

Agreement by and between  
**UFCW 3000**  
and  
**Mason General Hospital**

**RN**

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**UFCW3000**

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# WEINGARTEN RIGHTS

## Your Right to Union Representation

You have the right to union representation if you are called to a meeting with management that could lead to discipline.

*"I understand that this proceeding is for the purpose of investigating whether I may receive discipline. Therefore, I request that a union representative be present on my behalf before this proceeding continues. If you insist that the proceeding continue without allowing me union representation, I hereby protest your denial of rights guaranteed to me under federal labor law."*

### **Weingarten rights were won in a 1975 Supreme Court decision with these basic guidelines:**

-  You must make a clear request for union representation either before or during the interview. Managers do not have to inform employees of their rights.
-  Management cannot retaliate against an employee requesting representation.
-  Management must delay questioning until the union steward arrives.
-  It is against Federal Law for management to deny an employee's request for a steward and continue with an interrogation. In this case, an employee can refuse to answer management's questions.

## Discipline? Contract violations?

## Call the Member Resource Center

If you or a coworker need help regarding an Investigatory Meeting, are facing Discipline or Corrective Action, or need to report Contract Violations our MRC Representatives will work with you on a plan of action.

**Call the Member Resource Center at: 1-866-210-3000**

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2021-2023

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

By and Between

MASON GENERAL HOSPITAL

and

UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS LOCAL 21

PREAMBLE

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 21, hereinafter referred to as the "Union" and Mason General Hospital hereinafter referred to as the "Employer." The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth the understanding reached between the parties with respect to wages, hours and conditions of work.

ARTICLE 1 – RECOGNITION

The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole representative for all registered nurses and resident general duty nurses employed by the Employer, excluding supervisors, confidential employees and all other employees.

ARTICLE 2 – UNION SECURITY

2.1 Membership.

2.1.1 Current Members. All members now in the Union shall remain members of the Union in good standing for the duration of this Agreement unless they revoke their membership according to the terms of their authorization form. Upon request, employees shall promptly receive notice of their next membership election period from a Union Membership Services Representative. Non-members have the choice to pay or not pay an agency fee to the Union for representation services equivalent to the Union dues. Regardless of whether an employee covered by Article 1 is a member of the Union, they are governed by this Agreement.

2.1.2 New Employees. All new employees hired subsequent to the date of signing this Agreement shall, within thirty-one (31) days from the date of their employment, elect to:

- a. become and remain members of the Union;
- b. not become a member of the Union.

Non-members have the choice to pay or not pay an agency fee to the Union for representation services equivalent to the Union dues.

2.2 Dues Deduction. During the term of this Agreement, the Employer shall deduct dues from the pay of each member of the Union who voluntarily executes a wage assignment authorization form. When filed with the Employer, the authorization form will be honored in accordance with its terms. Upon request, employees shall promptly receive notice of their next dues deduction election period from a Union Membership Services Representative. An election to begin or to terminate wage deductions shall be submitted in writing to the Union with a copy to the Employer and shall become effective on the following regular pay period. The amount deducted and a roster of all nurses using payroll deduction will be transmitted monthly to the Union by a check payable to its order. Upon issuance and transmission of a check to the Union, the Employer's responsibility shall cease with respect to such deductions. The Union and each nurse authorizing the assignment of wages for the payment of Union dues hereby undertakes to indemnify and hold the Employer harmless from all claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability that may arise against the Employer for or on account of any deduction made from the wages of such nurse. Regardless of whether an employee covered by Article 1 elects to pay dues or an agency fee to the Union, they are governed by this Agreement.

2.3 Voluntary Political Action Fund.

2.3.1 If during the term of this Agreement at least four (4) employees voluntarily execute a Union political action contribution wage deduction authorization form in the amount of at least two dollars (\$2) per month per employee, the Hospital shall begin effective the first pay day after such thresholds are met to deduct monthly the sum specified from the pay of each member of the Union who voluntarily executes a Union wage deduction form. When filed with the Hospital, the deduction form will be honored in accordance with its terms.

2.3.2 The parties recognize that the Union is also obligated under the Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA) to reimburse the Hospital for its reasonable cost of administering PAC wage deductions. The Hospital and the Union agree that one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) of all amounts deducted pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding will be used to reimburse the Hospital for its reasonable costs of administering these monthly wage deduction authorizations (the "administration fee").

2.3.3 The amount deducted (net of the administration fee) and a roster of all employees using payroll deduction for this purpose will be promptly transmitted to the Union by separate check payable to its order each month. Upon issuance and transmission of a check to the Union, the Hospital's responsibility shall cease with respect to such deductions.

2.3.4 The Union and each employee authorizing the assignment of wages for the payment of voluntary political action contributions hereby undertake to indemnify and hold the Hospital harmless from all claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability that



may arise against the Hospital for or on behalf of any such deduction made from wages of such employee.

2.4 Employee Rosters. Upon the signing of this Agreement and monthly thereafter, the Employer shall supply to the Union a list of all employees covered by this Agreement. The list shall include the name, address, phone number, classification, unit, FTE status, employee ID number, date of hire and hourly rate of pay. This list will also contain all new hires and termination, and be sortable by date of hire or termination.

### ARTICLE 3 – MANAGEMENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE

3.1 Responsibilities. This contract acknowledges that the Employer through its governing body has the trusted obligation to provide at the Hospital certain medical and treatment services and related health care within its community. Additionally, the Employer strives to provide a high level of service at reasonable cost while discouraging the duplication of facilities and other extraneous services which could lead to unnecessary and additional expenses to patients.

3.2 Rights. In order to carry out this trusted obligation, the Employer reserves the exclusive right to exercise the customary functions of management, including, but not limited to, the right to administer and control the premises, utilities, equipment and supplies; the right to select, hire, promote, dismiss, assign and reassign, supervise and discipline nurses, to determine hours of employment, to transfer qualified nurses within and between departments; to formulate and modify job classifications and job evaluations; to determine and change the size, composition and qualifications of the work force, to establish, change, modify and abolish its policies, practices, rules and regulations; to determine, modify and change methods and means by which Hospital operations are to be carried on, and to determine the appropriate duties of nurses in meeting those needs and requirements, and to do those things necessary to carry out all ordinary functions of management except as these matters are specifically referred to in this Agreement.

### ARTICLE 4 – UNION REPRESENTATION

4.1 Union Access. The Union's authorized staff representatives may have access to the Employer's meeting rooms for the purpose of investigating grievances and contract compliance at reasonable times, after notifying the Human Resources Department. Access for other purposes shall not be unreasonably denied by the Employer. Such visits shall not interfere with or disturb employees in the performance of their work.

4.2 Bargaining Unit Representative. The Union shall select bargaining unit representatives from among the nurses in the unit. At the time of ratification of the contract, the Union will present Human Resources with a list of unit representatives. The Union will also keep the Human Resources department informed of any changes of unit representatives. The bargaining unit chairperson shall not be recognized by the Employer until the Union has given the Employer written notice of the selection. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Employer, the investigation of grievances and other Union business shall be conducted only during non-working times, and shall not interfere with the work of other employees.

4.2.1 Bargaining Unit Representatives will be allowed to attend investigatory and disciplinary meetings involving management and bargaining unit employees, without charge to leave or loss of pay, for the purpose of fulfilling their Representational duties and obligations.

4.2.2 The Employer may approve unpaid administrative leave, up to a maximum collective total of forty (40) hours per contract year, for bargaining unit representatives to attend Union-sponsored training programs; provided that, as solely determined by the Employer, such leave does not conflict with patient care or staffing considerations.

4.3 Bulletin Board. If the Union provides bulletin boards no larger than 12 by 18 inches, the Employer will place them in the break rooms on MSP, ED, ICU, BC and SS/OPS units. The Union shall be permitted to post Union announcements and notifications of professional activities signed by a bargaining unit representative on these bulletin boards, with prior approval of the Director of Human Resources.

4.4 Contract and Job Descriptions. The Employer will give each newly hired nurse a copy of this Agreement and the nurse's job description. The Union will provide copies of this Agreement to the Employer. Additional copies of this Agreement provided by the Union shall be available in the Human Resources Department.

4.5 Meeting Rooms. The Union shall be permitted to use designated premises of the Employer for meetings of the bargaining unit, with or without Union staff present, provided sufficient advance request for meeting facilities is made to the designated administrator and space is available.

4.6 Notification to Local Unit Chairperson. The Local Unit Chairperson will be notified in writing of the names and shifts of all newly hired nurses within 5 days of hire.

4.7 New Hire Orientation. The Employer shall provide the Union access to new hires on one of the employee orientation days, or individually during the employee's first two weeks of employment, for the purpose of introduction and orientation to Local 21. The bargaining unit representative and the Union will be notified of new hires within five (5) days of hire. A bargaining unit representative, designated by the union, shall be allowed one-half (½) hour unpaid time during the orientation session to introduce the Union contract to new employees. The new employee shall be paid during this time.

## ARTICLE 5 – DEFINITIONS

5.1 Resident Nurse. A registered nurse whose clinical experience in an acute care facility after graduation is less than nine (9) months or a registered nurse who is returning to practice with no current clinical training or experience. A resident nurse shall be assigned under the close and direct supervision of a designated experienced registered nurse(s) and shall have limited responsibilities as defined by the Unit Manager. Residency shall not exceed six (6) continuous months when the nurse meets the criteria established by Nursing Administration as evidenced by an evaluation at that time. The time period may be extended when mutually agreed upon in

writing by the nurse and nursing administration. A resident nurse who is expected to function continuously without close and direct supervision, and who is given the same level of responsibilities as a general duty staff nurse, shall be compensated as a general duty staff nurse. Close and direct supervision shall be defined as working in conjunction with other registered nurses.

5.2 Staff Nurse. A registered nurse who is responsible for the direct and/or indirect nursing care of the patient.

5.3 Charge Nurse. A registered nurse who is assigned responsibility by Nursing Administration for leading an organized unit. The definition of an organized unit shall be defined by the Employer. A nurse who is assigned Charge Nurse responsibilities shall receive the Charge Nurse premium for charge assignments of one or more hours in duration. Nurses assigned Charge Nurse responsibilities will have those additional responsibilities considered in their direct patient care assignments.

5.4 Full-Time Nurse. A nurse who works on a regularly scheduled basis at least forty (40) hours per week or eighty (80) hours in a fourteen (14) day period and who has successfully completed the required introductory period.

5.4.1 A nurse who is designated a 0.9 FTE shall be regarded as a full-time nurse.

5.5 Part-Time Nurse. A nurse who works on a regularly scheduled basis less than forty (40) hours per week and more than twenty (20) hours per week, averaged quarterly, and who has successfully completed the required introductory period. Unless otherwise provided for herein, a part-time nurse shall be compensated in the same manner as a full-time nurse except that earned time, retirement benefits and holiday pay shall be accrued based upon the nurse's actual hours of work in accordance with the contract.

5.5.1 Premium Option. If a nurse wishes to elect a premium in lieu of certain benefits, as outlined below, they must make their election within thirty (30) days after the final signature on this Agreement, or annually during the annual enrollment period. Nurses will be given advance notice of the annual enrollment dates.

5.5.1.1 In lieu of medical coverage, vision coverage, dental coverage, life insurance and the ability to participate in the pension plan, full-time and part-time nurses may elect a ten percent (10%) wage premium.

5.5.1.2 Nurses currently receiving pay-in-lieu may, alternatively, elect a fourteen percent (14%) wage premium in lieu of paid holidays, earned time, medical coverage, vision coverage, dental coverage, life insurance and the ability to participate in the pension plan, but will accrue Washington Paid Sick Leave as described in Article 12.8. This alternative option will expire on January 3, 2022.

5.6 Relief Nurse. A nurse who is regularly scheduled to work an average of less than twenty (20) hours per week.

5.6.1 Relief nurses will receive a wage differential of thirteen percent (13%) and shall be eligible for longevity steps, shift differential, on-call pay, holiday premium pay (for hours worked on the holiday), charge pay, CRN premium pay, weekend premium pay, and Washington Paid Sick Leave as described in Article 12.8. Relief nurses are not eligible for seniority or any other benefits provided for by this Agreement. Relief nurses who are employed by the Employer in another position and receive benefits in that position will not receive the thirteen percent (13%) wage differential referenced in this section.

5.7 Per diem Nurse.

5.7.1 A registered nurse who is hired as a per diem and who works on an intermittent basis, without any guarantee of hours, during any period when additional work of any nature requires a temporarily augmented work force, or in the event of an emergency, lack of sufficient regular employees or employee absenteeism/illness/vacation/leaves of absence.

5.7.2 Per diem nurses will be required to be available to work two (2) shifts a month in addition to one (1) full weekend per month. Per diem nurses must be available to work two (2) holidays per year, each of which can count toward the availability requirements outlined above. Non-compliance with this requirement may result in termination. Per diems who do not work during a 180-day continuous period will be automatically terminated, except that absences covered under state and federal protected leave will not be considered time not worked for the purposes of this article.

5.7.3 Per diem nurses will receive a wage differential of thirteen percent (13%) and shall be eligible for longevity steps, shift differential, on-call pay, holiday premium pay (for hours worked on the holiday), charge pay, CRN premium pay, weekend premium pay, and Washington Paid Sick Leave as described in Article 12.8. Per diem nurses are not eligible for seniority or any other benefits provided for by this Agreement. Per diem nurses who are employed by the Employer in another position and receive benefits in that position will not receive the thirteen percent (13%) wage differential referenced in this section.

5.7.4 A per diem nurse may request a special leave under Section 14.10, indicating start and conclusion of leave period.

5.8 Introductory Period. A nurse who has been hired by the Employer on a full-time, part-time relief, or per diem basis and who has been continually employed by the Employer for less than ninety (90) calendar days. After ninety (90) calendar days of regular employment, the nurse shall be considered to have completed the introductory period unless specifically advised by the Employer in writing of an extended introductory period, up to an additional ninety (90) days. During the introductory period, a nurse may be terminated without notice, without cause and without recourse to the grievance procedure. Introductory nurses shall not be entitled to any

health insurance benefits until the first day of the month following the satisfactory completion of their initial introductory period.

5.9 Base Rate of Pay. An employee's base hourly rate excluding all premiums and shift differentials.

5.10 Regular Rate of Pay. The statutorily defined rate of pay required to be paid for overtime worked in excess of the designated work week period.

5.11 Preceptor. A preceptor is an experienced nurse proficient in clinical teaching who is specifically responsible for planning, organizing, teaching and evaluating the new skill development of the following students or nurses enrolled in a defined preceptor program, the parameters of which have been set forth in writing and assigned by the Employer:

- a. Resident nurses
- b. Senior RN students
- c. New nurses employed at the Hospital with no previous experience in the assigned clinical area
- d. Nurses cross training to a new clinical area
- e. A nurse who has completed the residency but needs additional training.

Inherent in the preceptor role is the responsibility for specific, criteria-based and goal-directed education and training for a specific training period. Nursing management will determine the need for preceptor assignments. It is understood that staff nurses in the ordinary course of their responsibilities will be expected to participate in the general orientation process of new nurses. This would include the providing of informational assistance, support and guidance to new nurses. Preceptor responsibilities shall be considered when making patient care assignments.

## ARTICLE 6 – EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

6.1 Equal Opportunity. The Employer and the Union agree that conditions of employment shall be consistent with applicable state and federal laws regarding nondiscrimination.

6.2 Notice of Resignation. Nurses who have completed the required introductory period shall be required to give at least thirty (30) days' written notice of resignation. The Employer and the Union encourage nurses to give more advanced notice so as to further enhance the Employer's chance of keeping a stable staffing pattern. If a nurse gives more than fourteen (14) days' but less than thirty (30) days' advance notice of resignation, the employee's accrued benefits payable at termination shall be reduced as follows: The number of earned time hours the employee has available in their earned time bank at the time of termination will be divided by thirty (30) days. That sum will be multiplied by the days of notice the nurse has given. This is the amount of earned time hours that will be paid at the time the nurse separates. In the event a nurse provides the Employer with less than fourteen (14) days' written notice of resignation, fails to work the nurse's scheduled shifts during the notice period (unless due to extenuating circumstances, as determined by the Vice President of Human Resources, or due to a vacation approved before the nurse gave notice of resignation), or fails to work on the nurse's last day, the

employee shall forfeit the payout of all accrued benefits. Consideration by the Employer shall be given to extenuating circumstances that make such requirements impossible.

6.3 Discipline and Discharge. Except for such reason as permanent reduction in operations, discharge shall only be for just cause.

6.3.1 The Employer will use progressive discipline when appropriate. Except for situations for which immediate dismissal is appropriate, a nurse may be dismissed only after receiving at least one (1) written warning, a copy of which shall be acknowledged in writing and given to the nurse. If the Employer in its discretion grants a nurse's request to remove a written warning from a nurse's personnel file, Human Resources may nevertheless maintain separately a copy of the written warning and a record of the date of removal. Removed written warnings that are retained by Human Resources will be maintained separately by Human Resources in a manner which limits supervisor access to such warning after date of removal. At a nurse's request, a verbal warning in a nurse's personnel file will not be considered after two (2) years, provided the nurse has not been subject to any additional disciplinary action during this two (2) year period. In such event, a cover page will be attached to the verbal warning to notify anyone reviewing the file that the document is not to be considered.

6.3.2 A nurse may request the presence of a Labor Representative/bargaining unit representative during any disciplinary action in the form of a written warning/reprimand, suspension or discharge.

6.3.3 The employee has a right to request the presence of a Labor Representative/bargaining unit representative at any investigatory interview that could, or which the employee reasonably believes would, result in disciplinary action.

6.3.4 The employee must initiate the request for the presence of a Labor Representative/bargaining unit representative at either an investigatory interview or disciplinary meeting. Should the nurse request a Labor Representative for a time-sensitive investigatory interview and one is not available within a reasonable period of time, the Employer may continue the time-sensitive investigatory interview by providing the nurse an available bargaining unit representative.

6.4 Personnel Files. Nurses shall have access to their personnel file. Written documentation in duplicate will be used to specify conditions of hiring, change in status, pay, shift, or leave of absence. The nurse shall be given one (1) copy of this form. Nurses shall have the right to review and comment on letters of warning and performance evaluations in their personnel file.

6.5 Reassignment. The goal of the Employer and the nurses is to ensure qualified and trained nurses to adequately staff all patient care areas of the hospital. It is not the intent of the Employer to provide regular or ongoing staffing for a unit by reassigning nurses from other units. However, the Hospital retains the right to change a nurse's daily work assignment on a shift-by-shift basis (or for part of a shift) in order to best meet patient care needs. To facilitate reassignments that are necessary to best meet patient care needs, each unit's manager will

maintain a list of those nurses who are regularly scheduled in their unit(s) along with an indication of any other units in which the nurse is qualified to be reassigned either as a cross trained RN and/or as a helper-float RN. These lists will also be provided to the staffing office for use by the house supervisors in the event reassignment is necessary to meet patient care needs.

6.5.1 Cross Trained RN. A nurse who is fully oriented, trained and qualified to perform clinical duties in a unit other than the nurse's regularly scheduled unit(s) (a "receiving unit"). Individuals designated as cross trained RNs are able to perform work at a level of competency comparable to the receiving unit's regular staff Nurses interested in being reassigned in other units as cross trained RNs must first notify in writing the manager in the unit where they are regularly scheduled. The approval to be cross trained will be determined by the unit manager of the receiving unit, however, based upon present and/or future needs in that unit. Eligibility and competency of the prospective cross trained RN will be determined by the receiving unit manager. Before a nurse is listed as a qualified cross trained RN, the nurse will complete a full orientation, and successfully complete the receiving unit's specific competency/skills check list for cross trained RNs. Cross trained RNs are capable of taking patient assignments, based upon the house supervisor and/or charge nurse's assessment of the receiving units' current patient census and patient acuity. To retain status as a cross trained RN, the nurse must also periodically work in that receiving unit and must annually complete the receiving unit's cross trained RN unit-specific skills and competency documentation. Nurses are not considered cross trained RNs or to be reassigned when their assignments are changed within their unit, i.e., Telemetry and Critical Care Hardwire; OB and Nursery.

6.5.2 Helper-Float RN. A nurse who has received a basic orientation to a unit in which the nurse is not regularly scheduled to work, and is capable of providing assistance to that unit's regularly scheduled staff by performing basic RN competency skills. Helper-float RNs are expected to be capable of assisting with procedures that they have successfully completed in annual skills competency checklist(s) for the unit(s) in which they are regularly scheduled. However, helper-float RNs will not be required to perform tasks specifically applicable to a receiving unit for which they are not qualified or trained to perform. While reassigned to a receiving unit, depending upon the helper float RN's skills and ability, and patient census and acuity, helper-float RNs may (or may not) be assigned patients, and may (or may not) have decreased flexibility with regard to patient assignments or need to be assigned resource persons. It shall be the responsibility of a helper-float RN to inform the receiving unit's Charge Nurse of any task or patient assignment for which such nurse feels inadequately prepared. If the issue is not resolved, the helper-float RN must contact the House Supervisor and/or the receiving unit's manager. The House Supervisor in collaboration with the affected Charge Nurses will assign a helper-float RN to a receiving unit. Unit managers, in consultation with staff nurses regularly scheduled in the unit, will also develop specific orientation tools (including but not limited to, examples of charting, unit-specific orders and protocols, Standards of Care, and assignments of a resource person) to be used with helper-float RNs floated to their unit. Orientation may vary depending on the helper-float RNs' previous experience and familiarity with the receiving unit to which the nurse has been

reassigned. A helper-floater RN will be returned as expeditiously as reasonably possible to the RN's home unit if the RN is needed in the RN's home unit.

**6.5.3 Order of Reassignments.** When staffing patient care needs on a receiving unit, the Employer shall fill the need through reassigning either cross trained RNs or helper-float RNs in the following order:

The receiving unit's manager and/or charge nurse will confer with the house supervisor to determine whether the patient care needs on the receiving unit would be best met with a cross trained RN or could be met with a helper-float RN, and whether cross trained RNs and/or helper-float RNs are available on other units.

If it is determined that a cross trained RN is needed and more than one is available for the receiving unit, the house supervisor will ask for volunteers. If there is only one cross trained RN available for the receiving unit, that nurse will be reassigned. If there are no volunteers and more than one cross trained nurse is available for the receiving unit, the house supervisor will make reassignments from among the qualified cross trained RNs for the receiving unit, based upon a fair and equitable reassignment rotation list maintained by the staffing office.

However, if the patient care needs of the receiving unit can be met with either a helper-float RN or a cross trained RN, and there is more than one qualified nurse available for reassignment to the receiving unit, the house supervisor will ask for volunteers. If there is only one qualified nurse available for the receiving unit, that nurse will be reassigned to the receiving unit. If there are no volunteers and more than one qualified nurse available, the house supervisor will make reassignments from among all the available cross trained RNs and helper-float RNs for the receiving unit, based upon a fair and equitable reassignment rotation list maintained by the staffing office.

**6.5.4 Cross Trained Premium.** Nurses who have qualified as cross trained RNs will receive a two dollar and fifty cent (\$2.50) per hour cross trained RN premium for all hours worked on the receiving unit, when reassigned from the unit in which they were scheduled to work for all or part of a shift. If such nurse has qualified as cross-trained to more than one unit/department, this cross-trained premium shall be three dollars (\$3.00) per hour. Though helper-float RNs are not eligible to receive a premium when reassigned to a receiving unit for all or part of a shift, if a helper-float RN was assigned charge duties on a unit and is then reassigned to another unit, such helper-float RN will retain the charge nurse premium from his/her prior assignment during his/her reassignment to the receiving unit. However, if a cross trained RN is scheduled as a charge nurse on his/her regular unit, or as a relief house supervisor and then reassigned to a receiving unit, the nurse will retain whichever is the highest premium during the reassignment in lieu of the cross trained RN premium. The cross trained RN premium shall also not be paid to cross trained RNs who have FTE positions which are regularly scheduled in more than one unit, unless they are reassigned from the unit from which they were scheduled to work on the posted schedule. The cross trained RN premium shall also not apply when a cross trained RN's scheduled unit changes as a result of



individual trades, pre-scheduled extra shifts, or when bumping to another unit in the event of low census.

6.6 Evaluations. The Employer shall maintain a performance evaluation program which should be considered as a step in bringing about and determining progress in personal and professional growth and development which results in quality patient care. Nurses shall normally receive a written evaluation prior to the end of the introductory period and annually thereafter.

6.7 Orientation. Newly hired registered nurses shall receive an orientation of sufficient duration and content to prepare them for their specific duties in the Hospital. The orientation shall be based on the educational needs, identified by an assessment of the individual's ability, knowledge and skills. Any necessary instruction will be provided to registered nurses before they administer patient care.

6.7.1 Nurses who are not Hospital employees must be provided any required orientation by the Nursing Department before performing nursing functions in the area to which they have been assigned.

6.7.2 Currently employed nurses must be oriented to the tasks and procedures of the area to which they have been reassigned or transferred.

#### ARTICLE 7 – SENIORITY

7.1 Definition. Seniority is defined as continuous years of service as a registered nurse in the bargaining unit. A nurse who transfers to relief or per diem status or transfers to a position outside the bargaining unit shall retain bargaining unit seniority pending return to regular staff nurse status. Previously accrued bargaining unit seniority may be used for purposes of applying for a bargaining unit position. Paid time off shall be regarded as time worked for purposes of seniority. A seniority roster will be maintained by the Human Resources Department.

7.2 Unit Layoffs, Restructures or Closures. At least twenty-one (21) days' advance notice of a layoff, unit restructure or unit closure will be given to the Union and to nurses on the unit where there may be reductions as a result of a layoff, or a unit restructure or closure. Upon request by the Union, the Union and the Employer will meet within 7 days from this notice to review the layoff, unit restructuring, or the unit closure. Subject to skill, competence, ability and experience as determined by the Employer, in event of a layoff, or a restructure or closure of a unit, agency and travelers shall be released, and introductory nurses shall be laid off, before regular full-time and part-time nurses are laid off. An updated seniority roster will be available in the Human Resources Department and a copy sent to the Union at the time the Employer gives the Union notice of layoffs, or a unit restructure or closure. At the time of giving notice of and implementing the provisions set forth in the following subsections, the Employer will also solicit volunteers for layoff from among the nurses on the units affected by layoffs or the restructure or closure of a unit. After a layoff, or a unit restructure or closure, regular full-time and part-time nurses on recall status shall be given preference for per diem work assignments, within an affected unit/department, subject to availability and skill, competence, ability and experience in

the opinion of the Employer, providing the nurse has followed the Employer's procedures for requesting per diem status and work assignments.

**7.2.1 Unit Layoff.** A layoff is defined as a permanent or prolonged reduction in the number of nurses needed on a unit as determined by the Employer. If the Employer determines a unit layoff is necessary and that it can be accomplished through elimination of one or more of the relief nurses' FTE positions without restructuring the unit's remaining FTE positions, such nurses will be laid off first before eliminating the least senior full- or part-time nurses' FTE positions. If elimination of the relief nurses' FTE positions on the affected unit does not achieve the needed FTE reduction, and the Employer determines that the layoff can be accomplished through elimination of one or more of the least senior full- or part-time nurses' existing FTE position(s) without restructuring the unit's remaining FTE positions, such least senior full- or part-time nurses will be designated for layoff within the unit in the inverse order of their seniority, providing skill, competence, ability and experience to perform the required work is considered equal in the opinion of the Employer. Any full- or part-time nurse subject to layoff under this subsection may select another position when available from a listing of vacant positions within the hospital or, if eligible, a position from the Low Seniority Roster (Section 7.3), providing the nurse is qualified for the position in the opinion of the Employer. If a relief nurse is subject to layoff under this subsection, such nurse may select another position when available from a listing of the vacancies, providing such nurse is qualified for the position in the opinion of the Employer. If the Employer determines a unit layoff necessitates restructuring and/or reducing full- or part-time FTE positions, in addition to eliminating one or more of the least senior full- or part-time nurse's position(s) on the affected unit, the unit restructuring provisions of Section 7.2.2 Unit Restructuring will be applied to the unit by the Employer, instead of this subsection.

**7.2.2 Unit Restructuring.** In the event of a restructuring of an existing unit, the Employer will determine the number of full-time and part-time FTEs by shift required for the restructured unit. No earlier than 7 days after the beginning of the 21-day period referenced in Section 7.2, a listing of the full-time, part-time and relief position FTEs for each shift on the restructured unit, including qualification requirements, shall be posted on the unit for at least seven (7) days. Other vacant positions within the Hospital will also be posted on the affected unit at that time. By the end of this 7-day posting period, each full-time, part-time and relief nurse must submit to the Employer a written list which identifies and ranks the nurse's preferences (first to last) for all available positions on the restructured unit, any vacancies, or in the case of full- and part-time nurses, any positions on the low seniority roster. Nurses who did not previously volunteer for layoff may also indicate on their list whether at some point in their ranking they would prefer to be laid off. Based upon these preference lists, the Employer will assign full- and part-time nurses to positions on the restructured unit by seniority (or, if applicable, vacancies or positions on the low seniority list), providing in the Employer's opinion the nurse has the skill, competence, and ability to perform the work. Decisions involving skills, competence and ability shall be based on unit-specific criteria, job performance, and job description, and may be subject to the grievance procedure.

7.2.3 Unit Closure. If a unit is closed, a listing of any available vacant positions within the hospital and the Low Seniority Roster (Section 7.3) will be posted on the affected unit for at least seven (7) days, no earlier than 7 days after the beginning of the 21-day period referenced in Section 7.2. At the end of that seven (7) day period, full- and part-time nurses shall, in order of their seniority, be allowed to select a position from the list of any available vacant positions, or if eligible a position from the Low Seniority Roster (Section 7.3) providing the nurse is qualified in the opinion of the Employer, or may indicate they prefer to be laid off. If relief nurses were also affected by this unit closure, they will be ranked by date of hire and may select a remaining vacancy, after this process is completed with the affected full- and part-time nurses, or may indicate they prefer to be laid off.

7.2.4 Nurse's Absence During Notice Period. Nurses who are on vacation, sick leave or an approved leave of absence, and who are unable to be reached by telephone within the first twenty-four (24) hours after posting of the notice to the affected nurses of a unit's layoff, restructure or closure, will be sent notice by U.S. express mail to their home address. If a nurse has not contacted the Employer regarding their preferences within the applicable timeframe provided for in the foregoing subsections, the Employer will assign the nurse any available position as appears to be appropriate, based upon the nurse's seniority, subject to skill, competence, ability and experience in the opinion of the Employer. The process for assignment to available positions will not be delayed due to the absence of the nurse.

7.3 Low Seniority Roster. The "Low Seniority Roster" shall be a listing of nurses most recently hired into regular full-time or part-time positions by the Employer, and will represent a number equivalent to 25% of the total of the regular full-time and part-time nurses in the bargaining unit. This listing shall include each nurse's name, unit, status (FTE) and shift (including if applicable "shift of greatest need" [SGN] or variable). Any nurse on the Low Seniority Roster whose position is assumed by a more senior nurse as a result of the selection processes specified above shall be able to bump any less senior nurse on the low seniority roster, provided s/he is qualified as defined in Section 7.2.2.

7.4 Recall. Nurses will be recalled to work in reverse order of layoff provided skill and ability are satisfactory for performing the necessary work. Nurses will be placed on a recall roster for one (1) year and will remain on that roster until recalled, subject to Section 7.7, to a comparable position, until refusing recall to a comparable position, or until a twelve (12) month period runs out. A comparable position shall be defined as one on the same shift and the same number of hours from which the nurse was laid off. A nurse may refuse recall to a less than comparable position and maintain preference for reemployment to a comparable position.

7.5 Termination. Seniority shall cease upon termination of employment; for example, discharge, resignation, retirement, failure to return to work on a timely basis from an approved leave of absence, refusal to accept a permanent comparable job opening (same FTE status and shift) offered by the Employer while on layoff status, after twelve (12) consecutive months of layoff, or failure to comply with specified recall procedures established by the Human Resources Department and applicable to all nurses. The Employer will notify the Union of any recall

procedures prior to the recall. Nurses on layoff shall be responsible for maintaining current addresses and telephone numbers with the Employer. Failure to comply with the notification and reporting requirements contained herein shall result in termination.

7.6 Low Census. Low Census (L/C) will be assigned in the following order, as long as skills, competence, and ability of the nurses scheduled a shift are considered equal by the Employer:

1. nurses being paid time and one-half (1 1/2) their base rate or more
2. volunteers
3. per diems
4. relief nurses

If there is still a need for L/C after using the order above, then L/C time will be assigned on a rotational, fair and equitable basis on the affected unit, starting with the least senior nurse, shift-by-shift. The "fair and equitable" commitment will be on a shift-by-shift, day-by-day basis with skills, competence, and ability of the nurses scheduled that shift being taken into consideration by the Employer. A turn in the rotation shall occur when a nurse (1) receives a minimum of hours equivalent to half of one shift of L/C (four hours for an eight-hour shift nurse, six hours for a twelve hour shift nurse) or (2) accumulates a minimum half-shift (four hours for an eight-hour shift nurse, six hours for a twelve hour shift nurse) block of low census. Provided, however, if it is a full- or part-time nurse's turn to be LC'd on an affected unit and shift, and that full- or part-time nurse is cross trained to another unit unaffected by LC, and there is a relief, per diem nurse, or an agency or traveler nurse scheduled for the same shift on the unaffected unit, the full- or part-time cross trained nurse may exercise his/her seniority to be reassigned by nursing management to the unaffected unit for such shift, so long as the per diem nurse can be LC'd without the hospital incurring Report Pay under Section 10.11 or the agency nurse can be released without the hospital being charged for the traveler or agency nurse's shift.

After a nurse has received two full shifts (sixteen (16) hours for an eight-hour shift nurse, twenty-four (24) hours for a twelve hour shift nurse) of L/C in the month, the nurse can request priority to work their scheduled shift over nurses on the affected unit with less seniority, subject to any skill and ability consideration. Provided, however, if it is a cross-trained nurse's turn to be L/C'd because s/he is the least senior nurse scheduled on the affected shift and unit, and there is a less senior nurse scheduled for the same shift on an unaffected unit where the more senior nurse is cross-trained, the more senior cross-trained nurse may exercise his/her seniority [after receiving two full shifts of L/C in the current month] to be reassigned by nursing management to an unaffected unit where the least senior nurse can be L/C'd, in an effort to have all nursing areas share in L/C time. Not worked L/C on-call time will be counted toward L/C time for these calculations. The L/C-On-Call rotation list will restart once all nurses have received at least hours equivalent to half of one shift of L/C (four hours for an eight-hour shift nurse, six hours for a twelve hour shift nurse). In counting L/C hours for the purpose of the fair and equitable distribution commitment, the following criteria shall apply:

- a. Only shifts within the nurse's established FTE status and extra shifts assigned prior to the monthly schedule being posted will be counted. Cancelled extra shifts assigned after the monthly schedule is posted will not be counted toward an individual's fair share of L/C hours and the nurse shall not be required to be on call.
- b. Requested (voluntary) L/C hours will count if they meet the criteria described in Section (a).
- c. If a nurse works an extra shift earlier in the work week, that extra shift will not be considered for purposes of determining the assignment of L/C.

Not worked On-Call time will be counted toward L/C time for these calculations. Scheduled Registered Nurses will be notified one and one-half (1 1/2) hours before their shift is to begin that they are being placed on L/C.

If a nurse is working outside of the nurse's home unit, there is a need for L/C in the scheduled unit, and there is a need for assistance in the nurse's home unit, the nurse will be re-assigned to the nurse's home unit rather than being placed on L/C.

If a nurse is on-call, is offered to come in to work on projects or education, and declines, then the Employer shall move to the next nurse on-call in the event that a nurse must be called in.

7.6.1 Low Census-On Call Scheduling. Low Census on call time ("on call time") will be assigned on an affected unit in the following order, as long as skills, competence, and ability of the nurses scheduled a shift are considered equal by the Employer:

1. nurses being paid time and one-half (1 1/2) their base rate or more
2. volunteers
3. per diems
4. relief nurses

If there is still a need for L/C on-call after using the order above, then, on call time will be assigned on a rotational, fair and equitable basis starting with the least senior nurse, shift by shift. Nurses can be assigned "on-call" status on their scheduled shifts (including extra shifts assigned prior to the posting of the monthly work schedule) in the event that patient census requires "on-call" positions. The "fair and equitable" commitment will be on a shift-by-shift, day-by-day basis with skills, competence, ability and nurses scheduled that shift being taken into consideration by the Employer. A turn in the rotation shall occur when a nurse receives a minimum of hours equivalent to half a shift length of "on-call" (four hours for an eight-hour shift nurse, six hours for a twelve hour shift nurse). After a nurse has received the equivalent of two (2) full shifts of "on-call" (sixteen (16) hours for an eight-hour shift nurse, twenty-four (24) hours for a twelve hour shift nurse),

the nurse can request priority to work their scheduled shift over nurses on the affected unit with less seniority, subject to any skill and ability consideration. The L/C-on-call rotation list will restart once all nurses have received at least hours equivalent to half of one shift of L/C on call (four hours for an eight-hour shift nurse, six hours for a twelve hour shift nurse). In counting "on call" hours for the purpose of the fair and equitable distribution commitment, the following criteria shall apply:

- a. Only shifts within the nurse's established FTE status and extra shifts assigned prior to the monthly schedule being posted will be counted. Cancelled extra shifts assigned after the monthly schedule is posted will not be counted toward an individual's fair share of L/C hours and the nurse shall not be required to be on call.
- b. Requested (voluntary) "on call" hours will count if they meet the criteria described in Section (a).

L/C time will be counted toward "on call" time for these calculations.

7.6.2 If a nurse is assigned L/C-on call, the nurse shall receive call back pay if called back to work.

7.6.3 L/C hours, as well as L/C-on call time, shall be regarded as time worked for purposes of seniority, accrual of holiday pay and Earned Time, and eligibility for health, dental and vision benefits.

7.7 Job Openings. Notice of Registered Nurse positions to be filled shall be posted electronically at least five (5) days in advance of filling the position in order to afford presently employed nurses the first opportunity to apply. Posted job openings shall include: classification (FT/PT/relief/per diem); FTE (when applicable); unit(s)/department(s); and shift (day, evening, nights or SGN). If qualified, nurses presently employed at the Hospital shall have first choice for open positions. To be considered for a regular job opening, the nurse must submit a written application for each posted position. The application will be retained only so long as the position remains vacant. When a regular job opening occurs within the bargaining unit, seniority shall be the determining factor in filling such vacancy providing the applicants' skills, ability and experience are considered substantially equal in the opinion of the Employer, based on objective criteria such as experience/skill in the department and specialty, evaluations, certification and continuing education. In the event advance written notice of intent to resign is not received by the Employer pursuant to Section 6.2 herein, the required posting period shall be waived in filling that position. If the Employer is unable to transfer a nurse to a vacant position pursuant to this section due to patient care considerations or departmental needs, the position may be filled on a temporary basis and the nurse will be advised as to when the transfer may be expected to occur in the future. Employees transferring to a new position requiring a preceptor will be subject to a ninety (90) day review period following completion of the preceptor ship. If the nurse does not successfully complete the preceptor ship or the review period in the opinion of the Employer, the nurse will be returned to the nurse's prior position, if vacant. If the position has been filled, the nurse will be eligible for other available open positions for which the nurse is

qualified or shall be released from duty and will be placed on the Recall Roster (7.3) and provided with recall rights.

## ARTICLE 8 – HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

8.1 Work Day. The normal work day shall consist of eight (8), ten (10), or twelve (12) hours' work to be completed within eight and one-half (8 1/2), ten and one-half (10 1/2), or twelve and one-half (12 1/2) consecutive hours, respectively, with a thirty (30) minute unpaid meal period.

8.2 Work Period. The normal work period shall consist of forty (40) hours of work within a regular recurring seven (7) day period.

8.3 Work Week. A work week shall be defined for day/evening shift as Midnight Sunday morning through Saturday 11:59 p.m., night shift as 7:00 p.m. Saturday through 6:59 p.m. Saturday.

8.3.1 Surgical Services. The work week will be defined as Sunday 7:00 a.m. to the following Sunday 7:00 a.m. The on-call day will begin at the completion of a regular work day per department policy and end per department policy.

8.4 Other Work Schedules. The Hospital will make every effort to provide a full range of innovative schedules to provide flexibility for staff nurses and the potential retention of skilled nurses. When mutually agreeable to the Employer and the nurse, a normal work day may consist of a combination of eight (8) and twelve (12) hour work days based on a forty (40) hour work week. Other innovative work schedules may be established by the Employer in writing with the consent of the Union and the nurse involved. Innovative schedules are defined as schedules that require some change, modification or waiver of the provisions of this Employment Agreement. Prior to implementing an innovative shift, the Employer and the Union will meet to negotiate the terms and conditions of employment related to that innovative work schedule. Where innovative schedules are utilized by the Employer (including those innovative schedules set forth as addenda to this Agreement), the Employer retains the right to revert back to the work schedule which was in effect immediately prior to the innovative work schedule, after at least thirty (30) days' advance notice to the nurse.

8.5 Overtime.

8.5.1 Contractual Overtime. All work in excess of the normal work day when properly authorized, shall be compensated for at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the employee's base hourly rate of pay plus any applicable shift differential and certification pay. Contractual Overtime shall be considered in effect if the employee works eight (8) minutes or more beyond the end of the scheduled shift. Contractual overtime shall be paid as follows:

(a) When an employee working an eight (8) hour shift works seven (7) or more consecutive hours of contractual overtime beyond the basic work day, the first four (4)

hours shall be paid at time and one-half (1 1/2) the base hourly rate of pay plus any applicable shift differential and certification pay, and the remaining hours at two times (2x) the base hourly rate of pay plus any applicable shift differential and certification pay.

(b) Nurses working a ten (10) hour shift schedule shall be paid overtime compensation at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the base rate of pay plus any applicable shift differential and certification pay for the first four (4) hours after the end of the ten (10) hour shift or at 1 1/2 times the regular rate of pay for any overtime hours worked beyond forty (40) hours in a seven (7) day period. If a nurse works more than four (4) consecutive hours beyond the end of the ten (10) hour shift, all hours after fourteen (14) consecutive hours of work for that shift shall be paid at the premium rate of double time (2x) the base rate of pay plus applicable shift differential and certification pay.

(c) Nurses working a twelve (12) hour shift schedule shall be paid overtime compensation at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the base rate of pay plus applicable shift differential and certification pay for the first four (4) hours after the end of the twelve (12) hour shift or for any hours worked beyond forty (40) hours in a seven (7) day period. If a nurse works more than four (4) consecutive hours beyond the end of the twelve (12) hour shift, all overtime hours after sixteen (16) consecutive hours of work for that shift shall be paid at double time (2x) the base rate of pay plus applicable shift differential and certification pay.

8.5.2 Overtime on Holidays. Overtime on a holiday shall be at double time (2x) the base hourly rate of pay plus any applicable shift differential and certification pay.

8.5.3 Statutory Overtime. All work in excess of the work week period, when properly authorized shall be compensated at rate of one and one-half times (1 1/2) the nurse's regular rate of pay.

8.5.4 Pyramiding. There shall be no pyramiding or duplication of contractual and/or statutory overtime pay or other premium pay paid at the rate of time and one-half (1 1/2) or double time (2x) regardless of whether the overtime or premium hours are worked at the same time. When a nurse is eligible for time and one-half (1 1/2) or double time (2x) pay, the nurse shall receive the higher of the two (2) pay rates.

8.5.5 The Employer and the Union agree that overtime should be discouraged, and except for emergency situations, overtime shall only be worked by mutual consent.

8.6 Meal/Rest Periods. All nurses shall receive a single unpaid meal period of one-half (1/2) hour unless they work one or more hour beyond their scheduled shift. Nurses required to remain on duty or return to their nursing unit to perform nursing duties during their meal period shall be compensated for such time at the appropriate rate of pay. All nurses shall be allowed two (2) paid rest periods of fifteen (15) minutes each during each shift of eight (8) hours or more in duration, and a third paid rest period of fifteen (15) minutes during a shift of twelve (12) hours in duration. Meal periods and rest periods shall be administered in accordance with state law



(WAC 296-126-092), except that meal periods can be provided any time two (2) or more hours into the nurse's shift, and nurses will receive a single unpaid meal period unless they work one or more hour beyond their scheduled shift. The parties agree that providing breaks is the Hospital's responsibility and taking breaks when scheduled or asked to do so is the nurse's responsibility. Nurses must record any missed meal/rest periods in the Hospital's designated timekeeping records/system, and there shall be no retaliation therefor. Holding nurses accountable for time management shall not be construed as "retaliation" under the above sentence.

8.7 Weekends. The Employer will make a good faith effort to schedule all full-time and part-time employees two (2) weekends off out of each four (4) consecutive weekends. If staffing allows, preference will be given to scheduling every other weekend off. In the event a full-time or part-time nurse is required to work three (3) consecutive weekends, all time worked on the weekend that would have been the regularly scheduled weekend off will be paid at double time (2x) the base rate of pay plus applicable shift differential and certification pay. This section shall not apply to full-time or part-time nurses who voluntarily agree to more frequent weekend duty. The weekend shall be defined for day and evening shift personnel as Saturday and Sunday. For night shift personnel, the weekend shall be defined as Friday and Saturday nights. For nurses working a twelve (12) hour shift, the weekend shall be defined as all hours between 7:00 p.m. Friday night and 7:00 p.m. Sunday night. Where the Employer has paid weekend premium pay under Article 10.5 for this forty-eight (48) hour period, no additional weekend premium pay shall be paid to a nurse working the Sunday evening shift beginning at 7:00 p.m. (e.g., between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.).

8.8 Time Off Between Shifts. Each nurse working an eight (8) hour shift will have an unbroken rest period of at least eleven (11) hours between shifts unless mutually agreed to between the nurse and the Employer. Each nurse working a ten (10) or twelve (12) hour shift will have an unbroken rest period of at least ten (10) hours between shifts unless mutually agreed to between the nurse and the Employer. Nurses who are called to work without the minimum rest between shifts discussed above shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1 ½) the base rate of pay plus applicable shift differential and certification pay for all hours worked.

8.8.1 Surgical Services. In circumstances in which an RN in Surgical Services is required to remain on duty for more than one and one half (1.5) hours past her/his scheduled shift, and that RN has been designated as the on-call RN for that time period, said RN will be paid the call-back rate specified above for a minimum of three (3) hours. Volunteers will be sought where it appears that it will be necessary to hold over the on-call RN beyond his/her scheduled shift. Each nurse will have an unbroken rest period of ten (10) hours between shifts unless mutually agreed to between the nurse and the Employer. If the nurse works without a minimum of ten (10) hours rest between shifts, the nurse will be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) the base rate of pay plus applicable shift differential and certification pay for hours worked. Management may change, in its sole discretion, the time that call begins and ends.

8.8.2 Exceptions. Neither Section 8.8 or 8.8.1 of this Agreement shall apply when: there is less than the applicable rest between shifts due to the employee's request for a schedule change; the Employer's and employee's mutual agreement to change a

schedule; an employee's ongoing innovative schedule; or an employee's attendance at voluntary in-service meetings, voluntary department meetings or voluntary education days of any length.

8.9 Work Schedule. It is recognized and understood that deviations from the foregoing normal hours of work may occur from time to time, resulting from several causes, such as but not limited to vacations, leave of absence, weekend and holiday duty, absenteeism, employee requests, temporary shortage of personnel, low census and emergencies. The Employer retains the right to adjust work schedules to maintain an efficient and orderly operation. Monthly work schedules will be posted at least ten (10) days prior to the beginning of the scheduled work period. Except for emergency conditions involving patient care and low census conditions, individual scheduled hours of work set forth on the posted work schedule may be changed only by mutual consent. Per diem nurses may be tentatively pre-scheduled for no more shifts than they must make themselves available under Article 5.7.2, but regularly scheduled nurses assigned to that unit will have the opportunity to sign up for additional shift(s) that do not incur premium pay for the additional shift(s) before the per diem shifts are finalized.

Requests for time off (paid or unpaid) which are submitted by the 5th of the prior month shall be granted based on the Employer making every reasonable effort to provide replacement coverage. Unless the requested leave is covered by another section of this Agreement, requests made after the 5th of the prior month may require the nurse to find her/his own replacement without placing the Hospital in an overtime situation.

## ARTICLE 9 – COMPENSATION

9.1 Wage Rates. Nurses covered by this Agreement shall be paid in accordance with the following hourly wage schedule:

- Effective second pay period after ratification by both parties – 3% increase
- Effective – 1/1/22 1.5% increase
- Effective – 7/1/22 – 1% increase
- Effective – 1/1/23 1.5% increase
- Effective – 7/1/23 – 1% increase

Steps	Effective 2nd pay pd after ratification	Effective 1/1/22	Effective 7/1/22	Effective 1/1/23	Effective 7/1/23
Base	33.21	33.71	34.04	34.55	34.90
1 year	34.63	35.15	35.50	36.03	36.39
2 years	35.98	36.52	36.88	37.44	37.81
3 years	37.38	37.94	38.32	38.89	39.28
4 years	38.82	39.40	39.80	40.39	40.80
5 years	40.11	40.71	41.12	41.73	42.15
6 years	41.56	42.18	42.61	43.24	43.68

7 years	42.92	43.56	44.00	44.66	45.11
8 years	44.38	45.05	45.50	46.18	46.64
9 years	45.75	46.44	46.90	47.61	48.08
10 years	47.50	48.22	48.70	49.43	49.92
11 years	48.31	49.03	49.52	50.26	50.77
12 years	49.12	49.86	50.36	51.11	51.62
13 years	49.75	50.50	51.00	51.77	52.28
14 years	50.38	51.13	51.64	52.42	52.94
15 years	51.08	51.84	52.36	53.15	53.68
16 years	51.79	52.57	53.09	53.89	54.43
17 years	52.31	53.10	53.63	54.43	54.98
18 years	52.85	53.64	54.18	54.99	55.54
19 years	54.06	54.88	55.42	56.26	56.82
20 years	55.27	56.10	56.66	57.51	58.08
21 years	55.82	56.66	57.23	58.08	58.67
22 years	56.38	57.23	57.80	58.67	59.25
23 years	56.75	57.60	58.18	59.05	59.64
24 years	57.13	57.98	58.56	59.44	60.04
25 years	57.50	58.37	58.95	59.83	60.43
26 years	57.88	58.75	59.34	60.23	60.83
27 years	58.27	59.14	59.73	60.63	61.23
28 years	58.65	59.53	60.13	61.03	61.64
29 years	59.24	60.13	60.73	61.64	62.25
30 years	59.83	60.73	61.33	62.25	62.88
31 years	60.43	61.33	61.95	62.88	63.51
32 years	61.03	61.95	62.57	63.51	64.14
33 years	61.64	62.57	63.19	64.14	64.78
34 years	62.26	63.19	63.82	64.78	65.43

9.2 Longevity Increase. Annual longevity steps shall become effective for full-time and part-time nurses the pay period following their anniversary date. For relief and per diem nurses, longevity steps shall become effective the pay period following the pay period in which the nurse has worked the lesser of 910 hours or three (3) years, subject to a limit of one longevity increase per year. Low census hours will also be totaled with work hours in determining the 910 hour level for relief and per diem nurses' longevity step increases. All time paid for, excluding standby pay, shall be included when calculating longevity steps for relief and per diem nurses.

9.3 Recognition for Past Experience — New Hires. Full- and part-time nurses hired during the term of this Agreement shall be given credit for their continuous relevant recent nursing experience when placed on the wage scale. For purposes of this section, continuous relevant recent nursing experience shall be defined as verifiable clinical nursing experience as a registered nurse in settings that the Employer determines are relevant to its hospital's operations, without a break in nursing experience which in the opinion of the Employer would reduce the level of nursing skills. When giving "full credit" if the sum of all years of continuous relevant

recent experience includes X years and Y months, only the years will be credited and the months will be dropped.

#### ARTICLE 10 – PREMIUM PAY

10.1 Shift Differential. Nurses assigned to work the evening shift (3-11) shall be paid a shift differential of two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$2.75) per hour. Nurses assigned to work the night shift (11-7) shall be paid a shift differential of four dollars and seventy-five cents (\$4.75) per hour over the base rate of pay.

10.2 On Call. On call pay shall be paid at the rate of four dollars (\$4.00) per hour. Nurses on call must be able to report to work within thirty (30) minutes, or longer if there are special circumstances justifying it that are agreed to by the nurse's supervisor in advance of the nurse accepting the call.

10.2.1 Any nurse who works a callback and returns to work the following a.m. shift may leave if necessary prior to the end of the shift with the approval of her/his immediate supervisor.

10.2.2 Nurses who volunteer on a regularly scheduled day off to be on call shall only be called back onto their home unit except by mutual agreement.

10.3 Callback. Callback shall be defined as time worked when an employee is called in during an "on-call shift". Any time actually spent in callback time shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half (1 1/2) the base rate of pay plus applicable shift differential and certification pay of the nurse concerned for a minimum of three (3) hours even where the minimum overlaps the scheduled shift. If a nurse is called back more than once during the three (3) hour minimum guarantee, there will be no additional three (3) hour minimum guarantee for such callback, but the nurse shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1 1/2) the base rate of pay plus applicable shift differential and certification pay.

10.4 Call In. Call in shall be defined as time worked - outside of regularly scheduled shifts when not "on call". These hours shall be paid as covered by Sections 8.7, 8.8 and 10.7. If none of these apply, "extra" days will be paid at the base rate of pay.

10.4.1 Call in on Day Off. All nurses, including relief and per diem nurses, called in for their scheduled day off shall be paid as follows. The Employer may not low census nurses for hours on the same shift that they are called in on their day off.

- a) Per Diem – time and one half (1.5x) base rate of pay.
- b) Employees with an FTE – double (2x) base rate of pay.

10.5 Weekend Premium Pay. Any nurse who works on a weekend shall receive three dollars and twenty-five cents (\$3.25) per hour for each hour worked on the weekend in addition to the nurse's base rate of pay. This is premium pay and is not subject to overtime. The weekend shall be defined as all hours between 11:00 p.m. Friday and 11:00 p.m. Sunday. For nurses working a

twelve (12) hour shift, the weekend shall be defined as all hours between 7:00 p.m. Friday night and 7:00 p.m. Sunday night.

10.6 **Charge Duty.** Any nurse who is assigned "charge" duties shall be paid a premium rate of three dollars and twenty-five cents (\$3.25) per hour over the base rate of pay for all hours when assigned such duties. Nurses assigned Charge responsibilities will have those additional responsibilities considered in their direct patient care.

10.7 **Compensation for Sixth Day.** Nurses who work six (6) consecutive days shall be paid time and one-half (1 1/2) their base rate of pay plus applicable shift differential and certification pay for all time worked on the sixth (6th) day and all following consecutive days. This shall not apply to: time worked on a surgical call schedule; voluntary in-service meetings, voluntary department meetings; voluntary education days of any length; or when an employee requests or voluntarily agrees to work six or more consecutive days.

10.8 **Temporary Assignment to Higher Salaried Positions.** A nurse temporarily assigned to a higher salaried position shall be compensated for such work at the rate of pay applicable to the higher salaried position.

10.9 **Certification Premium.** Nurses certified in a specialty area by a national organization and working in that area of certification shall be paid a premium of \$1.25 per hour, provided the particular certification has been approved by Nursing Administration, and provided further that the nurse continues to meet all education and other requirements to keep the certification current and in good standing. If a nurse transfers out of the area for which the nurse is certified, the nurse will not be paid the differential until such time as the nurse transfers back into the area for which the nurse is certified, likewise a certified nurse, who does not maintain the certification will not be paid the differential as of the date the certification expires. A nurse with multiple certifications shall only be eligible to receive one certification premium.

10.10 **Report Pay.** Nurses who report for work as scheduled will be offered a minimum of four (4) hours of work at the base rate of pay plus applicable shift differential and certification pay before they are released from duty due to low census, etc. This provision shall also apply if the nurse is not notified at least one and one-half (1 1/2) hours before the beginning of the shift not to report to work. The notification provisions of this section shall be satisfied by actual notice, by message left on the nurse's answering machine, or where the Hospital has made repeated attempts to reach the nurse at home. (Documented attempts will be recorded in the staffing office.)

10.11 **Preceptor Pay.** Any nurse who is a preceptor shall be paid a premium of two dollars (\$2.00) an hour over the nurse's base rate of pay. It is the intent of the Employer to seek volunteers for preceptor assignments.

10.12 **BSN Premium Pay.** All nurses who present evidence of a baccalaureate degree in nursing (BSN) from an approved accredited college/university will receive a premium of one dollar (\$1.00) per hour.

ARTICLE 11 – HOLIDAYS

11.1 Holidays. The Employer observes the following holidays:

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Presidents' Day	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Christmas Day
Independence Day	

11.2 Work on Holiday. Nurses required to work on a holiday shall be paid time and one-half (1 1/2) their base rate of pay plus applicable shift differential and certification pay for all hours worked on the observed holiday. Overtime worked on a holiday shall be paid at double (2x) the nurse's base rate of pay plus applicable shift differential and certification pay.

11.3 Holiday Work Rotation. It is agreed that the holiday work shall be rotated by the department.

11.4 Worked Holiday Premium. For all units except Surgical Services, the holiday is observed from 11 p.m. the night prior to the holiday to 10:59 p.m. the night of the holiday.

11.4.1 Surgical Services Holiday. In Surgical Services the holiday timeframe will coincide with call coverage for that day and begin at 7:00 a.m. the day of the hospital recognized holiday and end the next calendar date at 6:59 a.m.

ARTICLE 12 – EARNED TIME

12.1 Accrual. Benefit-eligible nurses working a minimum of twenty (20) hours per week shall accrue Earned Time based upon their eligible hours each pay period. Eligible hours include straight time and overtime hours worked, low census hours, and Earned Time hours used (but not cashed out), up to a maximum of 2080 eligible hours per year (except for Earned Time designated for PSL, discussed in 12.1.1).

<u>Employees Years of Service</u>	<u>Hourly Accrual Rate</u>	<u>Pay Period Accrual (based on 1.0 FTE)</u>
0-3	.103869	8.3095 hours
4-5	.134569	10.7655
6-7	.138469	11.0775
8-9	.142269	11.3815
10-11	.146169	11.6935
12+	.153869	12.3095

12.1.1 Earned Time Designated for PSL. For each Earned Time hour accrued, a quarter of the hour (.025 of the Hourly Accrual Rates listed above) will be banked to ensure availability of Earned Time for the purposes of the Washington State Paid Sick Leave Law, RCW 49.46.200 et seq. ("PSL Law"), and designated for use as described below.

**Usage.** Earned Time designated for paid sick leave (“PSL-designated Earned Time”) must be used for the following purposes and for any purpose required under law, including:

(i) An absence resulting from an employee’s mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; to accommodate the employee’s need for medical diagnosis, care, or treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; or an employee’s need for preventive medical care;

(ii) To allow the employee to provide care for a family member (as defined in RCW 49.46.210) with a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; care of a family member who needs medical diagnosis, care, or treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; or care for a family member who needs preventive medical care;

(iii) When the employee’s place of business has been closed by order of a public official for any health-related reason, or when an employee’s child’s school or place of care has been closed for such a reason; and

(iv) For absences that qualify for leave under the domestic violence leave act, chapter 49.76 RCW.

An employee may use PSL-designated Earned Time for other purposes. This time off may be taken in as little as 15-minute increments.

While using PSL-designated Earned Time, employees will receive their base hourly rate of pay plus applicable differentials. Use of PSL-designated Earned Time is not considered hours worked for purposes of overtime accrual or calculating overtime.

**Notice.** If the need for use of PSL-designated Earned Time is foreseeable, the employee must provide notice at least ten days, or as early as practicable, in advance of the use of such Earned Time.

If the need for PSL-designated Earned Time is unforeseeable, unless the leave is taken for purposes authorized under the domestic violence leave act, chapter 49.76 RCW, then the employee must provide notice to the Employer as soon as possible before the scheduled start of their shift, unless it is not practicable to do so. If it is not practicable for the employee to provide notice, the employee’s designee may do so.

If the need for PSL-designated Earned Time is unforeseeable and is for purposes authorized under the domestic violence leave act, chapter 49.76 RCW, then the employee (or if impracticable, his or her designee) must give oral or written notice to the Employer no later than the end of the first day that the employee takes such leave.

**Certification and Verification.** It may be necessary to ask for medical certification or verification that an employee has used PSL-designated Earned Time for a

reason allowed under this article. In general, medical certification will be required for all medical leave taken under the Family and Medical Leave Act and our Health Related Leave article, even when PSL-designated Earned Time is used. Medical certification will also be required as necessary and allowed under applicable law to administer workers' compensation.

In circumstances that do not qualify as leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act, our Health Related Leave article, or workers' compensation, employees will generally be asked to verify their use of PSL-designated Earned Time after they have been absent for more than three scheduled work days. Requested verification may include documentation from the employee's doctor or other healthcare provider, or other professional who provided assistance related to use of PSL-designated Earned Time for purposes related to the domestic violence leave act.

If an employee believes that a request for verification would pose an unreasonable burden or expense, the employee may inform the Human Resources Department, attest that the employee's use of paid sick time was for a reason allowed under this article, and explain how the requested verification would create an unreasonable burden or expense.

12.1.2 Carryover. A nurse may carry over up to 52 hours of accrued unused PSL-designated Earned Time to the following benefit year. Any PSL-designated Earned Time in excess of 52 hours at the end of a year will be converted to non-PSL designated Earned Time hours.

12.2 Earned Time Usage. Newly hired part-time and full-time employees will accrue earned time from their date of hire for use after thirty (30) days of employment. Earned Time may be used in a minimum of fifteen (15) minute increments. Except in the event of a hospital-requested absence due to low census, nurse convenience time off without pay, approved leave without pay pursuant to Article 14, or as required by law, employees must use Earned Time for any scheduled (full or partial) work days they are absent, up to the employee's assigned FTE. Earned time that is not PSL-designated Earned Time may also be used for emergency doctor and dental appointments during regular working hours provided that, if not using PSL-designated Earned Time, leave for such an appointment must be cleared where possible with the Department Head one (1) day in advance. If not using PSL-designated Earned Time, nurses must provide the Employer at least ten (10) days' advance notice of non-emergency (routine) doctor and dental appointments. Nurses may accrue an occurrence if they do not have adequate earned time to cover all hours of an absence.

12.2.1 Earned Time Use During Low Census. Nurses placed on low census by the Employer may choose to either utilize Earned Time or take leave without pay up to the amount of hours low censused that day.

12.2.2 Nurse Convenience Time Off Without Pay. A nurse may request time off without pay, instead of using accrued Earned Time. Such requests will be limited to six (6) scheduled shifts per calendar year (pro-rated for part-time employees). Such requests must be submitted in writing in advance to the manager with as much advance notice as



possible and are subject to the Hospital's determination of scheduling or staffing needs or financial considerations. When granting requests for time off nurses using Earned Time accruals will receive preference over nurses requesting unpaid convenience time off.

### 12.2.3 Earned Time Request Procedure.

In scheduling time off, each department/work area will adhere to the following guidelines:

All such requests shall be submitted in the format specified by the Hospital.

A. Subject to the Hospital's limitation of vacations based upon operational or patient care considerations, employees shall be granted vacation by seniority, subject to the following:

1. Each employee will designate any number of requests (from one day up to two weeks) in order of priority.
2. The Employer will consider the "first priority request" of all employees, before considering and awarding second and subsequent priority requests on the same basis.

B. Vacation requests shall be submitted in the format specified by the Hospital, and at least by the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) of the month prior to the month when the requested time off would occur. Vacation requests may be made up to six (6) months in advance of the requested time off. The Hospital will consider vacation requests on a monthly basis, as long as submitted at least by the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) of the month prior to the month when the requested time off would occur. Such requests shall be responded to by the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) of the same month the timely request was submitted. If the person to whom the nurse submitted a vacation request does not respond within the timeline above, then the nurse can elevate the matter to the Chief Nursing Officer or designee on the 13<sup>th</sup> of the month. If the nurse has not received a response by the 18<sup>th</sup>, the request shall be assumed approved and the Hospital is responsible for finding coverage.

C. Seniority will govern awarding competing requests for the same time off if the requests are submitted during the same monthly request period. Otherwise, awards for time off will be made on a "first come, first served" basis.

For example, if Nurse A has less seniority than Nurse B and they both ask for the week of July 4<sup>th</sup> off during the same monthly request period, but Nurse A asks for it five days earlier than Nurse B, Nurse B will be awarded the time off because of Nurse B's higher seniority.

But if Nurse A were to make her request in the monthly request period before Nurse B, Nurse A would be awarded the time off, despite her lower seniority than Nurse B, because she requested it in a request period before Nurse B did.

D. The Employer shall have the right to schedule vacations in such a way as will least interfere with patient care and work load requirements of the Hospital. Patient care needs will take precedence over individual requests.

E. The Hospital shall designate "prime time" vacation periods from June 15 through September 15 and limit, in cases of conflict, vacations to ~~two weeks~~ three (3) weeks during such prime time. Additional vacation requests are subject to management approval.

F. Holiday work schedule rotations shall take precedence over vacation scheduling.

G. Once a vacation has been approved, it will not be cancelled absent an emergency. If a nurse incurs expenses due to a vacation that was cancelled, the Employer shall reimburse those expenses that remain after the nurse makes reasonable efforts to reduce such expenses, with documentation of the expenses and the nurse's reasonable efforts to reduce them.

H. Nurses may not access earned time that would result in a negative balance. A nurse will be denied vacation requests if at the time of the request the nurse's projected earned time balance would not contain sufficient earned time to cover the requested time off at the time the leave is to be used.

I. Special circumstances may be considered by management in approving vacations outside of these aforementioned guidelines. These requests will be posted on the unit two weeks prior to approval.

12.3 Conversion Prior to Reaching 320 Hours of Earned Time. Except for PSL-designated Earned Time, Earned Time may be converted (i.e., cashed out) by an employee before that employee accrues 320 hours of earned time according to Internal Revenue Service rules and Hospital policy under the following conditions:

1. The employee's request for conversion may only be made as an irrevocable election during the annual employee benefits open enrollment period.

a. During the irrevocable election period the employee may elect to convert up to 50% of the hours he/she is scheduled to accrue during the following year at the rate of 50% of the employee's hourly base wage rate at the time of the conversion per Earned Time hour. Such election must be submitted via the appropriate request form, available from Human Resources. The employee's request must include the number of hours to be converted and the month of the conversion. Once submitted, this election cannot be changed by the employee.

b. If sufficient accrued hours are not available at the time of the conversion to cover the elected amount and leave a balance of at least 80 hours (including all PSL-ET) in the employee's earned time bank, the number of hours converted will be reduced accordingly.

2. The employee may also request conversion for an "unforeseeable emergency" as defined by IRS regulations. Such requests must be submitted via the appropriate request form,

available from Human Resources. Conversion will be at the rate of 50% of the employee's hourly base wage rate at the time of the conversion per earned time hour. The number of hours to be converted must be an amount that is reasonably necessary to satisfy the emergency need and must leave a balance of at least 80 hours in the employee's earned time bank. Approval for payment with the next payroll is at the discretion of the Chief Financial Officer.

#### 12.4 Conversion at 320 hours of Earned Time.

12.4.1 For nurses employed as of November 1, 2020. If total Earned Time exceeds 320 hours, the excess hours may be taken from Earned Time not designated as PSL-designated Earned Time as follows:

- a. Take as paid vacation in the same pay period as the excess time is accrued, in accordance with request and scheduling requirements, and/or
- b. Upon request two weeks in advance, for a minimum of three months, receive payoff at one hundred percent (100%) of current base hourly wage for those non-PSL-designated hours over 320 Earned Time hours; or
- c. Convert non-PSL-designated hours over 320 Earned Time hours to EIB hours.

If Earned Time reaches 320 hours, then the amount above 320 hours that is not designated as PSL Earned Time will be automatically converted to EIB hours unless a requested vacation is denied due to scheduling conflicts or the nurse exercises one of the other options above.

12.4.2 For nurses employed after November 1, 2020. If total Earned Time exceeds 320 hours, the excess hours may be taken from Earned Time not designated as PSL-designated Earned Time as follows:

- a. Take as paid vacation in the same pay period as the excess time is accrued, in accordance with request and scheduling requirements, and/or
- b. Convert non-PSL-designated hours over 320 Earned Time hours to EIB hours.

If Earned Time reaches 320 hours, then the amount above 320 hours that is not designated as PSL Earned Time will be automatically converted to EIB hours unless a requested vacation is denied due to scheduling conflicts or the nurse exercises the paid vacation option above.

12.5 Separation. Upon separation with proper notice pursuant to Article 6.2, all accrued unused Earned Time will be paid at the nurse's current base rate of pay plus applicable certification pay. Earned Time accrual will not be paid in the case of termination for just cause.

12.6 Pay Rate. When Earned Time is used, it shall be paid at the nurse's base rate of pay plus applicable shift differential and certification of pay.

12.7 Notification of Absence. Except as otherwise provided under Articles 12.1.1 and 12.8, Nurses shall notify the Employer at least two (2) hours in advance of the nurse's scheduled shift if the nurse is unable to report for duty as scheduled. The nurse must notify the Employer each

day of absence if the nurse is unable to work unless prior arrangements have been made with the nurse's supervisor.

12.7.1 Surgical Services. Except as otherwise provided under Articles 12.1.1 and 12.8, where possible, nurses shall notify the Employer at least eight (8) hours in advance of a scheduled call shift if the nurse is unable to report for duty as scheduled.

12.8 Washington Paid Sick Leave. Non-benefitted Part-Time (<.5 FTE), Per Diem, and Relief nurses are ineligible for Earned Time under Article 12.1. The Employer will provide such nurses with paid sick leave coverage as required by the PSL Law. Non-benefitted nurses shall accrue 1 hour of Washington Paid Sick Leave ("WPSL") for every forty hours the nurse works (.025 per hour). Accrual will begin at the nurse's date of hire or change in eligibility status. An eligible nurse may use accrued WPSL hours after 90 days of employment. Non-benefitted nurses may use their WPSL benefit as described and in accordance with the provisions in Article 12.1.1. A nurse may carry over up to 40 accrued unused WPSL hours to the following year. WPSL hours may not be cashed out under any circumstances.

#### 12.9 Changes in Earned Time-eligible Status.

12.9.1 Change to Relief, Per Diem, or Part-Time (<0.5 FTE) Status. Full time or part time employees whose statuses change to Relief, Per Diem, or Part-Time (<0.5 FTE) are not eligible to accumulate hours in their Earned Time bank as of the date of the status change. Such employees would begin to accrue WPSL hours as described in Section 12.8 as of the date of the status change. Unused accrued earned time shall be paid to the employee down to a balance of 40 hours at the time the employee changes to Earned Time-ineligible status. The employee will be able to use the remaining Earned Time hours in accordance with Section 12.1.1.

12.9.2 Change from Relief, Per Diem, or Part-Time (<0.5 FTE) Status. If a Relief, Per Diem, or Part-Time (<0.5 FTE) employee who is not eligible for Earned Time benefits becomes eligible to accrue Earned Time, then the employee will no longer accrue WPSL hours as described in Section 12.8 as of the date of the status change, and will begin to accrue Earned Time hours as of the date of the status change. The employee will be able to use accrued WPSL hours until they are exhausted, but must use PSL-designated Earned Time before using WPSL hours.

### ARTICLE 13 – EXTENDED ILLNESS BANK (EIB)

Nurses may fund their EIB with Earned Time hours above 320 hours, as described in Article 12.4(c). EIB hours may be accumulated up to a maximum accumulation of 320 hours. Upon termination of employment, nurses will not be paid for EIB hours accumulated but not used.

EIB hours may be accessed due to:

- a) Nurse's illness or injury;
- b) to care for the nurse's minor dependent(s) under the age 18 who has a health

- condition that requires treatment or supervision;
- c) to care for a seriously ill spouse, parent, grandparent or adult child incapable of self-care (if the Nurse has been approved for a leave under the Family Medical Leave Act, or requests time off in accordance with the Washington State Family Care Act).

EIB hours may be accessed after 16 consecutive scheduled hours missed for the reasons discussed immediately above. However, EIB hours may be accessed immediately on the first day of hospitalization (either the employee's or the people identified above) when verification documentation is provided.

Any payment of EIB benefits is conditioned on the nurse providing notification of absence for EIB purposes at least two (2) hours in advance of the nurse's scheduled shift, or as soon as practicable if the nurse does not have two hours' notice of the need to use EIB hours (i.e., hospitalization for an acute event less than two hours before the nurse's scheduled shift).

The Employer reserves the right to require reasonable written proof of personal or family member illness or injury, including medical necessity and expected duration of leave.

Once EIB hours are accessed, their use will continue for the length of the term that the nurse is out for the reasons discussed in this Article 13, or until the EIB balance is exhausted, whichever is sooner. EIB hours are paid at the nurse's base rate of pay plus shift differential and certification pay (if applicable).

In any case in which a nurse shall be entitled to benefits or payments under the Industrial Insurance Act or similar legislation, the Employer shall pay only the difference between the benefits and payments received under such Act by the nurse and the nurse's EIB benefits otherwise payable.

#### ARTICLE 14 – LEAVE OF ABSENCE

14.1 In General. All leaves are to be requested from the Employer in writing as far in advance as possible, stating all pertinent details and the amount of time requested. A written reply to grant or deny the request shall be given by the Hospital.

14.2 Leave With Pay. Leave with pay shall not alter a nurse's anniversary date of employment or otherwise affect his/her compensation or status with the Hospital.

14.3 Leave Without Pay. Leave without pay for a period of thirty (30) days or less within an anniversary year shall not alter a nurse's anniversary date of employment and no benefits shall accrue during such leave unless specifically agreed to by the Hospital.

#### 14.4 Educational Leave.

14.4.1 Unpaid Educational Leave. After one (1) year of continuous employment, permission shall be granted for leave of absence without pay for job-related study without loss of accrued benefits, provided such leave does not jeopardize Hospital Service.

14.4.2 Paid Education Leave. A minimum of four (4) or more days of paid educational leave per year shall be granted upon request to nurses provided, however, such leave is subject to approval by the Department Director of the subject matter to be studied. Educational meetings shall be defined as those conducted for the purpose of developing skills and qualifications of nurses, enhancing and upgrading the quality of patient care and shall not include any meeting conducted for the purpose of labor relations or collective bargaining activities.

14.4.3 A nurse does not have to be scheduled to work on an educational leave day in order to get paid for an educational day.

14.5 Maternity Leave. After successful completion of the introductory period, leave without pay shall be granted upon request of the nurse for a period of up to six (6) months for maternity purposes, without loss of benefits accrued to the date such leave commences. If a nurse is FMLA-eligible, the nurse will be using his/her FMLA during a maternity leave. Maternity leave which is of a duration of twelve (12) weeks or less, including any Earned Time taken, shall be without loss of benefit accrued at the date such leave commences and will guarantee the nurse, upon returning from such leave, her same position, shift and employment status.

14.6 Parental Leave. After completion of the introductory period, a leave of absence without pay shall be granted upon the request of the nurse for a period of up to twelve (12) weeks during the twenty-four (24) month period following the birth of a natural child, placement of a foster or adopted child, or to care for a seriously ill child without loss of benefits accrued to the date such leave commences. If a nurse is FMLA-eligible, the nurse will be using his/her FMLA during a parental leave. An employee planning to take parental leave to care for a newborn or newly-placed child shall provide the Employer with written notice at least thirty (30) days in advance of the anticipated date of delivery or adoption/foster care placement, stating the dates during which the employee intends to take parental leave. The Employer shall guarantee the nurse's position if the nurse returns from leave on or before the first day of the thirteenth (13th) week.

14.7 Health Related Leave. After successful completion of the introductory period, a leave of absence may be granted without pay for a nurse's own health reasons upon the recommendation of a physician for a period of six (6) months without loss of accrued benefits. If a nurse is FMLA-eligible, the nurse will be using his/her FMLA leave during a health leave. During a health leave of 12 weeks or less, the nurse will be guaranteed upon returning from such leave, her same position, shift and employment status (FTE). During a health leave which exceeds 12 weeks, upon returning from such leave on or before 6 months, the nurse shall only return to his/her same position if it is vacant and available. If it is not, such nurse will be reinstated to the first available comparable opening for which the nurse is qualified under Section 7.7. If such nurse is unsuccessful in being reassigned to a comparable opening under Section 7.7, then such

nurse will be considered to be on recall status, under Section 7.4, without formal notice of layoff, effective at the conclusion of such nurse's health leave, for a period of time which when combined with the nurse's health leave does not exceed 12 months. (For example a nurse who takes an approved health leave for 5 months may only remain on the recall list for 7 months.)

14.8 Bereavement Leave. Bereavement leave of three (3) full shifts consistent with the nurse's regular schedule (e.g., 8, 10, 12 hour shifts) with pay (at the nurse's base rate) shall be granted for the death in the immediate family. "Immediate family" shall include only persons related by blood, marriage, or legal adoption, or in the degree of consanguinity of grandparent, parent, wife, husband, spousal equivalent, brother, sister, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, and any relative living in the nurse's household. An additional two (2) shifts of unpaid leave may be granted where extensive travel is required.

14.9 Jury Duty. A full-time and part-time nurse who is required to serve on jury duty on a regularly scheduled work day, or who is called to be a witness on behalf of the Employer in any judicial proceeding, shall be compensated by the Employer at his/her base rate of pay plus applicable shift differential and certification pay for the scheduled hours missed as a result of jury duty. The nurse is expected to notify his/her supervisor immediately upon receipt of the jury summons to allow the supervisor to provide alternative staffing in response to the jury duty. The nurse shall keep the staffing office informed of the nurse's availability for work during the period the nurse serves on jury duty. Evening and night shift employees who are serving on a jury, or acting as a witness, are not expected to report for work unless they are excused from jury duty for the day. In the event an employee is not required to report to the court for jury duty or is released from jury duty prior to the end of the nurse's scheduled shift, the employee is expected to work his/her scheduled shift. Nurses subpoenaed for proceedings not involving the Employer will be given unpaid release time. At the nurse's option, accrued vacation may be substituted for unpaid release time.

14.9.1 Nurses scheduled to work a night shift (1900-0700) who do not work because of jury duty on the following day will still receive Jury Duty pay for that night if they are released or not required for jury duty the following day.

14.10 Other Federal and State Leaves of Absence. Military Leave needed by an employee due to enlistment in the Armed Services, Exigency Leave necessitated by the employee's parent, child or spouse's call to Active Duty in covered military service, Injured Service Member Leave which is needed to care for an employee's family member who is injured while in covered military service, and Domestic Violence leaves will be administered by the Employer in accordance with applicable state and federal laws, through the Employer's personnel policies and procedures.

14.11 Union Leave. An employee may be granted an unpaid leave of absence for up to twelve (12) months to assume a position with the Union at the Employer's discretion (current seniority "frozen" for employee while on such leave). The Employer may release the employee for a period of time (at the discretion of the Employer) where the employee is entitled to return to their former position. The employee may also choose to take leave (if approved) without such guarantee. For such a leave the employee shall only be entitled at the end of the approved leave

period to placement in the first available opening for a position that the employee is qualified for pursuant to Section 7.7, Job Openings.

#### ARTICLE 15 – HEALTH PROGRAMS

15.1 Health Tests. The Employer shall arrange to give Tuberculin skin tests and other tests as required by state law at no cost to the nurse. All nurses shall also be permitted CBC, chest X-ray, urinalysis and chem profile annually without cost upon a physician's order.

15.1.1 Hepatitis B Vaccine Series will be offered to every nurse paid for by the Employer.

15.1.2 Any influenza or coronavirus test required by the Employer as a condition to return to work shall be covered at no cost to the nurse.

15.2 Industrial Insurance. Employees shall be covered by a plan of industrial insurance, either the State Workers' Compensation or a substantially equivalent plan.

15.3 Health Insurance. Beginning the date of hire if it is the first day of a month or the first of the month following the date of hire if the date of hire is not the first day of a month, medical, surgical, hospital dental and vision insurance shall be provided by the Employer for all full-time nurses and part-time nurses who work twenty (20) hours or more a week.

15.4 Retirement. Bargaining unit nurses shall be eligible to participate in the same retirement plan as is provided by the Employer to all other Hospital employees. Retirement benefits, contribution rates and eligibility requirement for participation will be defined by the Employer's plan, as approved by the Hospital's Board of Commissioners.

15.5 Maintenance of Benefits. The Employer reserves the right to change unilaterally group health insurance providers or carriers; provided, however, that the current level of group health insurance benefits shall not be unilaterally reduced by the Employer during the term of this Agreement without first notifying the Union regarding any changes in benefit levels, and upon timely request, discussing those changes. The Employer shall notify the Union at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance of any proposed reduction in such benefits.

15.6 Other Benefits from Washington Law. The Employer will implement the Washington Paid Family and Medical Leave program and the Washington Long-Term Care Act for UFCW-represented employees in the same manner as the Employer implements the program for non-UFCW represented employees.

#### ARTICLE 16 – CONTINUING EDUCATION

16.1 In-service Education. Education and training programs for registered nurses shall be ongoing and designed to augment their knowledge of pertinent new developments in patient care and to maintain current competence. The scope and complexity of the program shall be based on the documented educational needs of registered nurses and the resources available to meet those



needs. The needs shall be identified, at least in part, through the findings of the review and evaluation of nursing care and nursing department monitoring activities. The extent of participation of each registered nurse shall be documented.

- a. The individual responsible for developing and coordinating nursing educational/training programs should be knowledgeable in educational methods and current nursing practice.
- b. Registered nurses who provide direct patient care shall contribute to such programs.
- c. An evaluation of the educational activities should be performed periodically by the Nursing Practice Committee.
- d. Nurses who attend required in-service programs while off duty shall be paid for all time spent in attending or shall receive paid compensatory time off, at the nurse's option.
- e. In-service shall be made available on all shifts, with programs posted in advance of their presentation.

#### ARTICLE 17 – COMMITTEES

17.1 Labor Management Committee. The Chief Operating Officer along with two (2) supervisory/managerial nurses appointed by Nursing Administration, plus three (3) elected representatives of the staff nurses shall constitute a Labor Management Committee to assist with nursing service problems, matters relating to the working conditions and administration of the terms of this Agreement. The Director of Human Resources and a Union Labor Representative may also attend these Committee meetings. The Committee shall be advisory and shall meet no more than quarterly, or any time by mutual agreement of the parties, with the major purposes being discussion of: this Agreement's interpretation and application, and improved communications between the Union, the staff nurses, and the Hospital. Staff nurses who are committee members shall be paid straight time for time spent participating in this Committee.

17.2 Nursing Practice and Staffing Committee. A Nursing Practice and Staffing Committee has been established and shall be maintained to generally discuss nursing practices, patient care and nurse utilization in the Hospital. This Committee shall also be responsible for continuing to develop and oversee the in-patient care units' shift-based nurse staffing plan which is to be updated at least annually based on the needs of patients pursuant to RCW 70.41.420. General objectives of the Nursing Practice and Staffing Committee include considering constructively the professional practice of nurses, working constructively for the improvement of patient care and nursing practice, and recommending to the Employer ways and means to improve patient care. This Committee shall be advisory to nursing administration, and will not discuss matters subject to collective bargaining or the Union's contract. The regular members of this Committee shall be composed of an equal number of staff nurses and nursing managers/supervisors/executives at the Employer's hospital. Staff nurses shall elect their representatives to this Committee and

Nursing Leadership shall appoint its members of this Committee. The Committee's composition should endeavor to include regular members knowledgeable of the following units/departments within the Employer's hospital: Medical/Surgical/Pediatric; Emergency; Surgical Services; Intensive Care/Critical Care; and Birth Center. The Committee may invite resource persons to attend their meetings. Examples of resource persons may include the Employer's other clinical managers, directors, education staff, the Director of Human Resources, as well as a Union Labor Representative. This Committee shall meet at least quarterly on a recurrent day/time, with prior notice to each regular member prior to the meeting. The Committee shall designate co-chairs, who shall jointly prepare an agenda and keep minutes of their meetings. Copies of the Committee's minutes shall be provided to the Chief Operating Officer and the Local Unit Chairperson, and may be posted on the bulletin boards under Section 4.3 and electronically. Staff nurses who are committee members shall be paid straight time for time spent participating in this Committee unless those hours constitute overtime under Section 8.5.

## ARTICLE 18 – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

18.1 General. In the event of any dispute or difficulty arising under this Agreement as to its interpretation or application, same shall be handled in the following manner. Unless Section 18.2 applies, failure at any step to meet specified deadlines will evidence withdrawal of the grievance, or if applicable, result in the grievance automatically advancing to the next step. Documented verbal disciplines may not be grieved.

### Step 1 Nurse and Immediate Supervisor.

A nurse alleging a grievance shall discuss the grievance with the nurse's immediate supervisor(s). Every effort should be made to resolve the grievance through informal communication. Alleged grievances not discussed with the immediate supervisor(s) within thirty (30) days of the occurrence shall be considered waived.

### Step 2 Nurse and Chief Operating Officer/Designee.

If the matter is not resolved at Step 1, the grievance shall be reduced to writing and presented to the Chief Operating Officer/designee within fourteen (14) days after receiving the immediate supervisor's response. The COO shall schedule a meeting with the grievant, the Local Unit Chairperson and/or a Labor Representative, and Human Resources within seven (7) days following the COO's receipt of the written grievance. The COO shall issue a written response to the grievance within fourteen (14) days of this meeting.

### Step 3 Nurse and CEO/ Designee.

If the matter is not resolved at Step 2, the written grievance shall be presented to the Chief Executive Officer/designee within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the COO's decision. The grievant and/or a Labor Representative, Human Resources and the CEO shall meet within seven (7) days of receiving the Step 3 grievance. The CEO shall issue a written reply to the Step 3 grievance within fourteen (14) days following this meeting.

#### Step 4 Arbitration.

If the grievance is not settled at Step 3, the Union may submit the grievance for arbitration within fourteen (14) calendar days following receipt of the CEO's Step 3 decision. Within seven (7) calendar days of notification that the dispute is submitted for arbitration, the Hospital's and the Union's representatives shall attempt to agree on an arbitrator. If the Hospital and the Union fail to agree on an arbitrator, a list of arbitrators from Washington and Oregon shall be requested from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. The parties shall thereupon alternate in striking a name from the panel until one name remains. The person whose name remains shall be the arbitrator. The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding on all parties. The arbitrator shall have no authority to add to, subtract from, or otherwise change or modify the provisions of this Agreement as they may apply to the specific facts of the issue in dispute. Each party shall bear one-half (1/2) of the fee of the arbitrator and any other expenses jointly incurred incident to the arbitration hearing. All other expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, shall be borne by the party incurring them, and neither party shall be responsible for the expenses of witnesses called by the other party.

Any arbitrator accepting an assignment under this Article agrees to issue an award within sixty (60) calendar days of the close of the hearing or the receipt of post-hearing briefs, whichever is later unless mutually agreed otherwise.

18.2 Time Limits. The time limits set forth in the Grievance Procedure may be extended by mutual agreement of the Union and the Hospital, and shall be confirmed in writing by the parties.

#### ARTICLE 19 – NO STRIKE CLAUSE

During the terms of this Agreement, there shall be no strikes, or stoppages of work by the nurses, mass sick leaves, or slow down. Nothing contained in the Contract is to be construed to grant any nurse the right to strike or refuse to work for any reason. There shall be no lockout of the nurses by the Employer during the life of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 20 – DRUG FREE WORKPLACE POLICY

The Employer and the Union recognize that alcohol and chemical dependency are chronic and treatable conditions. The Employer and the Union support efforts which will enable a chemically impaired nurse to remain in professional nursing practice after rehabilitation. The Employer's Drug and Alcohol Abuse policy will provide for drug testing for reasonable cause. Nurses needing help in dealing with drug and alcohol problems are strongly encouraged to seek treatment and rehabilitation referrals through the Employee Assistance Program or the state's Substance Abuse Monitoring Program for registered nurses, and to use their health insurance, earned time, or medical leave, as appropriate. Employees voluntarily requesting assistance prior to experiencing job performance, attendance or misconduct problems will not be subject to disciplinary actions for having sought treatment for alcohol or chemical dependency, and will be given a medical leave of absence by the Hospital.

The Employer and the Union will encourage and support voluntary participation in the state Substance Abuse Monitoring Program for registered nurses, which may include individually tailored return to work agreements. In the event a registered nurse is subject to a return to work agreement with the state Substance Abuse Monitoring Program, the Hospital and the Union will endeavor to reasonably accommodate the nurse's temporary limitations; provided, however, such reasonable accommodations should not require other nurses to change their work schedules, require the Hospital to assume extra costs, or otherwise impose an undue hardship on the Hospital.

The Hospital reserves the right to implement a policy for drug and alcohol testing in accord with the foregoing principles. The parties agree that if any changes are made to the existing policy the Hospital must notify the Union of the proposed changes and meet and discuss them with the Union before implementation.

#### ARTICLE 21 – SEPARABILITY

It is understood and agreed that all agreements herein are subject to all applicable laws. If any provisions of this Agreement are in contravention of state or federal laws, such provisions shall be superseded by the appropriate provision of such law or regulation so long as same is in force and effect; but all other provisions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

#### ARTICLE 22 – DURATION AND TERMINATION

This Agreement shall be in effect from the second regular pay period following ratification and shall continue in full force and effect through and including October 31, 2023. Should either party decide to modify or terminate this Agreement on the expiration date, it shall serve written notice on the other party no more than one-hundred twenty (120) and no less than ninety (90) days prior to the date of expiration. The parties agree to schedule the first bargaining session at least 90 days before termination of the Agreement unless mutually agreed otherwise.

22.1 Conditional Reopener. If by change in law or rule or regulation the Hospital will not retain its critical access status through the term of this Agreement and/or if there is any combination of a rate reduction between Medicare and Medicaid exceeding 4.99% (this would include the 2% sequestration already in effect) and/or a change from a cost-based reimbursement model, the Hospital may, by written notice to the Union, reopen this Agreement. The Parties agree to meet within 30 days of the Notice of Reopener.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as follows:


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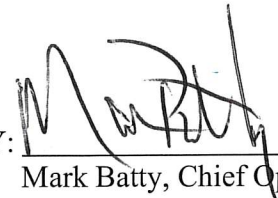
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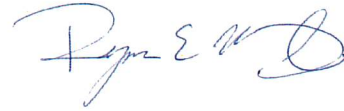
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ONE  
HEALTH CARE REFORM

If during the term of this Collective Bargaining Agreement (the "Agreement"), federal and/or state healthcare reform legislation or other governmental regulation of health care imposes obligations on employers with respect to providing medical insurance coverage, the Hospital or the Union may, at its option, give written notice to the other party of its desire to reopen and renegotiate any provisions in their Agreement related to providing, waiving (e.g., "in lieu of") or receiving medical insurance, including but not limited to Article 14 of the Agreement.

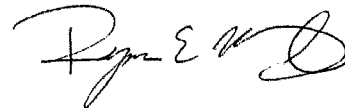
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TWO - EXTRA SHIFTS

1. The Staffing Office (and those units or departments which prepare their own schedules) will email a first draft needs list for the following month no later than the 10th day of the current month. A second draft needs list will be emailed by the 15th day of the month. The draft needs lists may also be available electronically on the hospital's Intranet. The draft needs lists will show then-uncovered open shifts for each unit or department during the next month. In order to maintain fiscal responsibility, reliefs, per diems and part time nurses may be awarded open shifts until the final posting of the schedule as long as overtime is not incurred as a result.

The Employer will fill open shifts according to the following order completing the process outlined below for each group before moving on to the next:

- Per diem nurses
- Part time nurses
- Relief nurses
- Full time nurses (beginning with 2<sup>nd</sup> draft needs list)

The Employer will endeavor to utilize qualified (meaning they have the appropriate cross training and/or competencies) nurses who make timely requests to cover the extra shifts, providing scheduling such nurses for uncovered extra shifts does not create overtime or other time and one-half or double time premium pay conditions. When there are multiple timely requests from qualified nurses to be scheduled in advance for the same extra shift(s), the nurse's emails shall be sorted by seniority and starting with the most, each nurse will be scheduled for one extra shift on a rotational basis until no further nurses' requested extra shifts match up with any of the then remaining uncovered available shifts.

2. Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is intended to change the Employer's rights and responsibilities under Article 3 of the parties' Agreement or the considerations set forth in Section 8.9 of the Agreement, both of which may cause deviations from scheduling patterns on draft and final schedules. Additionally, nothing in this MOU is intended to limit the Employer's responsibility to consider all available nurses' skills, experience and ability when preparing draft and final schedules, and when evaluating individual requests to work extra shifts. If in the Employer's opinion, nurses' skills, experience and ability, as well as other patient care considerations, need to take precedence, they may override a nurse's proffered ranking of extra shift(s) under this MOU.


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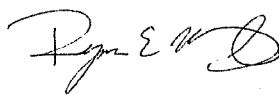
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING THREE  
REFERRAL BONUS

The Employer intends to introduce a referral bonus policy after negotiations for this successor contract have ended. The Employer shall provide Local 21 with Referral Bonus Policy 60 days prior to implementation to allow the parties to bargain over the effects. The referral bonus policy will be provided to the Union no later than April 30, 2021.

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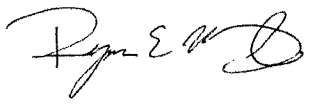
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOUR  
HEALTH BENEFITS

The Union and MGH agree that it is in both employees' and MGH's best interest to initiate a dialogue regarding assessment of wellness programs as a possible component of the healthcare plan. This topic will be an agenda item during one or more Labor Management Committee meetings.

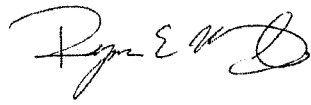
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FIVE  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

1. Emergency Preparedness Team. The Employer will provide two (2) seats to bargaining unit nurses on the Employer's existing Emergency Preparedness Team. The Emergency Preparedness Team meets quarterly to develop, review and implement strategic Emergency Preparedness and Response plans and trainings. Nurses shall be compensated at their base rate of pay plus applicable differentials and certification for all time spent in the Emergency Preparedness Team meetings.

2. COVID-19 PPE Analysis. Per Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-24.2, the Employer at least twice per month will provide the Union with information regarding current PPE, projected PPE burn rates, and projected delivery of PPE supplies, as well the Employer's analysis of how PPE issues impact operations for PPE use. If the Union wishes to discuss this information, the parties will work together to arrange for a meeting as soon as reasonably possible. These PPE issues will also be a standing agenda item at the Labor Management Committee. The commitments in this paragraph will expire at the same time as Governor Inslee's Proclamation.

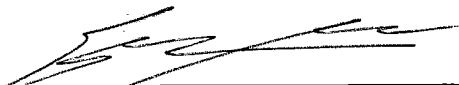
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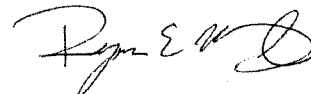
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIX  
EARNED TIME ACCRUAL FOR 0.9 RNs

This Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] is between Mason General Hospital [MGH or the Hospital] and United Food and Commercial Workers [UFCW] Union, Local 21 [Local 21 or the Union].

1. For Registered Nurses hired prior to January 1, 2017 who are currently employed as a 0.9 FTE and who maintain their 0.9 FTE status, MGH will perform an annual review in January of eligible hours for the previous calendar year [1872 eligible hours=0.9 FTE], the employee will receive a "true up" in earned time accrual, based on his/her accrual rate, for the difference between actual eligible hours and the annual cap of 2080 eligible hours. [example: if the employee accrued earned time on total eligible hours of 1900 in the previous calendar year, he/she would receive an adjustment equal to his/her accrual rate X 180 hours (2080-1900=180 hours). In no circumstance will an employee accrue earned time on more than 2080 total hours for the calendar year. Registered Nurses who change their FTE status hours [decrease-example: from a 0.9 to a 0.6] will not be eligible for the annual "true up".

- a. Registered Nurses hired prior to January 1, 2017 who are employed as a 0.9FTE and who would meet the eligible hours for their FTE except hours due to unpaid FMLA will be "trued up" on a prorated basis. For example, a 0.9FTE RN who has 1800 eligible hours and 72 hours of unpaid FMLA will be trued up on a prorated basis. [1872 eligible hours= 0.9FTE] In this example, the RN would be "trued up" to 2008. [2080-72=2008].


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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SEVEN  
SCHEDULING AND PAYROLL

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is between Mason General Hospital and Family of Clinics (“Employer”) and United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 21 (Local 21) regarding the Nursing unit (the “Nursing Unit”).

The parties have agreed that payroll will change from a monthly cycle to a bi-weekly cycle starting in November 2020. The Employer has proposed that scheduling should align with the new payroll cycle, including, but not limited to Articles 5.7, 8.9, 12.2.3. Local 21 does not agree with this change. In order to allow time to determine whether there are actual operational challenges associated with unaligned payroll and scheduling, the parties agree that the Employer may implement scheduling changes with respect to employees in the Nursing Unit on the same terms and on the same time line as it will implement such changes with respect to other represented employees at the Employer. The Employer shall notify Local 21 of proposed changes 60 days prior to implementation to allow the parties to bargain over the effects.

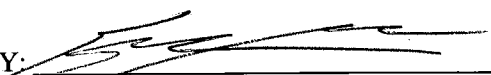
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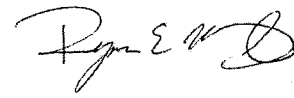
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Letter of Understanding re Retention Bonus

Nurses with an FTE of 0.9 or higher who are covered by the Final Agreement shall receive a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) retention bonus in 2021, paid in two installments. Five hundred dollars (\$500) shall be paid at the close of the first full pay period after ratification by both parties. The remaining five hundred dollars (\$500) shall be paid at the close of the first full pay period in September 2021. Retention bonuses will only be paid if the employee is an employee of the Hospital when each bonus is due. Such bonus will be pro-rated for unit employees with an FTE of less than 0.9. For the purpose of this Letter of Understanding, FTE level will be calculated as of the date of ratification by the RN Unit. Per diem employees working hours in the prior year (looking back from the relevant payment date) equivalent to or more than a 0.5 FTE will receive a retention bonus for their equivalent FTE, rounded up or down to the nearest .1

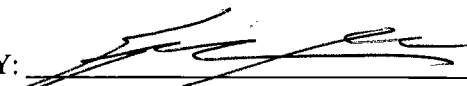
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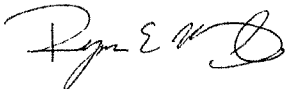
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Letter of Understanding re Negotiations and Seniority/Benefit Accrual

If the parties reach a Tentative Agreement on January 11 or 18, 2021 that is subsequently ratified, the Employer will treat time that employees spent during negotiation days for the 2021-2023 contract (up to each employee's scheduled hours per day) as time worked for the purpose of seniority and benefit (retirement to be determined) accrual. Only RNs who participated in joint negotiation sessions are eligible for this benefit. In order to administer this benefit, the Union will report to Human Resources each RN's hours spent on negotiation days to the Employer within two weeks of ratification of the RN contract.

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# THE UNION DIFFERENCE

**As a union member, you have certain rights at your workplace:**

## A Voice at Work

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Because you have a union, you have a voice at work. A negotiating committee of union members and staff negotiate with management—as equals—over wages, benefits, working conditions, and other issues. The union committee pushes for the issues that union members choose. The result of negotiations is a proposed contract which members vote on before it takes effect.

## Right to Union Representation

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Every union member has the right to union representation during an investigatory interview that could lead to discipline. This is called your “Weingarten” right, after a Supreme Court case which established the right to representation.

## Just Cause for Discipline

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The just cause provision in your union contract ensures you have due process in cases of discipline. The just cause standard is a well-defined set of legal rules that involve several different “tests” of a disciplinary action. The tests of just cause provide considerable protection against retaliation, discrimination, or other unfair actions.

## The Security of a Union Contract

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As a union member, your wages and working conditions are spelled out in writing in a legally-binding union contract. You are not alone at the workplace—instead, you have the security of knowing that your rights are protected by your union contract and backed up by the 50,000 other members of UFCW 3000.

## Union Leadership

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UFCW 3000 leadership is provided by the member-elected Executive Board. The Executive Board is made of rank-and-file UFCW 3000 members from diverse workplaces, income levels and backgrounds.

# My Shop Steward is:

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# My Union Rep is:

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*Building a powerful Union that fights for economic,  
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