



WHEN WILL WE GET PAID?

Over the last five weeks, National Nurses United has continued to voice their concerns to both local and national Veterans Administration (VA) management over the new time-keeping system. This time-keeping system is called VATAS.

Despite NNU's numerous concerns about VATAS, the VA went ahead and continued its implementation over the last couple weeks.

NNU's worst fears were realized with the implementation of VATAS! Across the country, thousands of RNs and other caregivers weren't paid correctly or weren't paid at all!

And it gets worse! VA management is now telling NNU they cannot pay RNs and other caregivers their full pay until the next paycheck. For some employees this can be anywhere between 25%-50% of their regular earnings (This in addition to caregivers who haven't received any paycheck and haven't been given any concrete timeline as to when they will be paid.)

This will cause a hardship for many employees who have rent, mortgages, and other bills to pay!

Please call Secretary Eric Shinseki at 202-461-4800 and tell him RNs and other caregivers who take care of our country's veterans need to be paid now!

Please also call your local congressional member (you can find your congressional member's name and phone number at www.house.gov) and have them call Secretary Shinseki to demand they pay caregivers now!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

1. How much taxpayer money was spent to purchase VATAS?
2. How much more taxpayer money will be spent to fix all the problems with VATAS?

The National Voice for Direct-Care RNs