correction is expected and, at the conclusion of such time, the Employee's performance shall be reviewed with respect to the discipline. The Employee shall be informed in writing of the results of the review including a summary of the information it relied on to support its discipline. The assignment of an improvement or correction period shall not act to restrict the Employer's right to take further action during said period should the Employee's performance so warrant.

47.04 Suspension or Dismissal

- (a) The procedure stated in Article 47.03 does not prevent immediate suspension or dismissal for just cause.
- (b) An Employee who has been suspended or dismissed shall receive from the Employer, in writing, the reason(s) for suspension or dismissal, including a summary of the information it relied on to support its discipline and a copy of the letter shall be sent to the Union within two (2) working days unless the Employee expressly requests in writing that a copy not be sent.
- (c) An Employee who is dismissed shall receive wages and other monetary entitlements to which they are entitled as soon as the Employer can make the wages and other monetary entitlements available. In any event, the Employer will not delay receipt of wages beyond four (4) working days.

47.05 Documentation of Discipline

- (a) Any written documents pertaining to disciplinary action or dismissal shall be removed from the Employee's file when such disciplinary action or dismissal has been grieved and determined to be unjustified.
- (b) An Employee who has been subject to disciplinary action may, after twenty-four (24) months from the date the disciplinary measure was initiated, request in writing to the appropriate Manager of Millard Health that their

record be cleared of the disciplinary action. Such request may be granted provided the Employee's file does not contain any further disciplinary action during the twenty-four (24) month period. The Employer will confirm, in writing, to the Employee that such action has been effected.

47.06 **Mandatory Reporting to Regulatory Bodies**

In the event that an Employee is reported to their regulatory body by the Employer, the Employee shall be advised within one (1) working day and receive a copy of the complaint that was sent.

ARTICLE 48: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

48.01 **Resolution of a Difference Between an Employee and the Employer**

(a) If a difference arises between an Employee and the Employer regarding the interpretation, application, operation or alleged contravention of this Collective Agreement, the Employee shall first seek to settle the difference through discussion with the Manager/Service Manager/Team Lead. Should the difference not be resolved in this manner, it may become a grievance and be advanced to the next level.

(b) Director Review

The grievance shall be submitted, in writing, by either the Union or the Employee to the Director, Millard Health or his designate within ten (10) working days of the act causing the grievance or within ten (10) working days of the time that the Employee could reasonably have become aware that a violation of this Collective Agreement may have occurred. The grievance must be signed by the Employee and indicate the nature of the grievance, the Article(s) claimed to have been violated, and the redress sought with a copy to the Director, Human Resources.

Upon receipt of the grievance, the Director, Millard Health shall arrange to meet with the Union representative, with or without the Employee, to hear the details concerning the grievance. The Director or his designate should not be privy to the details of the dispute in question. The Director, Millard Health, or his designate, shall render his decision in writing, to the Union and the Employee within ten (10) working days of receipt of the written statement of grievance.

(c) Arbitration

Should the grievance not be resolved at the Director Review level, the Union may elect to submit the grievance to arbitration. In this case, the Union shall notify the Employer in writing within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the decision of its desire to proceed to arbitration and at the same time name its appointee to the Arbitration Board. The Union shall supply a copy of the foregoing to the Director, Human Resources. By mutual agreement between the parties, in writing, a single Arbitrator may be appointed.

48.02 Procedural Rules for Grievances

- (a) Except in the case of dismissal, or while on suspension, during any and all proceedings outlined in this Article, and Article 49, an Employee shall continue to perform their duties.
- (b) A dismissal grievance shall be commenced at the Director Review level.
- (c) Neither the Employee nor a representative of the Union who may attend a meeting with the Employer respecting a grievance shall suffer any loss of regular earnings calculated at the basic rate of pay for the time spent at such a meeting except in the case of an Arbitration hearing in which event no salary shall be paid.
- (d) An Employee shall be entitled to have any duly accredited Officer of the Union present during any meeting pursuant to this grievance procedure.

48.03 Resolution of a Difference Between the Union and the Employer

- (a) In the event that a difference arises between the Union and the Employer regarding the interpretation, application, operation or alleged contravention of this Collective Agreement affecting all Employees or a group of Employees, the Union shall first attempt to resolve the matter through discussion with the Operations Manager, or his designate. Should the difference not be resolved in this manner, it may become a Policy Grievance. The Union shall submit a Policy Grievance, in writing, to the Director, Millard Health, with a copy to the Director, Human Resources, within fourteen (14) working days of the date of the act causing the grievance or within fourteen (14) working days of the time that the Union could reasonably have become aware that a violation of this Collective Agreement may have occurred indicating the nature of the grievance, the Article(s) of the Collective Agreement in dispute or allegedly violated and the redress sought, if any.
- (b) The Director, Millard Health, shall, upon receipt of a Policy Grievance, arrange to meet a representative of the Union, or their designate, to discuss the matter. The Director, Millard Health, shall render his decision, in writing, within fourteen (14) working days of receipt of the written statement of grievance.

Should the grievance not be resolved, the Union may, within fourteen (14) working days of receipt of the decision of the Director, Millard Health, submit the Policy Grievance to Arbitration and shall advise the Director, Millard Health, accordingly, in writing, and name its appointee to the Arbitration Board. By mutual agreement between the parties, in writing, a single Arbitrator may be appointed.

- (c) The Union shall provide a copy of all correspondence pertaining to the Policy Grievance under Article 48.03(a) to the Director, Human Resources.

48.04 **Grievance Time Limits**

- (a) Time limits may be extended by mutual agreement, in writing, between the Union and the Employer, with a copy of the extension request forwarded to the Employee involved within three (3) working days of the request.
- (b) Should the Employee fail to comply with any time limit in this grievance procedure, the grievance will be considered conceded and shall be abandoned, unless the parties to the difference have mutually agreed, in writing, to extend the time limit.
- (c) Should the Employer fail to respond within the time limit set out in this grievance procedure, the grievance shall automatically move to the next step or be advanced to Arbitration on the day following the expiry of the particular time limit unless the parties have mutually agreed, in writing, to extend the time limit.

ARTICLE 49: ARBITRATION

- 49.01 Within seven (7) days following receipt of notification pursuant to Article 48.01(c) or 48.03(b) that a grievance has been referred to an Arbitration Board, the Employer shall advise the Union of its appointee to the Arbitration Board. The appointees shall, within seven (7) days, endeavour to select a mutually acceptable Chair of the Arbitration Board. If they fail to agree, the Labour Relations Board shall be requested to appoint a Chair pursuant to the *Act*, upon the request of either party, or to appoint a single arbitrator.
- 49.02 The Arbitration Board or the single Arbitrator, shall hold a hearing of the grievance to determine the difference and shall render an award in writing as soon as possible after the hearing. The Chair of the Arbitration Board shall have authority to render an award with the concurrence of either of the other members. The award is final and binding upon the parties and upon any Employee affected by it and is enforceable pursuant to the *Act*.
- 49.03 The award shall be governed by the terms of this Collective Agreement and shall not alter, amend or change the terms of this Collective Agreement; however, where a Board of Arbitration, or single Arbitrator, by way of an award, determines that an Employee has been discharged or otherwise disciplined by an Employer for cause and the Collective Agreement does not contain a specific penalty for the infraction that is the subject matter of the Arbitration, the Arbitrator may substitute any penalty for the discharge or discipline that to them seems just and reasonable in all circumstances.
- 49.04 Each of the parties shall bear the expenses of its appointee to the Arbitration Board. The fees and expenses of the Chair or single Arbitrator shall be borne equally by the parties.

ARTICLE 50: COPIES OF COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

50.01 The Employer and HSAA shall provide an electronic copy of the Collective Agreement to each new Employee upon commencement of their employment.

ARTICLE 51: SENIORITY

51.01 Seniority shall be the determining factor in:

- (a) preference of vacation time;
- (b) layoffs and recalls, subject to the qualifications specified in Article 18; and
- (c) promotions and transfers within the bargaining unit subject to the qualifications specified in Article 13.

51.02 Seniority shall be considered broken, all rights forfeited, and there shall be no obligation to rehire:

- (a) when an Employee resigns or is terminated from their position with the Employer;
- (b) upon the expiry of twelve (12) months following layoff during which time the Employee has not been recalled to work; or
- (c) if an Employee does not return to work on recall to their former classification and full-time equivalency.

51.03 The Employer shall make a seniority list available to all Employees and the Union every six (6) months. This listing shall be provided monthly if there are Employees on layoff.

ARTICLE 52: COMPASSIONATE CARE LEAVE

52.01 An Employee with a qualified relative in the end-stage of life shall be entitled to a leave of absence without pay.

52.02 Any other provisions of this plan will be determined solely by the Employer.

ARTICLE 53: PRECEPTOR PAY

53.01 An Employee acting as a preceptor shall receive an additional \$1.00 per hour.

53.02 If there are two preceptors working with a single student, each preceptor will receive fifty (50) percent of the preceptor pay.

53.03 There shall be no more than two (2) preceptors per student.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #1

BETWEEN

**THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD
(hereinafter referred to as "WCB")**

And

**THE HEALTH SCIENCES ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA
(hereinafter referred to as "Union")**

RE: JOB PROTECTED LEAVES

Employee's may be eligible for the following unpaid leaves:

- (a) Reservist Leave
- (b) Domestic Violence Leave
- (c) Citizenship Ceremony Leave
- (d) Critical Illness Leave
- (e) Death or Disappearance of a Child Leave

Eligibility for, and administration of these leaves shall be determined solely by the Employer, in accordance with Alberta's Employment Standards Code.

ON BEHALF OF THE WORKERS'
COMPENSATION BOARD

Marcela Matthew

ON BEHALF OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES
ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA

Mike Boyle

Signed on behalf of Mike Boyle

Date: March 20, 2023

Date: March 17, 2023

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #2

BETWEEN

**THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD
(hereinafter referred to as "WCB")**

- and -

**THE HEALTH SCIENCES ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA
(hereinafter referred to as "Union")**

RE: EMPLOYER POLICIES

The Employer will provide to the Union copies of all Policies referenced in the Collective Agreement and will provide updates as needed.

This letter of understanding will expire on December 31, 2024.

ON BEHALF OF THE WORKERS'
COMPENSATION BOARD

Marcela Matthew

ON BEHALF OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES
ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA

Mike Boyle

Signed on behalf of Mike Boyle

Date: March 20, 2023

Date: March 17, 2023

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Collective Agreement by affixing hereto the signatures of their proper officers in that behalf.

ON BEHALF OF THE WORKERS'
COMPENSATION BOARD -
ALBERTA

ON BEHALF OF THE HEALTH
SCIENCES ASSOCIATION OF
ALBERTA

Marcela Matthew

Mike Boyle

Signed on behalf of Mike Boyle

Date: March 20/ 2023

Date: March 17, 2023

APPENDIX "A"
HSA SALARY SCALE – JANUARY 1, 2021

Grade	Job Title	Job Code	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7
H1	Health Record Technician Library Technician	H101	60,353.40	62,819.16	65,307.48	67,993.44	70,812.00	73,806.36	77,131.08
		H102	5,029.45	5,234.93	5,442.29	5,666.12	5,901.00	6,150.53	6,427.59
			31.8950	33.1981	34.5131	35.9325	37.4221	39.0045	40.7615
H2	Technical Instructor I	H202	64,316.52	67,024.56	69,711.12	72,771.60	75,897.96	79,179.00	82,723.80
			5,359.71	5,585.38	5,809.26	6,064.30	6,324.83	6,598.25	6,893.65
			33.9894	35.4205	36.8403	38.4577	40.1099	41.8438	43.7171
H3	Health Record Administrator Testing Assistant Psychological Asst (Bachelor's)	H302	68,455.68	71,274.24	74,444.88	77,439.60	80,675.88	84,243.00	88,008.12
		H303	5,704.64	5,939.52	6,203.74	6,453.30	6,722.99	7,020.25	7,334.01
			36.1768	37.6663	39.3419	40.9246	42.6348	44.5200	46.5097
H4	Exercise Therapist I	H401	70,371.72	73,189.68	75,986.04	79,024.92	82,107.36	85,299.84	89,153.16
			5,864.31	6,099.14	6,332.17	6,585.41	6,842.28	7,108.32	7,429.43
			37.1894	38.6786	40.1564	41.7624	43.3913	45.0785	47.1148
H4M	Physical Therapist I Occupational Therapist I	H4M03	76,085.64	79,132.68	82,156.08	85,441.32	88,774.32	92,225.88	96,392.40
		H4M04	6,340.47	6,594.39	6,846.34	7,120.11	7,397.86	7,685.49	8,032.70
			40.2090	41.8193	43.4171	45.1532	46.9146	48.7387	50.9406
H5	Exercise Therapist II Nurse Social Worker (Masters)	H501	77,439.60	80,720.16	84,243.00	87,259.56	91,178.76	95,252.04	99,546.00
		H513	6,453.30	6,726.68	7,020.25	7,271.63	7,598.23	7,937.67	8,295.50
			40.9246	42.6582	44.5200	46.1141	48.1853	50.3379	52.6072
H5M	Physical Therapist II Occupational Therapist II Physical Therapy Consultant	H5M03	82,085.76	85,563.60	89,297.64	92,495.16	96,649.20	100,967.28	105,518.64
		H5M04	6,840.48	7,130.30	7,441.47	7,707.93	8,054.10	8,413.94	8,793.22
			43.3799	45.2179	47.1912	48.8810	51.0763	53.3583	55.7635
H6	Psychologist (Masters)	H601	85,432.08	89,153.16	93,116.64	96,859.56	101,307.48	105,776.76	110,577.12
			7,119.34	7,429.43	7,759.72	8,071.63	8,442.29	8,814.73	9,214.76
			45.1484	47.1148	49.2094	51.1875	53.5381	55.8999	58.4368
H7	Psychologist I	H701	93,468.96	97,652.52	101,945.88	106,481.64	111,414.00	116,411.76	121,630.20
			7,789.08	8,137.71	8,495.49	8,873.47	9,284.50	9,700.98	10,135.85
			49.3956	51.6065	53.8754	56.2725	58.8791	61.5202	64.2780
H8	Psychologist II	H801	100,008.24	104,477.88	109,079.76	113,901.72	119,208.24	124,558.80	130,173.60
			8,334.02	8,706.49	9,089.98	9,491.81	9,934.02	10,379.90	10,847.80
			52.8514	55.2135	57.6455	60.1938	62.9981	65.8257	68.7930

Note: Salary Scales for 2021 represent a 0% increase from 2020

HSA SALARY SCALE – JULY 1, 2022

Grade	Job Title	Job Code	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7
H1	Health Record Technician Library Technician	H101	60,956.93	63,447.35	65,960.55	68,673.37	71,520.12	74,544.42	77,902.39
		H102	5,079.74	5,287.28	5,496.71	5,722.78	5,960.01	6,212.04	6,491.87
			32.2140	33.5301	34.8583	36.2919	37.7963	39.3946	41.1692
H2	Technical Instructor I	H202	64,959.69	67,694.81	70,408.23	73,499.32	76,656.94	79,970.79	83,551.04
			5,413.31	5,641.23	5,867.35	6,124.94	6,388.08	6,664.23	6,962.59
			34.3293	35.7748	37.2087	38.8423	40.5110	42.2623	44.1543
H3	Health Record Administrator Testing Assistant Psychological Asst (Bachelor's)	H302	69,140.24	71,986.98	75,189.33	78,214.00	81,482.64	85,085.43	88,888.20
		H303	5,761.69	5,998.92	6,265.78	6,517.83	6,790.22	7,090.45	7,407.35
			36.5386	38.0431	39.7354	41.3339	43.0612	44.9652	46.9749
H4	Exercise Therapist I	H401	71,075.44	73,921.58	76,745.90	79,815.17	82,928.43	86,152.84	90,044.69
			5,922.95	6,160.13	6,395.49	6,651.26	6,910.70	7,179.40	7,503.72
			37.5613	39.0654	40.5580	42.1800	43.8253	45.5293	47.5860
H4M	Physical Therapist I Occupational Therapist I	H4M03	76,846.50	79,924.01	82,977.64	86,295.73	89,662.06	93,148.14	97,356.32
		H4M04	6,403.87	6,660.33	6,914.80	7,191.31	7,471.84	7,762.34	8,113.03
			40.6112	42.2376	43.8513	45.6048	47.3838	49.2261	51.4500
H5	Exercise Therapist II Nurse Social Worker (Masters)	H501	78,214.00	81,527.36	85,085.43	88,132.16	92,090.55	96,204.56	100,541.46
		H513	6,517.83	6,793.95	7,090.45	7,344.35	7,674.21	8,017.05	8,378.46
			41.3339	43.0849	44.9652	46.5753	48.6672	50.8414	53.1333
H5M	Physical Therapist II Occupational Therapist II Physical Therapy Consultant	H5M03	82,906.62	86,419.24	90,190.62	93,420.11	97,615.69	101,976.95	106,573.83
		H5M04	6,908.88	7,201.60	7,515.88	7,785.01	8,134.64	8,498.08	8,881.15
			43.8138	45.6701	47.6632	49.3699	51.5871	53.8919	56.3212
H6	Psychologist (Masters)	H601	86,286.40	90,044.69	94,047.81	97,828.16	102,320.55	106,834.53	111,682.89
			7,190.53	7,503.72	7,837.32	8,152.35	8,526.71	8,902.88	9,306.91
			45.5999	47.5860	49.7016	51.6994	54.0735	56.4590	59.0212
H7	Psychologist I	H701	94,403.65	98,629.05	102,965.34	107,546.46	112,528.14	117,575.88	122,846.50
			7,866.97	8,219.09	8,580.44	8,962.20	9,377.35	9,797.99	10,237.21
			49.8896	52.1226	54.4142	56.8352	59.4679	62.1355	64.9209
H8	Psychologist II	H801	101,008.32	105,522.66	110,170.56	115,040.74	120,400.32	125,804.39	131,475.34
			8,417.36	8,793.55	9,180.88	9,586.73	10,033.36	10,483.70	10,956.28
			53.3800	55.7657	58.2220	60.7957	63.6281	66.4840	69.4810

Note: Salary Scales for 2022 represent a 1% increase from 2021

HSA SALARY SCALE – JUNE 1, 2023

Grade	Job Title	Job Code	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7
H1	Health Record Technician Library Technician	H101	61,718.90	64,240.44	66,785.06	69,531.79	72,414.12	75,476.23	78,876.17
		H102	5,143.24	5,353.37	5,565.42	5,794.32	6,034.51	6,289.69	6,573.01
			32.6167	33.9492	35.2940	36.7456	38.2688	39.8870	41.6838
H2	Technical Instructor I	H202	65,771.68	68,540.99	71,288.33	74,418.06	77,615.15	80,970.42	84,595.43
			5,480.97	5,711.75	5,940.69	6,201.50	6,467.93	6,747.54	7,049.62
			34.7585	36.2220	37.6738	39.3278	41.0174	42.7906	44.7063
H3	Health Record Administrator Testing Assistant Psychological Asst (Bachelor's)	H302	70,004.49	72,886.82	76,129.20	79,191.67	82,501.17	86,149.00	89,999.30
		H303	5,833.71	6,073.90	6,344.10	6,599.31	6,875.10	7,179.08	7,499.94
			36.9954	38.5186	40.2321	41.8505	43.5995	45.5273	47.5621
H4	Exercise Therapist I	H401	71,963.88	74,845.60	77,705.22	80,812.86	83,965.04	87,229.75	91,170.25
			5,996.99	6,237.13	6,475.44	6,734.40	6,997.09	7,269.15	7,597.52
			38.0309	39.5538	41.0650	42.7073	44.3731	46.0984	48.1809
H4M	Physical Therapist I Occupational Therapist I	H4M03	77,807.08	80,923.06	84,014.86	87,374.43	90,782.84	94,312.49	98,573.28
		H4M04	6,483.92	6,743.59	7,001.24	7,281.20	7,565.24	7,859.37	8,214.44
			41.1188	42.7655	44.3995	46.1749	47.9761	49.8415	52.0932
H5	Exercise Therapist II Nurse Social Worker (Masters)	H501	79,191.67	82,546.45	86,149.00	89,233.81	93,241.68	97,407.12	101,798.23
		H513	6,599.31	6,878.87	7,179.08	7,436.15	7,770.14	8,117.26	8,483.19
			41.8505	43.6234	45.5273	47.1575	49.2756	51.4769	53.7975
H5M	Physical Therapist II Occupational Therapist II Physical Therapy Consultant	H5M03	83,942.95	87,499.48	91,318.00	94,587.86	98,835.89	103,251.66	107,906.00
		H5M04	6,995.25	7,291.62	7,609.83	7,882.32	8,236.32	8,604.31	8,992.17
			44.3614	46.2410	48.2590	49.9870	52.2319	54.5656	57.0252
H6	Psychologist (Masters)	H601	87,364.98	91,170.25	95,223.40	99,051.01	103,599.56	108,169.96	113,078.93
			7,280.42	7,597.52	7,935.28	8,254.25	8,633.30	9,014.16	9,423.24
			46.1699	48.1809	50.3228	52.3456	54.7494	57.1647	59.7590
H7	Psychologist I	H701	95,583.70	99,861.91	104,252.41	108,890.79	113,934.74	119,045.58	124,382.08
			7,965.31	8,321.83	8,687.70	9,074.23	9,494.56	9,920.46	10,365.17
			50.5132	52.7742	55.0944	57.5457	60.2113	62.9122	65.7324
H8	Psychologist II	H801	102,270.93	106,841.69	111,547.69	116,478.75	121,905.33	127,376.94	133,118.78
			8,522.58	8,903.47	9,295.64	9,706.56	10,158.78	10,614.75	11,093.23
			54.0473	56.4628	58.9498	61.5557	64.4235	67.3151	70.3495

Note: Salary Scales for 2023 represent a 1.25% increase from 2022

HSA SALARY SCALE – JANUARY 1, 2024

Grade	Job Title	Job Code	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7
H1	Health Record Technician Library Technician	H101	62,953.27	65,525.25	68,120.76	70,922.43	73,862.40	76,985.75	80,453.69
		H102	5,246.11	5,460.44	5,676.73	5,910.20	6,155.20	6,415.48	6,704.47
			33.2690	34.6282	35.9999	37.4805	39.0342	40.6848	42.5175
H2	Technical Instructor I	H202	67,087.11	69,911.81	72,714.10	75,906.42	79,167.45	82,589.83	86,287.33
			5,590.59	5,825.98	6,059.51	6,325.53	6,597.29	6,882.49	7,190.61
			35.4536	36.9464	38.4273	40.1144	41.8377	43.6464	45.6004
H3	Health Record Administrator Testing Assistant Psychological Asst (Bachelor's)	H302	71,404.58	74,344.56	77,651.78	80,775.50	84,151.20	87,871.98	91,799.29
		H303	5,950.38	6,195.38	6,470.98	6,731.29	7,012.60	7,322.66	7,649.94
			37.7353	39.2890	41.0367	42.6875	44.4715	46.4378	48.5133
H4	Exercise Therapist I	H401	73,403.16	76,342.51	79,259.33	82,429.12	85,644.34	88,974.34	92,993.66
			6,116.93	6,361.88	6,604.94	6,869.09	7,137.03	7,414.53	7,749.47
			38.7915	40.3448	41.8863	43.5614	45.2606	47.0204	49.1445
H4M	Physical Therapist I Occupational Therapist I	H4M03	79,363.22	82,541.52	85,695.16	89,121.92	92,598.50	96,198.74	100,544.74
		H4M04	6,613.60	6,878.46	7,141.26	7,426.83	7,716.54	8,016.56	8,378.73
			41.9412	43.6208	45.2874	47.0984	48.9357	50.8383	53.1350
H5	Exercise Therapist II Nurse Social Worker (Masters)	H501	80,775.50	84,197.38	87,871.98	91,018.48	95,106.51	99,355.26	103,834.19
		H513	6,731.29	7,016.45	7,322.66	7,584.87	7,925.54	8,279.60	8,652.85
			42.6875	44.4959	46.4378	48.1007	50.2611	52.5064	54.8734
H5M	Physical Therapist II Occupational Therapist II Physical Therapy Consultant	H5M03	85,621.81	89,249.47	93,144.36	96,479.62	100,812.61	105,316.70	110,064.12
		H5M04	7,135.15	7,437.46	7,762.03	8,039.97	8,401.05	8,776.39	9,172.01
			45.2487	47.1658	49.2241	50.9867	53.2766	55.6569	58.1657
H6	Psychologist (Masters)	H601	89,112.28	92,993.66	97,127.87	101,032.03	105,671.55	110,333.36	115,340.51
			7,426.02	7,749.47	8,093.99	8,419.34	8,805.96	9,194.45	9,611.71
			47.0933	49.1445	51.3293	53.3925	55.8444	58.3080	60.9542
H7	Psychologist I	H701	97,495.37	101,859.15	106,337.45	111,068.60	116,213.44	121,426.49	126,869.72
			8,124.61	8,488.26	8,861.45	9,255.72	9,684.45	10,118.87	10,572.48
			51.5235	53.8296	56.1963	58.6966	61.4155	64.1704	67.0470
H8	Psychologist II	H801	104,316.34	108,978.53	113,778.64	118,808.32	124,343.43	129,924.48	135,781.15
			8,693.03	9,081.54	9,481.55	9,900.69	10,361.95	10,827.04	11,315.10
			55.1282	57.5920	60.1288	62.7868	65.7119	68.6614	71.7565

Note: Salary Scales for 2024 represent a 2% increase from 2023

