

Healthcare Workers At Nathan Littauer Hospital and Nursing Home To Hold Candlelight Vigil In Front Of Hospital

NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, October 4, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Workers, Members of 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, Are Deeply Concerned About Management's Proposal That Would Change The Health Benefits They and Their Families Depend On

****Photo opportunities and interviews will be available at the site, however, 1199SEIU can also arrange phone/Zoom/etc. interviews by request, either before or after the picket at 518.229.0486**

WHEN:

Wednesday, October 4, 2:30 p.m-4:30 p.m.

WHERE:

Nathan Littauer Hospital, : 99 E State St, Gloversville

WHO:

Hospital and nursing home workers who are technical and service employees, including, but not limited to, licensed practical nurses, certified nursing assistants, environmental services, dietary and food service workers, orderlies, maintenance mechanics, laboratory, pharmacy, clinical, respiratory, diagnostic imaging and surgical technicians, engineering staff and others.

Background:



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IF THEY CHANGE OUR HEALTH BENEFITS, WILL NATHAN LITTAUER BE ABLE TO RETAIN AND RECRUIT QUALIFIED CAREGIVERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY?

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1199SEIU members have been in contract negotiations with Nathan Littauer management since May. Their current collective bargaining agreement expired on June 30 and was extended until the end of this month, October 31, 2023. At issue is management's proposal to change the workers' current health benefit package. The workers are concerned that changing the benefit will make an already short-staffing situation worse by discouraging qualified healthcare workers from coming to Nathan Littauer and staying.

WORKER TESTIMONIALS

"Eliminating the benefits that we count on to take care of ourselves and our families is a slap in the face to those of us who recently weathered a pandemic, making personal sacrifices, sometimes risking our lives. Also, management's proposal ignores the fact that in many departments, we are challenged by short-staffing, and that offering affordable, comprehensive health benefits is a proven way to retain and recruit qualified healthcare workers."

Rona Jefferson, Ward Clerk, Nursing Home

"We don't only work here — we're also part of the community - we count on Nathan Littauer, our families have counted on the hospital for generations, As healthcare workers, we must be healthy to do our jobs. For that, we need affordable health benefits. Management says it's not a financial issue for them, then what is the hold up?"

Florangel De La Cruz, Ultrasound Tech, Hospital

A mobile billboard will be traveling through the Gloversville/Johnstown area all day and will be on site during the vigil. Photo attached.

More information: bit.ly/dearnathanneighbor

1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East is the largest and fastest-growing healthcare union in New York and nationwide. We represent over 450,000 total members throughout New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland, Florida, and Washington, D.C. Our mission is to achieve quality care and good jobs for all.

Mindy Berman



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Dear Neighbor:

We are the staff who take care of you and your family at **Nathan Littauer Hospital and Nursing Home**. We dedicate our lives to providing care, treatment and services to our community. **Quality care is our top priority.**

You know us! We are not only healthcare workers — we are your family members, friends and neighbors, who live, shop, attend religious services and raise their children in our community.

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WE NEED OUR HEALTH BENEFITS

Healthcare workers must be healthy, so that we can be there for you when you need it most. It has always been, and remains imperative that we have access to excellent health benefits and are in good health when we care for our ill, frail or injured patients and residents.

Yet, Nathan Littauer management wants to change our current health benefits and replace it with plans that would require us to pay more when we use health care. Our current benefits are the lifeline for our health, and the health of our families. ***It is the main reason why many of us continue to work at Nathan Littauer.*** Changing the benefits that we count on is a slap in the face to those of us who recently weathered a pandemic, making personal sacrifices, sometimes risking our lives.

Please support us by calling Sean Fadale, CEO at 518-725-8621. Urge him to reconsider the misguided proposal to change our health benefits and to agree to a contract that will help retain and recruit the qualified caregivers our community deserves!

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