

AGREEMENT

Between

MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

and

COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO
(DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES – CLERICAL/PROFESSIONAL)

Local 1087

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PREAMBLE

This Agreement ("Agreement") is by and between the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders ("Employer" or "County"), and Local 1087 of the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO ("Union"), and has as its purpose the promotion of harmonious relations between the Employer and the Union, the establishment of an equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences, and the establishment of rates of pay, hours of work and other conditions of employment.

ARTICLE 1
RECOGNITION

Section 1. The County recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive representative of employees of the County at the Monmouth County Division of Social Services (“Agency”) in a unit of clerical and professional employees in the following titles but excluding temporary employees of six (6) months or less, confidential employees, managerial executives, police, blue collar and supervisory employees:

Account Clerk	Receptionist
Accounting Assistant	Senior Account Clerk
Clerk 1, 2, 3, 4	Senior DEMO
Clerk Bilingual 1, 2, 3, 4	Senior Receptionist
Clerk Stenographer 1, 2, 3, 4	Senior Telephone Operator
Coordinator of Volunteers	Senior Telephone Operator Bilingual
Data Entry Machine Operator (“DEMO”)	Senior Training Technician
Data Processing Technician	Social Service Assistant
Field Representative Housing Rehabilitation	Social Worker
Human Services Aide	Social Worker Bilingual
Human Services Specialist 1, 2, 3	Social Worker Specialist
Human Services Specialist Bilingual 1, 2, 3	Social Work Specialist Bilingual
Investigator, County Welfare Agency	Supervising Account Clerk
Keyboarding Clerk 1, 2, 3, 4	Supervising DEMO
Principal Account Clerk	Supervising Telephone Operator
Principal Data Control Clerk	Supervisor of Accounts
Principal Data Entry Machine Operator	Systems Analyst
Psychiatric Charge Technician	Telephone Operator
Psychiatric Technician	Training Technician

(Note: Bilingual titles are Spanish and English)

In recent years, the New Jersey Civil Service Commission (“Civil Service Commission”) has consolidated a number of clerical titles into four generic clerical groupings: the Clerk, Keyboarding Clerk, Record Support Technician and Clerk Stenographer series. Any previously recognized titles so affected by this consolidation shall continue to be recognized by the Union and the Employer under their new name.

Section 2. The individual serving as the clerical assistant to the Fiscal Officer shall be excluded from the negotiations unit as a confidential employee.

Section 3. Any new title authorized for use by the Employer at the Agency will be negotiated for inclusion or exclusion from the negotiations unit. In the event that agreement between the Employer and the Union is not reached on a particular title, that

title will be excluded from the negotiations unit pending resolution by the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission (“PERC”).

ARTICLE 2
UNION SECURITY

Section 1. The Employer agrees to deduct monthly, from the pay of each employee who furnishes a written authorization for such deduction, in a form acceptable to the Employer, the amount of monthly union dues. Monthly union dues shall be two (2) hours pay per month based on a forty (40) hour work week or such other amount as may be certified to the Employer by the Union at least thirty (30) days prior to the month in which the deduction of dues is to be made.

Section 2. Deduction of the union dues made pursuant to this Article shall be remitted by the Employer to the Union by the tenth day of the month following the calendar month in which such deductions were made, together with a list of employees from whose pay such deductions were made. The County will provide said report in electronic format if the County has a system capable of doing so.

Section 3. If an employee chooses not to become a member of the Union, then that employee will be required to pay a representation fee to the Union in lieu of dues. The purpose of this fee will be to offset the employee's cost of services rendered by the Union as majority representative.

The representation fee to be paid by non-members will be equal to 85% of the regular membership dues charged by the Union to its own members as permitted by law under N.J.S.A. 34:13A-5.5 through 5.8, and as that law may be amended.

Section 4. The Union shall indemnify and hold the Employer harmless against any and all such claims, suits, orders of judgments brought or issued against the Employer that arise out of any of the provisions of this Article.

Section 5. Provided space continues to be available on the Employer's computer, payroll deductions will be made available to employees on a voluntary basis for the Committee on Political Education ("COPE").

Section 6. The Employer agrees to grant one half hour to the Union to address new employees at orientation sessions.

Section 7. The Union will be permitted an aggregate of thirty-five (35) days per calendar year of paid time off and twenty (20) days per calendar year of unpaid time off for the purpose of conducting Union business. The CWA Local 1087 President will have an additional ten (10) paid days off per year to conduct Union business for both the Clerical/Professional and Supervisory Units. This time shall be used for any off-site Union activities as well as on-site meetings for which there is no provision elsewhere in the Agreement for the matter to be conducted on Employer paid time. These days shall not be cumulative.

Section 8. Any employee seeking to make use of such time shall notify the Employer and present an authorization form from the Union. The employee shall report to and from his or her normal work location before and after the Union activity. The Employer shall report all usage to the Agency's Human Resources Administrator, who shall maintain a record of the total time utilized.

Section 9. Up to four (4) Union representatives shall be released from duty for such collective negotiations sessions as are mutually scheduled to take place during work time and shall suffer no loss in regular pay.

ARTICLE 3
MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Section 1. The Employer retains and reserves unto itself all rights, powers, duties, authority and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Section 2. All such rights, powers, authority and prerogatives of management possessed by the Employer are retained, subject to limitations imposed by law, except as they are specifically abridged or modified by this Agreement.

Section 3. The Employer retains the responsibility to promulgate and enforce rules and regulations governing the conduct and activities of employees, subject to the limitations imposed by law, so long as they are not inconsistent with the express provisions of this Agreement.

Section 4. The Employer shall establish reasonable and necessary written rules of work and conduct for employees. Such rules shall be equitably applied and enforced.

Section 5. The Employer shall permit the Union to use the interoffice mail system, but no use of metered postage will be permitted.

ARTICLE 4
PERSONNEL PRACTICES AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Section 1. Each employee may review the contents of his or her personnel file upon request and may authorize a Union representative to accompany the employee during this review. An employee shall have the right to respond to any document contained within his or her personnel file within thirty (30) working days of its receipt by the employee. A response shall be directed to the appropriate party and shall be included in the employee's personnel file.

Section 2. Client-Employee Records. Because of the confidential nature of client-employee records, they are to be kept in a separate file under lock and key and shall be accessible only to authorized personnel.

Section 3. Employees shall be given a copy of all memoranda and other documents that are to be included in the personnel file. This shall not apply to routine records, such as attendance records. Additionally, employees will be afforded the opportunity to initial all documents of a disciplinary nature prior to placement in a personnel file.

Section 4. Disciplinary action shall only be taken for just cause.

Section 5. Both parties recognize the preference for the use of progressive discipline, but also understand that such concepts must be applied flexibly, based upon the nature of the alleged infraction and the circumstances surrounding its occurrence.

ARTICLE 5
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this grievance procedure is to secure, at the lowest possible level, equitable solutions to the problems that may arise affecting the terms and conditions of employment. The parties agree that this procedure will be kept as informal as may be appropriate. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting the right of any employee having a grievance to discuss the matter informally with a supervisor or other appropriate representative of the Employer. However, if such discussion involves a matter within the definition of a “contractual grievance,” any resulting grievance shall be processed only through the Union.

Section 2. Definitions. The term “grievance” shall mean an allegation that there has been: (1) a misinterpretation or misapplication of the terms of this Agreement that is subject to the grievance procedure outlined herein and shall hereinafter be referred to as a “contractual grievance,” or (2) inequitable, improper, unjust application or misinterpretation of rules or regulations, existing policy, or orders applicable to the Division of Social Services that shall be processed up to and including the Director of the Department of Human Services, and shall hereinafter be referred to as a “non-contractual grievance.”

Section 3. Presentation of a Grievance. The Employer agrees that at each step of the grievance procedure there shall be no loss of pay for the time spent in presenting the grievance by the grievant and one (1) Union representative.

Section 4. Steps of the Grievance Procedure. The following constitutes the sole and exclusive method for resolving grievances between the parties covered by this Agreement:

STEP 1

The grievant shall present a written grievance to his or her immediate supervisor within fifteen (15) working days of the occurrence complained of, or within fifteen (15) working days after the grievant would reasonably be expected to know of its occurrence. Failure to act within fifteen (15) days shall be deemed to constitute an abandonment of the grievance. In the event the issue grieved is outside the authority of the immediate supervisor to resolve, the grievant shall file the grievance with the appropriate person as designated by the Agency's Human Resources Administrator. The immediate supervisor shall render a written decision within five (5) working days after receipt of the grievance.

STEP 2

In the event a satisfactory settlement has not been reached at Step 1, the grievant shall file his or her complaint with the grievant's administrative supervisor within five (5) working days after the determination at Step 1 was issued or due. The administrative supervisor will render a written decision within ten (10) working days after receipt of the complaint.

STEP 3

In the event a satisfactory settlement has not been reached at Step 2, the grievant shall file his or her complaint with the grievant's Division director within five (5) working days after the determination at Step 2 was issued or due. The Division director shall render a written decision within ten (10) working days after the receipt of the complaint.

STEP 4

In the event a satisfactory settlement has not been reached at Step 3, the grievant may, within five (5) working days after the determination at Step 3 was issued or due, submit a statement to the Director of the Department of Human Services as to the issue in dispute. The Director shall review the decision of the Division director together with the disputed issues submitted by the grievant. The grievant and/or a Union representative may request an appearance before the Director. The Director shall render a written decision within twenty (20) working days after the matter has been reviewed. If the decision involves a non-contractual grievance, the decision of the Director shall be final.

STEP 5

(a) Any unresolved contractual grievance, except matters involving appointment, promotion or assignment or matters within the exclusive province of the Civil Service Commission may be appealed to arbitration only by the Union. The Union must file the request for arbitration within twenty (20) working days after the receipt of the written decision of the Director of the Department of Human Services on the grievance or lack thereof.

(b) Nothing in the Agreement shall be construed as compelling the Union to submit a grievance to arbitration. The Union's decision to request the movement of a grievance to arbitration or to terminate the grievance prior to submission to arbitration shall be final as to the interests of the grievant and the Union.

(c) The grievant may pursue the Civil Service Commission procedure or the grievance procedure as herein provided. Once the grievant makes the selection of procedure, such election shall be deemed final and binding and constitute an absolute waiver of the procedure not selected.

(d) The arbitrator shall be selected on a case-by-case basis from the members of the arbitration panel maintained by PERC.

(e) The parties shall meet at least ten (10) working days prior to the date of the arbitration hearing to frame the issues to be submitted to the arbitrator and to stipulate the facts of the matter in an effort to expedite the hearing.

(f) The decision or award of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the Employer, the Union, and the grievant to the extent permitted by and in accordance with applicable law and this Agreement.

(g) The arbitrator may prescribe an appropriate back pay remedy when a violation of this Agreement is found, provided such remedy is permitted by law and is consistent with the terms of this Agreement, except no award may be made that exceeds the authority of the Employer.

(h) The arbitrator shall have no authority to prescribe a monetary award as penalty for violation of this Agreement.

(i) The arbitrator shall not have the power to add to, subtract from, or modify the provisions of this Agreement. The arbitrator shall confine any decision solely to the interpretation and application of this Agreement and to the precise issue submitted for arbitration. The arbitrator shall have

no authority to determine any other issues not so submitted nor shall observations or declarations of opinions, which are not essential in reaching this determination, be submitted.

(j) The costs and services of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the Employer and the Union. Any other expenses incurred in connection with the arbitration shall be paid by the party incurring the same.

(k) The cost of the transcript, if any, will be borne by the party requesting it. If both parties request a transcript, the cost will be shared equally.

(l) The arbitrator shall hold a hearing at a time and place convenient to the parties as expeditiously as possible and shall issue a decision, in writing, within thirty (30) days after the close of the hearing.

(m) Grievance resolutions or decisions at Steps 1 through 4 shall not constitute a precedent in any arbitration or other proceeding unless a specific agreement to that effect is made by both parties. This is not to be construed as limiting the right of either party to introduce relevant evidence as to the prior conduct of the other party.

ARTICLE 6
SALARY

There shall be no step increments paid as a result of the agreed-upon across-the-board wage increases set forth in this Article. Base wage rates for all negotiations unit members shall be increased over the term of the Agreement in accordance with Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Article.

Section 1. 2015. Effective and retroactive to January 1, 2015, employees who were in the negotiations unit on or before December 31, 2014 shall uniformly receive a wage increase of \$1,239 over 2014 wage levels, in lieu of any percentage wage increase.

Section 2. 2016. Effective January 1, 2016, employees who were in the negotiations unit on or before December 31, 2015 shall receive a wage increase of 2.75% over 2015 wage levels.

Section 3. 2017. Effective January 1, 2017, employees who were in the negotiations unit on or before December 31, 2016 shall uniformly receive a wage increase of \$1,436 over 2016 wage levels, in lieu of any percentage wage increase.

Section 4. All entry-level salaries shall remain unchanged during the duration of the Agreement, except effective January 1, 2015, the salaries for Human Services Specialist 1 (07994) and Human Services Specialist 1 Bilingual Spanish & English (09000) shall move from Range Code 13 to Range Code 14 in Appendix D of this Agreement. However, employees in these titles prior to January 1, 2015 and were earning less than the minimum salary of Range Code 14 shall be entitled to either the 2015 wage increase set forth in Section 1, above, or to move to the minimum salary of Range Code 14, whichever is higher.

Section 5. The salary schedules included in the appendices to this Agreement are to be used to determine salaries when employees are promoted or demoted and to inform employees of their annual salaries.

Section 6. The agreed upon salary schedules for 2015, 2016 and 2017 are appended to this Agreement as Appendices A, B, and C, respectively.

Section 7. Upon expiration of this Agreement, absent an agreement by the parties, employees will remain on their then current step and salary range and will not receive step increments.

Section 8. The job titles and ranges for each of the titles covered by this Agreement are attached as Appendix D.

Section 9. Effective January 1, 2016, the County is permitted to permanently change the pay cycle so that an employee's annual salary will be paid in 24 bi-monthly installments, rather than the current 26 or 27 bi-weekly installments. Alternatively, should the County be unable to implement the bi-monthly pay cycle on January 1, 2016, the County shall be permitted to pay employees their annual salary in 27 equal installments rather than the typical 26 equal installments for the year 2016 only. The County shall be permitted to implement the foregoing in any reasonable manner, including calculating an employee's annual salary based upon the actual number of work hours in any particular year.

ARTICLE 7
PROMOTIONS AND DEMOTIONS

Section 1. Hiring Date. Employees hired from January 1st through March 31st will have an anniversary date of April 1st of the following year; employees hired from April 1st through June 30th will have an anniversary date of July 1st of the following year; employees hired July 1st through September 30th will have an anniversary date of October 1st of the following year; and employees hired from October 1st through December 31st will have an anniversary date of January 1st of the second year following the year of hire.

Section 2. Promotion Date. Any employee who receives a promotion in which his or her salary adjustment equals two or more increments in the old range, will automatically have his or her anniversary date changed from the hiring date to the promotion date and the computation will be as set forth above.

Section 3. Any employee who goes on a leave of absence will have his or her anniversary date changed as follows:

<u>Calendar Days of Leave</u>	<u>Anniversary Date Change</u>
30 days or less	No change in AD
Over 30 days but equal to or less than 120	AD change of 1 quarter
Over 120 days but equal to or less than 210	AD change of 2 quarters
Over 210 days but equal to or less than 300	AD change of 3 quarters
Over 300 days but equal to or less than 390	AD change of 4 quarters

Section 4. Promotions. An employee who is promoted or reclassified to another title with a higher salary range shall have his or her salary adjusted so that it provides an increase in pay of one increment of the present salary range plus the amount (if

necessary) to adjust and equalize the employee's salary to the proper step of the new range. The following examples illustrate the application of the promotion language:

Example 1: In calendar year 2015, an employee in an HSS2 title, who is on step 4 of range 17 (\$57,592 on the 2015 salary schedule), and who is promoted to an HSS3 title, range 19 will be placed on step 3 of the higher range (\$60,669 on the 2015 salary schedule).

Example 2: In calendar year 2016, an employee in an HSS1 title, who is on step E8 of range 14 (\$35,906 of the 2016 salary schedule) and who as a result of a promotion off of an open competitive eligibility list for the position of Social Worker will be placed on step E8 of range 19 (\$45,825 on the 2016 salary schedule).

Example 3: In calendar year 2016, an employee in a Clerk 1 title, who is on step E1 of range 6 (\$29,241 on the 2016 salary schedule) and who as a result of a promotion is placed in a Clerk 2 title will be placed on step E1 of range 10 (\$35,269 on the 2016 salary schedule).

Example 4: In calendar year 2016, a new employee hired as an HSS1, range 14 title, receives an entry level salary of \$34,945 (E9 of range 14 on the 2016 salary schedule). In calendar year 2017, the employee receives a promotion to the HSS2 title at range 17. That employee's salary will be increased from \$36,381 (E9 of range 14 on the 2017 salary schedule) to \$41,889 (E9 of range 17 on the 2017 salary schedule).

Section 5. Demotions. If an employee is subsequently appointed to another title with a lower salary range, the employee's salary will be reconstructed, or equalized, on the basis of his or her previous employment record.

Section 6. Job Postings. The following job openings, except entry-level clerical positions, shall be posted on all official bulletin boards for a period of five (5) working days: a newly created position, a vacancy that occurs through a leave of absence, resignation, termination or the first vacancy resulting from a promotion. No vacancy shall be deemed to exist where one or more employees have bumping rights to the job in accordance with Civil Service Commission regulations. Posting a temporary position or a position reclassified by desk audit will be at the Employer's option. The Union shall receive a copy of all notices, selections, non-posted bumping changes, reclassification, and letters of hire absent the hired employee's address.

Section 7. Transfers. Employees who are interested in being transferred may send a memo to their Section/Office head so that their interest in a transfer will be known and taken into consideration in the event of future non-posted vacancies.

Section 8. Transfers and Reassignments. Employees selected for transfer or reassignment will be given five (5) days notice by the Human Resources Administrator or the Administrative Supervisor. The Employer agrees not to routinely involuntarily transfer the Local Union President, Branch President, and Chief Shop Steward.

Section 9. The Human Resources Administrator will send Civil Service Commission promulgated examination results to the Union President upon receipt.

Section 10. Any Human Services Specialist 1 employed by the County on or before July 1, 2011 will be promoted provisionally to Human Services Specialist 2 after one (1) year. This provision shall not be applicable to any employee of the County hired after July 1, 2011. The County shall abide by all applicable Civil Service Commission regulations governing promotions.

ARTICLE 8
HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

Section 1. All full-time employees agree to work a thirty-five (35) hour week, with fifteen (15) minute breaks in the morning and in the afternoon. The normal workweek shall consist of five (5) consecutive seven (7) hour days, Monday through Friday.

Section 2. Overtime is defined as all work performed in excess of the thirty-five (35) hour workweek. The Employer agrees to compensate employees for overtime at the rate of one and one-half (1½) their regular rate of pay. Compensation may be in the form of time off or in the form of a cash payment. All overtime must be authorized by the Employer.

Section 3. In the event of inclement weather, employees may leave their areas of work early, at the discretion of the Monmouth County Administrator. If there arises a need for a skeleton crew, volunteers shall be solicited first. In the event no volunteers are forthcoming, those assigned shall be given priority for early release the next time an inclement weather situation arises. Employees remaining for a skeleton crew shall be give compensatory time off on an hour-for-hour basis.

Section 4. The Agency will close on Christmas Eve at 2:00 p.m.

Section 5. Sick leave shall not count as hours worked for overtime purposes. Employees who utilize sick leave on a day when they are assigned to work overtime assignments shall be paid for those overtime assignments at straight time.

ARTICLE 9
TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT

Section 1. When an employee works outside a classification at the request of the Employer for a period of five (5) or more consecutive working days, he or she shall receive the rate of pay for whichever job classification is the higher rate for the period of time worked.

Section 2. An employee must actually work in the higher title for five (5) or more consecutive working days. In the event of a break due to a holiday, that day shall be counted towards the consecutive work days needed to qualify for payment under this Article, as will a holiday at the beginning or end.

Section 3. In the event of a break due to an emergency closing, holiday or authorized sick leave, the employee shall be paid at the higher rate for the days actually worked, the holiday and any emergency closing, but excluding sick leave.

ARTICLE 10
EXTENDED HOURS PROGRAM

Section 1. Management Rights. The Employer reserves to itself the complete authority, power and duty to establish, maintain, modify and terminate an Extended Hours Program; and the same is reserved to designate such of its agents as it deems necessary to exercise its authority to administer, manage and supervise the program.

Section 2. Continuation of Terms of Employment and Benefits. Except as modified by the specific terms of this Agreement, all terms and conditions of employment applicable to employees participating in the Extended Hours Program and remaining in effect at the conclusion of the Program's experimental status shall continue in full force and effect. A specific inclusion into this Agreement of a prior benefit enjoyed by negotiations unit members shall not in any way be interpreted as an intent to limit, modify or discontinue non-referenced prior, existing benefits.

Section 3. Employee Participation. Employee participants shall be sought on an annual basis, commencing in June of each year, by requesting interested employees to submit a showing of interest in participating in the Extended Hours Program. In the event the Program is expanded and additional participation is sought during the year, there shall be a similar notice posted for a two week period. Employee selection shall be made by August of each year and extended hour service shall commence in September of each year, or, in the case of additional participation, within a reasonable time after posting is completed.

Only full-time employees may participate in the Extended Hours Program. Employee participant selection shall be in accordance with the following preferences, with seniority with the Employer used to break any ties:

1. new applicant to the Extended Hours Program;

2. prior participant in the Extended Hours Program; and
3. current participant in the Extended Hours Program.

Employees who have volunteered to participate but were not selected shall be placed on a “replacement list” for use in the event a vacancy occurs in the Program.

If there are an insufficient number of volunteers who meet the criteria of a job assignment, qualified volunteers with work experience in the job assignment, including volunteers from another office site, may be considered for selection. In the continuing event that there is insufficient employee participation on a volunteer basis, the Employer retains the right to appoint any qualified employee to participate in the Extended Hours Program.

It is understood that participation in the Extended Hours Program shall be for a one year period of commitment. A participating employee may withdraw from participation if there are serious, extenuating circumstances that would make continued participation a hardship to the employee.

The Employer may deny participation or discontinue participation of an employee in the Program for administrative or performance reasons, including, but not limited to the following: disciplinary history, poor evaluations, performance, attendance, reasonable needs of the unit, promotions, demotions, transfers, reassignments, or extended leaves with or without pay.

Section 4. Hours of Work. The schedule of employment hours for participants within a pay period shall be seven (7) working days of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and two (2) working days of 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (extended days) on the same day of each week, comprising a total of seventy (70) work hours in a pay period. The immediate supervisor will approve the scheduled day off and forward it to the Extended Hours Administrator

for final approval. If there is a conflict over scheduling the day off, seniority with the Employer shall be the deciding factor.

Participant meal breaks on extended days shall be completed no later than 4:30 p.m., except in unusual circumstances when approved by the Extended Hours Administrator and the Administrator. A participant shall be entitled to an additional fifteen (15) minute break on extended days.

Section 5. Absences. The Union and the Employer both recognize that attendance on extended days is critical to the success of the Program and it is understood that participant use of all forms of leave time on those days is discouraged and may require verification. If a participant must be absent on an extended day, the immediate supervisor and the Extended Hours Administrator must be notified as soon as the absence is known.

(a) Personal, Sick and Vacation Days. Personal days may be utilized on extended days only in emergent circumstances and will be charged at the rate of 1½ days each. Sick and vacation days taken on extended days will be charged at the rate of 10½ hours each.

(b) Jury Duty. A participant who is scheduled for jury duty on an extended day shall report to work at the conclusion of court proceedings. A participant who is scheduled for jury duty on a scheduled day off will receive an alternate day off.

(c) Conference Attendance. A participant in a conference on an extended day will report to work at the conclusion of the conference and, unless the conference was mandated, such attendance shall require approval by the Extended Hours Administrator in addition to the normal approvals. If a

conference is mandated for a scheduled day off, another day off shall be scheduled.

(d) Civil Service Examinations. Where a Civil Service Commission examination for a job title in use by the Employer is scheduled on an extended day, a participant shall be permitted to leave work at the regular close of business on that day and shall not lose his or her scheduled day off. Participants will be permitted to take one (1) hour vacation time.

(e) Unpaid Leave of Absence. A participant who goes on an extended leave may be removed from the Program and upon return be required to assume a regular work schedule of ten (10) work days per payroll period. If a participant is continued on the Extended Hours Program following an extended leave, that employee shall resume the extended hours schedule at the beginning of the first pay period following his or her return.

Section 6. Holidays. When a holiday falls on a scheduled day off, the regular work day as near to the holiday as possible will be utilized as the holiday, subject to supervisory approval. When a holiday falls on an extended day, the employee shall be entitled to his or her regularly scheduled day off during that pay period.

Section 7. Emergency Closings. Emergency closings affecting participants in the Extended Hours Program shall be handled in accordance with the following:

(a) Closing on a Scheduled Day Off. If the Agency is closed the whole day, another day off shall be scheduled. If the Agency is closed for only part of a day, a participant shall receive credit for the number of hours closed, unless the Agency is “closed with a skeleton crew,” in which case no alternate hours will be credited.

(b) Closing on an Extended Hours Day. If the Agency is “closed with a skeleton crew” on an extended hours day, participants serving as part of the skeleton crew shall receive compensatory time on an hour-for-hour basis. In all cases of closing on an extended hours day, participants shall be entitled to their regularly scheduled day off.

Section 8. Renewal. The terms and conditions of the Extended Hours Program shall not be changed during the life of this Agreement, unless the Employer, at its discretion, terminates the Program. If the Program is terminated, then the Employer and the Union agree to reopen this Agreement to explore options. Posting of notices shall occur in June of each year.

ARTICLE 11
HOLIDAYS

Section 1. The following days are recognized by the Employer as paid holidays:

New Year's Day	Columbus Day
Martin Luther King's Birthday	Veterans Day
President's Day	General Election Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Day after Thanksgiving
Independence Day	Christmas Day
Labor Day	

Section 2. When a holiday falls on a Saturday, it will be celebrated the preceding Friday. When a holiday falls on a Sunday, it will be celebrated on the following Monday.

Section 3. Employees shall be granted an additional day as a floating holiday, which shall be taken with prior supervisory approval.

Section 4. Employees shall be granted any additional days declared to be holidays by proclamation of the Governor of the State of New Jersey or by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders. This provision shall not apply to emergency or other special purpose closings.

ARTICLE 12
VACATIONS

Section 1. Vacation leave for full-time employees is granted and earned in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Days Earned Per Year</u>	<u>Days Earned Per Month</u>
1 st – 5 th	12	1
6 th – 12 th	15	1 1/4
13 th – 20 th	20	1 2/3
21 st onward	25	2 1/12

During the first calendar year of employment an employee must actually earn vacation leave before utilizing it. Vacation leave for part-time employees is pro-rated.

Section 2. Vacation leave must be taken during the current calendar year at such time as permitted or directed by the Employer, unless it has been determined that it cannot be taken. Any unused vacation may be carried forward into the next succeeding year only. Any carryover of unused vacation leave must be requested and approved by the Employer and must be taken on or by March 31st of the successive year, or the time will be lost to the employee. Any vacation time approved for carryover will be scheduled by the employee and approved by the Employer, with such approval not to be unreasonably withheld.

Section 3. Vacation leave may be taken in increments of fifteen (15) minutes.

Section 4. Earned, unused vacation leave will be paid upon termination.

ARTICLE 13
LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Section 1. Sick Leave. All full-time employees will be granted sick leave at the rate of one (1) day per month, or major fraction thereof, during the first calendar year of employment. Thereafter an employee shall receive fifteen (15) sick leave days per year, which shall be cumulative. During the first calendar year of employment an employee must actually earn sick leave before utilizing it. Part-time employees will be granted sick leave on a pro-rated basis. Sick leave may be taken in increments of fifteen (15) minutes.

Section 2. Personal Leave. Providing reasonable notice is given to the Employer, and subject to the discretion of the Director of the Division of Social Services, each full-time employee will be entitled to take three (3) personal leave days during the calendar year. Part-time employees shall receive one (1) personal leave day per year. During the first calendar year of employment, a new full-time employee will earn one-half (1/2) day of personal leave per month, after completion of one (1) calendar month of employment, up to a maximum of three (3) days. During the first calendar year of employment a new part-time employee will earn one-quarter (1/4) day of personal leave per month. Employees hired on or before December 31, 2009 will be entitled to four (4) personal leave days after the tenth year of employment. However, employees hired on or after January 1, 2010 shall not be entitled to the fourth personal leave day. Personal leave shall not accrue from year to year. Personal leave may be taken in increments of fifteen (15) minutes.

Section 3. Bereavement Leave. Employees shall be granted five (5) days off, with pay, in the event of the death of a parent, step-parent, spouse, civil union/domestic partner or child, including step-child. In all other cases, an employee shall be granted three (3) days off with pay in the event of the death of a member of the immediate family,

which is defined as a parent-in-law, sister or brother, grandparent, grandchild, foster child or other member of the employee's immediate household. The Employer reserves the right to verify the legal relationship of the decedent to the employee.

Section 4. Unpaid Leave. Leave without pay may be granted at the discretion of the Employer for permanent employees. Such leave may not be granted for a period exceeding six (6) months at any one time, nor exceeding one (1) continuous year, except for educational leave, which may not exceed two (2) consecutive years. A written statement from the employee setting forth the reasons why such leave is requested and the dates the proposed leave will begin and end shall be submitted to the Employer. In no event shall leave be granted to permit an employee to accept outside employment, except to work for the Union. An employee granted a leave of absence without pay shall have sick, vacation and personal leave credits reduced at the same rate as earned.

Section 5. Staff Development. In the event that the County institutes a tuition reimbursement plan, negotiations unit members shall be entitled to participate in any such plan.

Section 6. Voluntary Leave Donation. There shall be a voluntary leave donation program that follows the requirements established by the Civil Service Commission. This section shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

Section 7. Family and Medical Leave. Employees may be entitled to family and/or medical leave pursuant to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act ("FMLA") and/or the New Jersey Family Leave Act ("FLA"), and the administrative regulations promulgated thereunder. The Employer agrees to implement the FMLA and the FLA in accordance with law. Employees shall be required to comply with the County's Family

and Medical Leave Policy and shall be required to use paid leave concurrently with family and/or medical leave if the County's policy so requires.

ARTICLE 14
MEDICAL BENEFITS

Section 1. It is agreed that the County will offer a medical point of service (POS) plan for employees covered by this Agreement. Employees shall pay the amount required by current New Jersey law as a contribution towards defraying the County's cost of providing this plan, which shall not be less than 1.5% of base salary. Such employee contributions shall be placed by the County into an IRS type 125 cafeteria plan so that it shall be tax free for Federal tax purposes, in accordance with New Jersey law (P.L. 2011, c. 78). The parties agree that should an employee voluntarily waive all coverage under the County's health plan, and provide proof of coverage from a source other than the County, the County will waive the required contribution for the employee.

Section 2. The County shall continue to maintain a traditional indemnity medical insurance program, as is currently provided on a self-insured basis. However, any employee opting to participate in such program shall be responsible for a portion of the premium costs and made through automatic payroll deductions. The portion of the premium costs for which the employee shall be responsible shall in no event be less than 1.5% of the employee's annual base salary, or any greater amount required by New Jersey law. The contribution shall be placed by the County into an IRS type 125 cafeteria plan so that it shall be tax free for Federal tax purposes, in accordance with New Jersey law (P.L. 2011, c. 78).

Section 3. The traditional indemnity medical insurance program shall not be offered to employees hired on July 1, 1994 or thereafter. Furthermore, in accordance with Freeholder Resolution #94-267, any new employee hired on or after July 1, 1994 will not, regardless of their years of service anywhere, be allowed to retire from Monmouth County with any health benefits at no cost.

Section 4. Negotiations unit members, and those employees receiving benefits under the County temporary disability program, shall be provided with the prescription insurance plan established by the County. All existing prescription drug co-pays shall remain unchanged unless and until such time as these co-pays are increased for the County's employees not represented for purposes of collective negotiations. If the County imposes such increases, negotiations unit employees shall also be subject to these increases, provided, however, that co-pays shall not exceed the following:

Non-Mail Order

Retail (brand)	\$20.00 (current \$20.00)
Generics	\$10.00 (current \$5.00)

90 days Mail Order

Retail (brand)	\$15.00 (current \$15.00)
Generics	\$5.00 (current \$0.00)

Section 5. Part-time employees hired on or before July 1, 2011 are eligible for health benefit coverage if they work and receive, on a continuous basis, a salary based on a minimum of twenty (20) hours weekly. Part-time employees hired on or after July 1, 2011 are eligible for health benefit coverage if they work and receive, on a continuous basis, a salary based on a minimum of thirty (30) hours weekly. Temporary employees are not eligible for these benefits.

Section 6. The County agrees that it will cooperate with employees to arrange for a payroll deduction from electing employees so that they might purchase additional TDI coverage on the open market.

Section 7. Employees shall be provided at a minimum with the full amount of statutory compensation established by N.J.S.A. 34:15-12(a) and/or applicable law. The terms and conditions of an employee's entitlement to benefits due to a work-incurred

injury or disability shall be identical to those set by existing general County policy or any future amendments thereto.

Section 8. A memorandum of agreement executed by the parties regarding certain modifications to the County's health care and pharmaceutical plans is attached to this Agreement as an Appendix and is incorporated herein.

ARTICLE 15
HEALTH AND SAFETY

Section 1. The Employer and the Union agree that maintenance of a healthy and safe working environment is in their mutual best interest. The Employer agrees to the formation of a Health and Safety Committee to be composed of two members designated by the Union, and two members and a Chairperson designated by the Director of the Department of Human Services. The Committee will meet not more than monthly, and for not more than two hours, upon either the Employer or the Union presenting the other with a written agenda of items sought to be discussed. The Committee shall have the function of advising the Employer as to safety and health issues involving employees and it will propose solutions for those problems. The Employer reserves to itself the final determination regarding any action to be taken.

Section 2. When a health and safety violation occurs that requires corrective action by a landlord, the Director of the Department of Human Services, or a designee, will promptly notify the landlord of the problem, and provide the Union with a copy of the notice. The Union will be informed of the response of the landlord within two working days after receipt.

Section 3. The Employer will make every reasonable attempt to:

- (1) Maintain comfortable room temperatures;
- (2) Maintain adequate humidity levels; and,
- (3) Maintain and clean the ventilation system on a regular basis; and,
- (4) Provide and maintain adequate security for all employees and notify the Union of any serious security problems.

Section 4. If the parties are unable to resolve issues arising under this Article, they may be submitted to the grievance procedure contained in Article 5 of this Agreement.

Section 5. The Employer will provide the Union with a list of products that it uses for cleaning, exterminating and its duplicating equipment.

ARTICLE 16
RETIREMENT

Section 1. Any permanent employee shall be entitled upon retirement from the Public Employees' Retirement System to receive a lump sum payment for earned and unused sick leave. The payment shall be one-half of the eligible employee's daily rate of pay for each day of earned and unused sick leave, based upon the average compensation received during the last year of their employment prior to the effective day of retirement, to a maximum of \$15,000.00.

Section 2. An employee who has incurred or shall incur a break in service, as a result of a separation due to layoff, shall be credited with sick leave accrued both before separation and after return to employment. An employee incurring a break in service for any other type of separation shall have his or her sick leave computed from the date of return to employment.

Section 3. Any employee who elects a deferred retirement benefit shall not be eligible for such payment. This payment shall not affect any pension benefits under any other statute. In the event of the employee's death within one (1) year after the effective date of retirement, but before payment has been made, payment shall be made to the employee's estate.

Section 4. To the extent provided by law, and subject to Freeholder Resolution #94-267, the Employer will pay for health insurance for employees who retire with twenty-five (25) years service or under a disability retirement. In accordance with Freeholder Resolution #94-267, any new employee hired after July 1, 1994 will not, regardless of their years of service anywhere, be allowed to retire from Monmouth County with any health benefits at no cost.

ARTICLE 17
AUTOMOBILE EXPENSES

Section 1. The parties agree that any employee who is authorized and required to use a personal automobile for the Employer's business shall be reimbursed at a rate of \$0.35 per mile, and shall also receive reimbursement for automobile business insurance in the amount of \$25.00 per month providing the employee is assigned by the Employer to Travel Category B or C and shows proof of coverage. These amounts are to be paid after the filing of a monthly voucher.

Section 2. Employees will not be required to transport minor children in a personal automobile. The Employer will provide a vehicle for this purpose.

Section 3. The Employer will endeavor to assign at least one vehicle to each site at which twelve (12) or more non-Income Maintenance field service workers (Social Workers, Social Work Specialists, Coordinators of Volunteers) are assigned. This clause shall not diminish the Employer's right to maintain, service and/or reassign all vehicles in its motor pool in the best interest of the agency.

ARTICLE 18
LEGAL REPRESENTATION

Section 1. The Employer extends to all employees in the negotiations unit the same rights and benefits enjoyed by State employees under N.J.S.A. 59:10A-3, with the exception that the duty and authority of the Attorney General described in that statute shall be exercised by the Employer under the direction of the Monmouth County Counsel.

Section 2. It is understood that the Employer's insurance coverage will not only pay damages or claims, but will also defend an employee in court if he or she acts negligently within the scope of his or her employment.

ARTICLE 19
EQUAL TREATMENT

Section 1. The Employer and the Union hereby agree that they shall not discriminate against any employee because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, ancestry, religion, marital status, domestic partnership status, sexual or affectional orientation, gender identity or expression, political affiliation, mental or physical or perceived disability, age, familial status, liability for service in the Armed Forces of the United States, union membership, union non-membership, or union activity, in compliance with all applicable federal and state statutes, rules, and regulations.

Section 2. Alleged violations of this Article by either the Union or the Employer shall be pursued before the appropriate administrative or judicial forum, rather than through the grievance procedures contained in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 20
FULL BARGAIN AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES

Section 1. The parties agree that they have fully bargained and agreed upon all the terms and conditions of employment, which shall not be changed during the life of this Agreement.


Section 2. If any of the provisions of this Agreement should be held invalid by operation of law or regulation by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any provision should be restrained by such tribunal or appropriate administrative agency pending a final determination as to its validity, such provision shall be inoperative but all other provisions shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 21
TERM AND EXTENT OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be effective and retroactive to January 1, 2015 and shall continue in full force and effect through December 31, 2017.

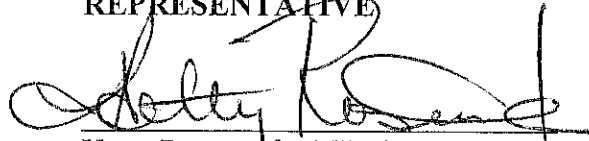
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seal on this ___ day of _____, 2016:

**MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD
OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

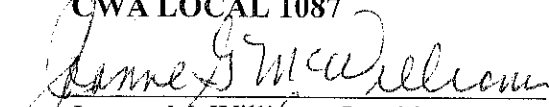

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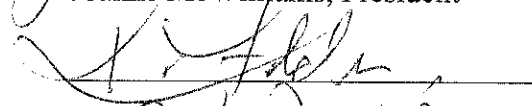

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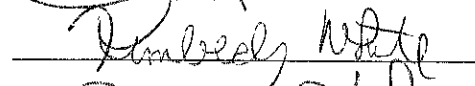
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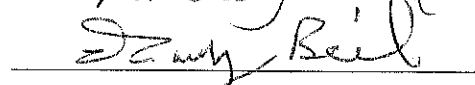

Hetty Rosenstein, NJ Director

CWA LOCAL 1087


Joanne McWilliams, President







Appendix B

2016 CWA Salary Schedule - Effective 01/01/2016
CWA Clerical / Professional

Titles	E9	E8	E7	E6	E5	E4	E3	E2	E1	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	A Step	B Step	C Step	
04	21,451	22,041	23,314	23,755	24,205	24,490	24,781	25,721	26,636	27,975	29,310	30,645	31,982	33,315	34,651	35,986	37,322	38,658	39,427	40,191	40,571	40,953	42,941
05	22,524	23,143	24,416	24,879	25,350	25,653	25,958	26,944	27,908	29,310	30,713	32,113	33,516	34,918	36,320	37,723	39,122	40,526	41,341	42,142	42,543	42,944	45,332
06	23,651	24,301	25,574	26,060	26,556	26,873	27,193	28,227	29,241	30,713	32,193	33,655	35,127	36,600	38,071	39,544	41,016	42,488	43,349	44,191	44,610	45,032	47,217
07	24,833	25,516	26,789	27,300	27,821	28,151	28,486	29,577	30,637	32,183	33,729	35,275	36,820	38,367	39,912	41,458	43,004	44,551	45,448	46,332	46,774	47,217	49,515
08	26,075	26,792	28,065	28,601	29,148	29,496	29,849	30,991	32,106	33,729	35,353	36,975	38,599	40,223	41,847	43,467	45,093	46,715	47,660	48,585	49,052	49,515	51,932
09	27,379	28,132	29,405	29,968	30,542	30,907	31,278	32,477	33,649	35,353	37,057	38,761	40,467	42,169	43,875	45,580	47,285	48,989	49,983	50,958	51,443	51,932	54,332
09A	28,064	28,836	30,109	30,685	31,274	31,649	32,028	33,258	34,458	36,205	37,951	39,698	41,445	43,189	44,936	46,683	48,429	50,176	51,198	52,197	52,697	53,196	55,599
10	28,749	29,540	30,813	31,403	32,005	32,390	32,778	34,039	35,269	37,057	38,848	40,635	42,424	44,214	46,005	47,793	49,582	51,372	52,413	53,435	53,946	54,459	56,866
11	30,186	31,016	32,289	32,910	33,543	33,944	34,353	35,677	36,987	38,848	40,726	42,604	44,483	46,363	48,242	50,120	52,001	53,879	54,976	56,049	56,586	57,124	59,533
11A	30,941	31,792	33,065	33,701	34,349	34,763	35,182	36,538	37,860	39,787	41,711	43,638	45,564	47,490	49,417	51,344	53,267	55,193	56,312	57,411	57,965	58,513	60,919
12	31,695	32,568	33,841	34,492	35,157	35,580	36,009	37,398	38,753	40,726	42,699	44,671	46,644	48,616	50,590	52,561	54,531	56,506	57,651	58,777	59,341	59,905	62,311
12A	32,489	33,382	34,656	35,323	36,005	36,438	36,877	38,303	39,690	41,711	43,732	45,756	47,777	49,798	51,822	53,843	55,864	57,885	59,061	60,217	60,795	61,373	63,779
13	33,281	34,196	35,469	36,154	36,851	37,295	37,745	39,205	40,626	42,699	44,769	46,841	48,910	50,982	53,053	55,125	57,195	59,265	60,467	61,653	62,245	62,836	65,242
14	34,945	35,905	37,179	37,897	38,630	39,097	39,569	41,101	42,594	44,769	46,942	49,118	51,293	53,466	55,639	57,814	59,991	62,164	63,434	64,676	65,297	65,920	68,326
15	36,691	37,700	38,973	39,727	40,497	40,987	41,482	43,091	44,660	46,942	49,228	51,511	53,795	56,078	58,361	60,645	62,929	65,212	66,538	67,841	68,495	69,149	71,555
16	38,526	39,585	40,858	41,651	42,458	42,973	43,495	45,183	46,829	49,228	51,626	54,024	56,421	58,820	61,218	63,616	66,013	68,411	69,800	71,170	71,856	72,540	74,946
17	40,453	41,565	42,839	43,670	44,517	45,059	45,606	47,379	49,108	51,626	54,144	56,661	59,176	61,694	64,213	66,730	69,247	71,764	73,225	74,664	75,384	76,103	78,509
18	42,475	43,643	44,916	45,790	46,680	47,247	47,822	49,684	51,499	54,144	56,787	59,431	62,075	64,720	67,362	70,008	72,650	75,295	76,831	78,094	78,725	79,361	81,767
19	44,599	45,825	47,099	48,015	48,950	49,545	50,148	52,105	54,011	56,787	59,563	62,337	65,113	67,889	70,663	73,440	76,217	78,992	80,606	82,194	82,987	83,782	86,188
20	46,829	48,117	49,390	50,353	51,334	51,959	52,593	54,647	56,848	59,563	62,477	65,391	68,306	71,221	74,134	77,049	79,966	82,878	84,567	86,233	87,067	87,901	90,307
21	49,171	50,523	51,796	52,806	53,837	54,496	55,159	57,314	59,417	62,477	65,535	68,598	71,656	74,717	77,776	80,834	83,894	86,954	88,738	90,486	91,361	92,238	94,644
22	51,629	53,049	54,322	55,383	56,465	57,154	57,853	60,117	62,323	65,535	68,750	71,963	75,178	78,391	81,604	84,816	88,031	91,243	93,116	94,954	95,870	96,788	99,194
23	54,211	55,702	56,975	58,089	59,225	59,951	60,684	63,060	65,376	68,750	72,123	75,497	78,870	82,244	85,616	88,990	92,363	95,736	97,706	99,634	100,593	101,564	103,970
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2016 increase amount

2017 CWA Salary Schedule - Effective 01/01/2017
CWA Clerical / Professional

Titles	RangeCd	09	10	AStep	BStep	CStep
	04	40,094	40,863	41,627	42,007	42,389
	05	41,962	42,777	43,578	43,979	44,377
Clerk 1	06	43,924	44,785	45,627	46,046	46,468
	07	45,987	46,884	47,768	48,210	48,653
Acct Clerk	08	48,151	49,096	50,021	50,488	50,951
Clk Stn / Kybrdng Clk 1 / Tel Opr / Psy Tech	09	50,425	51,419	52,394	52,879	53,368
	09A	51,612	52,634	53,633	54,133	54,632
Clerk 2 / Sr Receptionist	10	52,808	53,849	54,871	55,382	55,895
	11	55,315	56,412	57,485	58,022	58,560
	11A	56,629	57,748	58,847	59,401	59,949
Sr Acct Clerk / Kybrdng Clk 2 / HSA	12	57,942	59,087	60,213	60,777	61,341
Sr Clk Stn / Sr Tel Opr / Sr Demo	12A	59,321	60,497	61,653	62,231	62,809
Clerk 3 / SSA	13	60,701	61,903	63,089	63,681	64,272
	14	63,600	64,870	66,112	66,733	67,356
Pr Acct Clerk / Kybrdng Clk 3 / Acct Asst / HSS1	15	66,648	67,974	69,277	69,931	70,585
Leg Stn / Pr Clk Stn / Pr DC Clk / Pr Demo	16	69,847	71,236	72,606	73,292	73,976
Psy Chg Tech						
HSS 2 / Sr Leg / DP Tech / Supv Acct Clerk / Supv Clk Stn						
Kybrdng Clk 4 / Clerk 4 / Supv Demo / Supv Tel Opr	17	73,200	74,661	76,100	76,820	77,539
	18	76,731	78,267	79,530	80,161	80,797
	19	80,428	82,042	83,630	84,423	85,218
Soc Wrkr / HSS 3 / Invest CWA / Train Tech	20	84,314	86,003	87,669	88,503	89,335
Sup of Accts / Coor of Vol						
Soc Wrk Spec / Field Rep Hous Reh / Sr Train Tech	21	88,390	90,174	91,922	92,797	93,674
	22	92,679	94,552	96,390	97,306	98,224
Systems Analyst	23	97,172	99,142	101,070	102,034	103,000
2017 Increase amount	1436					

Appendix D

Job Titles and Range Codes Effective 1/1/2015 CWA 1087 Clerical/Professional Unit

Range	Title Cd	Job Title
06	01245	Clerk 1
08	00001	Account Clerk
09	01260	Clerk Stenographer 1
	04649	Data Entry Machine Operator
	01268	Keyboarding Clerk 1
	02903	Psychiatric Technician
	04145@	Telephone Operator
10	03247	Clerk 2
	03552@	Senior Receptionist
12	02085	Human Services Aide
	03256@	Keyboarding Clerk 2
	03165@	Senior Account Clerk
12A	03253	Clerk Stenographer 2
	05180	Senior Data Entry Machine Operator
	03612	Senior Telephone Operator
	04372	Senior Telephone Operator Bilingual In Spanish And English
13	02773	Clerk 3
	02774	Clerk 3 Bilingual In Spanish And English
	04623	Social Service Assistant
14	50451	Accounting Assistant
	02781	Keyboarding Clerk 3
	02755	Principal Account Clerk
	07994	Human Services Specialist 1
	09000	Human Services Specialist 1 Bilingual Spanish & English
15	02777	Clerk Stenographer 3
	02279	Legal Stenographer
	04646	Principal Data Control Clerk
	05178	Principal Data Entry Machine Operator
16	02897	Psychiatric Charge Technician
17	03859	Clerk 4
	03862@	Clerk Stenographer 4
	04866	Data Processing Technician
	07995	Human Services Specialist 2
	09001	Human Services Specialist 2 Bilingual Spanish & English
	03864@	Keyboarding Clerk 4
	03405	Senior Legal Stenographer
	03848	Supervising Account Clerk
	03942@	Supervising Telephone Operator
	05183	Supervisor Of Data Entry Machine Operations
19	01371	Coordinator Of Volunteers
	07996	Human Services Specialist 3
	09002	Human Services Specialist 3 Bilingual Spanish & English
	02185	Investigator County Welfare Agency
	03734	Social Worker
	03735	Social Worker Bilingual In Spanish And English
	03969	Supervisor Of Accounts
	04207	Training Technician
21	01818	Field Representative Housing Rehabilitation
	05614	Senior Training Technician
	03732	Social Work Specialist
	05206	Social Work Specialist Bilingual In Spanish And English
23	04116@	Systems Analyst

00001	Account Clerk
03165@	Senior Account Clerk
02755	Principal Account Clerk
03848	Supervising Account Clerk *
03969	Supervisor Of Accounts *
50451	Accounting Assistant *
01245	Clerk 1
03247	Clerk 2
02773	Clerk 3
02774	Clerk 3 Bilingual In Spanish And English
03859	Clerk 4
01260	Clerk Stenographer 1 *
03253	Clerk Stenographer 2 *
02777	Clerk Stenographer 3
03862@	Clerk Stenographer 4 *
01268	Keyboarding Clerk 1
03256@	Keyboarding Clerk 2
02781	Keyboarding Clerk 3
03854@	Keyboarding Clerk 4
01371	Coordinator Of Volunteers *
04646	Principal Data Control Clerk *
04649	Data Entry Machine Operator *
05180	Senior Data Entry Machine Operator
05178	Principal Data Entry Machine Operator *
05183	Supervisor Of Data Entry Machine Operations
01816	Field Representative Housing Rehabilitation

02085	Human Services Aide
07994	Human Services Specialist 1
09000	Human Services Specialist 1 Bilingual Spanish & English *
07995	Human Services Specialist 2
09001	Human Services Specialist 2 Bilingual Spanish & English
07996	Human Services Specialist 3
09002	Human Services Specialist 3 Bilingual Spanish & English
02185	Investigator County Welfare Agency
02279	Legal Stenographer *
03405	Senior Legal Stenographer
03552@	Senior Receptionist *
02903	Psychiatric Technician
02897	Psychiatric Charge Technician
04823	Social Service Assistant
03734	Social Worker
03735	Social Worker Bilingual In Spanish And English
03732	Social Work Specialist
05206	Social Work Specialist Bilingual In Spanish And English *
04118@	Systems Analyst
04145@	Telephone Operator
03612	Senior Telephone Operator
04372	Senior Telephone Operator Bilingual In Spanish And English *
03942@	Supervising Telephone Operator *
04207	Training Technician *
05614	Senior Training Technician *

Appendix E

ATTACHMENT A - AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, due to the growth of the County's health care and pharmacy costs, and the associated cost to its employees, it is understood that certain cost containment measures are required in order for the County to be able to maintain the high level of benefits provided to County employees; and,

WHEREAS, it is further understood that due to certain provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act ("ACA"), it is critical that the County begin the process of finding health care cost savings, as it faces the potential for millions of dollars of fines in future years if its health care costs exceed the amount permitted by the ACA; and,

WHEREAS, the County's Benefits Department, in consultation with the County's health care and pharmaceutical plan administrators, have proposed numerous modifications to the County's health care and pharmaceutical plans where it is believed that substantial savings can be achieved at limited burden to the County's employees and dependents; and,

WHEREAS, while the County does not concede the negotiability of any or all of these modifications, it wishes to avoid any future Union challenges to them given their importance; and,

WHEREAS, the Union reserves all rights, claims and defenses as to any changes in the County's health and pharmaceutical plans not specifically set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Union agrees that the County shall have the right to implement any or all the following changes to its health care and pharmaceutical plans in its discretion at any time on or after January 1, 2015, so long as no such changes are implemented for Union employees until such time as they are simultaneously implemented for the County's non-represented employees;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County shall provide at least sixty (60) days prior written notice before implementing any or all of the changes listed herein, but the Union shall have no right to demand negotiations as to whether or not they shall be implemented, nor shall the Union have any right to file any grievance, unfair practice, lawsuit, or other legal challenge in any forum relating to the County's decision to implement any or all of these changes provided said changes are made in accordance with this Agreement.

HEALTH CARE PLAN MODIFICATIONS

1. The County may increase OOP (Out of Pocket) maximums for out-of-network treatment as follows: Family OOP maximums may be increased from \$5,000 per year to no more than \$10,000 per year. Single OOP maximums may be increased from \$2,500 per year to no more than \$5,000 per year.

2. The County may increase the co-payment for utilizing emergency room services from \$25 per visit to no greater than \$100 per visit. The existing policy of waiving the co-payment when an ER visit results in admission to a hospital shall remain in force.

3. The County may revise its pricing schedule for out-of-network treatment to modify the "reasonable and customary" rate used to calculate reimbursement for such out-of-network treatment to no less than 150% of the rate established by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

PHARMACY PLAN MODIFICATIONS

1. The County may implement a "network narrowing" plan to reasonably limit the pharmacies from which members may purchase pharmaceuticals, which shall consist of removing one (1) of the following three (3) national pharmacy chains (or their successors in interest) from the County's network: (1) Walgreens, (2) Rite-Aid, (3) CVS.

2. The County may implement "step therapy" procedures when, within a specific therapy class, multiple drugs are available to treat the same condition. In such instance, a patient will be required to first try clinically effective generic or lower-cost brand medications, before "stepping-up" to a higher cost medication. If, after the patient tries the generic or lower-cost medication, the patient's physician determines that a higher-cost medication is medically required, the physician may contact the County's pharmacy benefits manager for a coverage review and to request authorization for that higher-cost medication. Provided the physician fully cooperates with the pharmacy benefits manager in this process, such authorization shall normally be granted within three (3) days. A current list of drugs for which "step therapy" will apply will be provided to the Union.

3. The County may implement a "dispense as written" policy in which members are subject to the use of generic prescription drugs according to State guidelines, and if a member insists on a brand drug when a generic drug is available, the member will be required to pay both the "brand" co-pay as well as the entire difference in actual cost between the brand drug and the generic drug. This provision shall not be applicable if the prescribing physician writes "DAW" or "dispensed as written" or checks the "do not substitute" box on the prescription.

4. The County may implement a "prior authorization and quantity duration" policy in which it may ensure via a series of clinical safety edits that FDA and other clinical guidelines are being followed in treatment in order to ensure best safety outcomes. For drugs that are not needed every day such as sleep aids, or migraine treatments, supply per prescription will be reduced in accordance with the policy, for example, a particular prescription may be reduced from 30 doses to 8 at retail and from 90 doses to 24 at mail, unless the prescribing physician establishes that a larger quantity is needed due to medical necessity. A current list of drugs for which "prior authorization and quantity duration" will apply will be provided to the Union.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized officers.

For the Union:

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Dated: 8/14, 2015

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Dated: 8/17, 2015

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