



Media Advisory

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AFSCME Protests 131 Layoffs at HCMC

(Minneapolis) – On St. Patrick’s Day, Hennepin County Medical Center will lay off 131 workers who are the heart and soul of the healthcare system. They are schedulers, custodians, pharmacy and accounting staff – all deeply concerned that the elimination of their positions will compromise the quality of care that patients deserve at downtown’s world-class hospital and clinics.

“We strive for excellence and take pride in our work,” say Carmen Brown and Sara Franck. “We treat every patient with kindness, dignity and respect – and we expect the same from CEO Jon Pryor. March with us on Friday and tell HCMC to stop the layoffs and outsourcing of our work.”

WHAT: AFSCME Picket

WHEN: Friday, March 17 at 11 a.m.

**WHERE: Hennepin County Medical Center
Corner of Chicago Ave. & S. 6th St., Minneapolis**

**SPEAKERS: Carmen Brown, president of AFSCME Local 977
Sara Franck, president of AFSCME Local 2474**

AFSCME represents 2,200 of the 7,500 workers employed by HCMC.

AFSCME Council 5 is a union of 43,000 workers who advocate for excellence in services for the public, dignity in the workplace, and opportunity and prosperity for all working families.

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