

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**REGIONS HOSPITAL**

**AND**

**COUNCIL 5 OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE,  
COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO**

**Local 722**

**Service Support Unit**

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ARTICLE 1  
PREAMBLE

- 1.1 This Agreement entered into by Regions Hospital, hereinafter referred to as the Employer, and Local #722 - Regions Hospital affiliated with Council 5, and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, hereinafter referred to as the Union has, as its purpose, the promotion of harmonious relations between the Employer and the Union; the establishment of an equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences; and the establishment of rates of pay, hours of work and other conditions of employment.

ARTICLE 2  
DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 Bargaining unit employee: A regular employee in a classified bargaining unit position **regularly scheduled to work at least 32 or more hours a pay period.**
- 2.2 Bargaining unit position: A job classification listed in Article 3 (Recognition) at Section 3.1 or added pursuant to Section 3.3 and which is established as an on-going position. A bargaining unit position does not include a position which is created merely to address an overload or emergency situation or is otherwise intended to be limited in duration.
- 2.3 Regular employee: An employee who is regularly scheduled for a set number of hours per pay period. The work they perform is of an on-going nature. However, nothing in this definitional section grants a regular employee a vested right to continued employment.

Regular Full-time employee: An employee in a classified bargaining unit position who is regularly scheduled to work 80 hours per pay period and has successfully completed the probationary period.

Regular Part-time employee: An employee in a classified bargaining unit position who is regularly scheduled to work at least 32 hours per pay period and less than 80 hours per pay period and has successfully completed the probationary period.

- 2.4 Probationary Full-Time employee: An employee in a bargaining unit position who is regularly scheduled to work 80 hours per pay period and is still in their six (6) month probationary period.

Probationary Part-Time employee: An employee in a bargaining unit position who is regularly scheduled to work at least 32 hours per pay period and less than 80 hours per pay period and is still in their six (6) month probationary period.

- 2.5 Temporary Employee: An employee who is not in a classified bargaining unit position because the employment is limited by duration or a specific project or task not to exceed one year. Temporary employees are not included in the definition of a bargaining unit employee.

In the event that a temporary employee is still working after one calendar year the employee will be reclassified as a full-time or part-time regular employee depending upon scheduled hours. A person who has terminated as a temporary may not be rehired as a temporary within six (6) months of the date of termination as a temporary. This newly reclassified employee will then begin serving a probationary period on the date that they are reclassified to the same extent as any newly hired employee. The employee's seniority date shall be the date that the employee was reclassified as a regular employee.

- 2.6 On-Call/Casual **(0.0 FTE)**: All employees who are not classified as Regular Full-Time, Regular Part-Time, Probationary Full-Time, Probationary Part-Time or Temporary employees. On-Call/Casual employees perform work of a non-continuous or irregular nature where the work schedule cannot be predicted in advance. On-Call/Casual employees are not included in the bargaining unit because they are not regular employees in a classified bargaining unit position.

- 2.7 **Part-time non-bargaining unit employee: An employee employed in a bargaining unit classification who is scheduled to work between one (1) hour to thirty-one (31) hours per pay period. Part-time non-bargaining unit employees are not included in the bargaining unit because they do not hold a position of thirty-two (32) hours a pay period or greater.**

### ARTICLE 3 RECOGNITION

- 3.1 The Employer recognizes the Union as the exclusive representative for the following job classifications in the recognized bargaining unit:
- Ambulatory Instrument Processing Technician**
  - Ambulatory Instrument Processing Technician - Certified**
  - Anesthesia Attendant
  - Bistro Services Associate

Cafeteria Cashier  
Call Center Associate  
Catering Attendant  
**Clinic Support Technician**  
Cook  
Custodial Worker I and II  
Emergency Room Technician  
Endoscopy Technician  
Endoscopy Technician Certified  
Food Service Worker  
Guest Experience Transporter  
General Repair Worker  
Groundskeeper  
Ingredient Room Attendant  
Instrument Processing Technician  
Instrument Processing Technician Certified  
Lead Bistro Services Associate  
Lead Groundskeeper  
Lead Guest Experience Transporter  
Lead Mental Health Technician  
Lead Supply Chain Associate  
Medical Assistant  
Mental Health Technician  
**Mental Health Technician – I-1**  
**Mental Health Specialist**  
Nursing Assistant  
Nutrition Driver  
Pharmacy Technician Certified  
Pharmacy Technician Certified Lead  
Pharmacy Technician Sterile Products Certified  
Pharmacy Technician Sterile Products Certified Lead  
Rehabilitation Assistant  
Senior Medical Assistant  
Senior Supply Chain Handler  
Supply Chain Service Associate  
Supply Chain Service Driver  
Supply Chain Services Driver - Weekend  
Supply Chain Service Specialist  
Supply Chain Specialist – Center Core  
Surgical Assistant

Surgical Care Assistant  
Telemetry Monitor Tech  
Therapy Aide

- 3.2 The Employer shall not enter into any agreements covering terms and conditions of employment with the employees of the bargaining unit under the jurisdiction of this Agreement either individually or collectively which in any way conflicts with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, except through the certified representative.
- 3.3 In the event that any new or different classification not listed in Article 3.1 is established and such classification or title is not within the bargaining unit previously agreed upon by the parties, then the Union shall nevertheless be the sole representative of said employee, the employee shall be included within the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the wage rate of such classification or title shall be negotiated by the Employer and the Union and the rate agreed upon become a part of this Agreement as of the date such classification or title was established; provided the new or different classification or title as of the date of its establishment involves functions substantially similar in their nature, character and scope to those performed in whole or in part by an existing classification or classifications which are now a part of the bargaining unit as listed in 3.1 of this Agreement. In the event that the parties are unable to agree on inclusion or exclusion of a new title in the bargaining unit, the matter will be submitted to the National Labor Relations Board for determination.

#### ARTICLE 4 UNION SECURITY/EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

- 4.1 The Employer agrees to deduct the Union dues or fees from the pay of those employees who individually request in writing that such deductions be made. The amounts to be deducted shall be certified to the Employer by a representative of the Union. The aggregate deductions of all employees shall be remitted, together with an itemized statement, to the representative by the first of the succeeding month.
- 4.2 Each employee working thirty-two (32) hours a pay period or more who, on the effective date of the Agreement is a member of the Union, shall, as a condition of employment, maintain their membership in the Union or pay to the Union each month a service charge to be determined by the Union as a contribution toward the administration of this Agreement.

Any future employee working thirty-two (32) hours a pay period or more who does not make application for membership, shall as a condition of employment pay to the Union each month a service charge as a contribution toward the administration of this Agreement in an amount equal to the regular monthly dues.

Employees who fail to comply with this requirement shall be discharged by the Employer within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice to the employee and the Employer from the Union. The Employer will furnish the Union the names and home addresses of new employees hired within thirty (30) days of their hire date and the Employer shall notify prospective employees of the agency shop provisions.

- 4.3 The Union agrees to indemnify and hold the Employer harmless against any and all claims, suits, orders or judgments brought or issued against the Employer as a result of any action taken or not taken by the Employer under the provisions of this Article.
- 4.4 The Employer shall provide a payroll deduction for voluntary employee contributions to the Union Political Action Committee.
- 4.5
  - A. Employees shall have the right freely and without fear of penalty or reprisal by the Employer to join and participate in the Union.
  - B. Employees choosing to participate in the internal affairs of the Union as an officer, steward or other capacity may do so without fear of reprisal by the Employer for such participation consistent with the employee's job duties and responsibilities, and the provisions of this contract.
- 4.6 The Employer agrees to allow the Union to provide the Employer with written materials which will be made available to new employees hired to fill bargaining unit positions as part of orientation packets or books. The Union will provide the Employer with a copy of all the materials to be distributed to new Employees. If the Employer has an objection to the inclusion of any specific materials, the parties agree to meet and confer to resolve any problems. In the event that the parties do not agree on the material, the material will not be distributed to the employees with the packet of materials.
- 4.7 The Employer agrees, subject to availability, to allow the Union to use hospital meeting rooms for contract ratification meetings and for monthly general membership meetings held at **4:00 p.m. of the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Thursday** of the month. The Union agrees to meet the same requirements for using the facilities as any other group must meet.

- 4.8 Union Bulletin Board. The Employer agrees to furnish and maintain suitable bulletin boards on the hospital central section second floor behind the employee elevators, the second floor of the south section by the employee elevators, the second floor of the northeast section by the employee break room, at the east building entrance and Digestive Care at 435 Phalen. The Union shall limit its posting to official notices and bulletins of the Union to such bulletin boards.
- 4.9 The Union may designate certain employees from the bargaining unit to act as stewards and shall, within ten (10) working days of such designation, **inform** the Employer in writing of such designation. **The Union will also inform the Employer, in writing, of those in the union who are no longer a steward.** The Employer agrees to recognize stewards certified by the Union as provided in this section subject to the following stipulations:

- (1) Stewards for the Union will be allocated as follows:

Department	Stewards	Alternates
Environmental Services	Four (4)	Four (4)
Nutrition Services	Two (2)	Two (2)
Nursing Service	Eight (8)	Eight (8)
Sterile Processing	One (1)	One (1)
Supply Chain Services	Two (2)	Two (2)
Pharmacy	Two (2)	Two (2)
Emergency Room	Two (2)	Two (2)

- (2) Non-employee representatives of the Union shall be permitted to come on the premises of the Employer for the purpose of investigating and discussing grievances if they first notify the Chief Executive Officer's designated representative and provided the Union representative does not interfere with the work of employees.

- 4.10 Union Business. Employees elected to any Union office or selected by the Union to do work which takes them from their employment with the employer, shall at the written request of the Union be granted a leave of absence.

Employees will give a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice for being gone from work to attend union business meetings. The two (2) weeks' notice may not be able to be given for emergency meetings called by the Union, but leaders will be notified that this was an emergency meeting. The request for time off for union business leave will be in

writing from the AFSCME Union Field Representative or the Union President at Regions Hospital.

Union leave will be counted for computation of benefits. Union leaves of less than forty (40) continuous hours shall be considered time worked for the purpose of establishing benefit levels. The maximum amount of annual Union leave, for the purpose of this section only, will be ninety-six (96) hours per calendar year exclusive of time spent investigating and processing grievances and attending hospital committee meetings where union membership participation is requested. The union will provide Human Resources on a quarterly basis a list of names and hours of those individuals who used Union leave during the quarter.

## ARTICLE 5 NO STRIKE/NO LOCK OUT

- 5.1 Neither the Union, its officers or agents, nor any of the employees covered by this Agreement will engage in, encourage, sanction, support any strike, or the withholding in whole or in part of the full performance of their duties during the life of this Agreement. In the event of a violation of this Article, the Employer will warn employees of the consequences of their action and shall instruct them to immediately return to their normal duties. Any employee who fails to return to their full duties within twenty-four (24) hours of such warning may be subject to discipline up to and including discharge. The Employer will not lock out any members of the bargaining unit during the life of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 6 EMPLOYER AUTHORITY

- 6.1 It is recognized by both parties that except as expressly stated herein, the Employer reserves all rights not restricted by the terms of this Agreement and that the Chief Executive Officer shall retain rights and authority necessary to operate and direct all the affairs of the Employer, including, but not limited to, directing the working force; controlling all operations and services; determining the methods, means, organization and number of personnel by which operations and services are to be conducted; changing or eliminating equipment or facilities; and taking whatever actions may be necessary to carry out the missions of the Employer in emergencies.
- 6.2 Work Rules. The Employer shall have the right to establish reasonable work rules which shall be equitably and uniformly applied. Policies/Work Rules are available on the



Employer's Compliance 360 site. New employees are informed of Compliance 360 and receive an on-line policy module for acknowledgement. Copies shall be furnished to the Union, upon request. Any complaint as to the reasonableness of any new or existing rule, or any complaint involving discrimination in the application of new or existing rules, shall be resolved through discussion by the parties.

- 6.3 Employer Delegation of Authority. The Employer signatories to this contract shall have the right to designate responsibility for Employer functions required under this Agreement pursuant to applicable statutory provisions and to designate representatives authorized to act on their behalf with respect to matters arising under this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 7 HOURS OF WORK

- 7.1 This Article is intended only to define the normal hours of work and to provide the basis for the calculation of overtime pay. Nothing herein shall be construed as a guarantee of hours of work per day or per week.
- 7.2 Except as modified by this Agreement, work shifts, staffing schedules and assignment of employees thereto shall be established by the Employer.
- 7.3 Regular Hours. The regular hours of work each day shall be consecutive.
- 7.4 The normal work schedule for employees shall be five (5) eight (8) hours **shifts** and two (2) days off duty. The schedule will provide for every other weekend off. Other work schedules may be authorized to accommodate the services performed by the Employer. The normal work schedule for the Emergency Room Technician (ERT) **and Inpatient Nursing** classification may include twelve (12) hour **shifts**.

For weekend scheduling purposes, weekend days and evenings are on Saturday and Sunday. Weekend night shifts are Friday night and Saturday night.

- 7.5 Work Schedule. Work schedules showing the employees' shifts, work days, and hours shall be available to employees of all departments at all times. After an employee's work schedule is posted, employees will be notified twenty-four (24) hours in advance of schedule changes.
- 7.6 At least twelve (12) hours shall elapse between the starting time for a new work shift and the end of an employee's previously worked shift unless the employee and the Employer

mutually agree to an exception and except in emergencies. In the event a work schedule requires an employee to return to work with less than twelve (12) hours off, the schedule will be changed upon notice to the department head.

- 7.7 The Employer will make every attempt to cancel picked up shifts within two (2) hours prior to the start of the shifts. Alternative work/assignments, based on hospital needs, may be assigned for a minimum of two (2) hours. If the employee does not choose to stay to do the alternative work/assignment the employee will not be paid.
- 7.8 The Employer shall each January post the dates (for the entire year) when schedules for each department will be posted.
- 7.9 In the event that the Employer determines that employees in a position should work a seven on/seven off schedule, the following will apply:
  1. Designated seven on/seven off schedule vacancies will be posted according to the requirements of the collective bargaining agreement.
  2. Employees who were hired with the understanding that they were to work a seven on/seven off schedule may be required to continue to work this schedule.
  3. Current employees and employees who were not hired with the understanding that they were to work a seven on/seven off schedule will be initially placed on such a work schedule only on a voluntary basis. Once a current employee or an employee who was not hired with the understanding that they were to work a seven on/seven off schedule volunteers to be placed on a seven on/seven off schedule, the employee will continue on that schedule with the following exception:
    - a. In the event that there is a vacancy in the employee's previously held work schedule, any employee who volunteers to work the seven on/seven off schedule will have the option to return to that schedule upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Employer.
  4. The provisions of Section 15.1 of the collective bargaining agreement relating to payment of overtime will apply to the employees working this schedule. Payment of overtime for individuals working the seven on/seven off schedule will be as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act.

ARTICLE 8  
PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

- 8.1 Part-time employees shall be eligible to earn employee benefits on a pro-rata basis provided that such employees work not less than thirty-two (32) hours in each pay period worked and are assigned to a regular work schedule, as opposed to being subject to call or to work when available. Part-time employees shall be eligible for insurance as outlined in Section 20.1 and 20.2 if such employees work not less than forty (40) hours per pay period. A full-time employee must be paid for forty (40) regular hours a pay period in order to accrue PTO and thirty-two (32) **regular** hours to accrue holiday. A part-time employee must be paid for thirty-two (32) hours in a pay period in order to accrue PTO and thirty-two (32) hours to accrue holiday. Definition of paid status: All non-overtime compensated hours (examples: regular hours worked, PTO hours, holiday hours, workers' compensation hours, etc.).
- 8.2 Part-time employees shall be paid an hourly rate computed by dividing the full-time annual rate for which they would be eligible by two thousand eighty (2080) hours.
- 8.3 Part-time employees may request consideration to fill available additional shifts. Except where it will result in overtime and/or bonus, the Employer will endeavor to assign available additional shifts to regular part-time bargaining unit members and by shift where applicable (e.g., Environmental Services), in the following priority order:
- Bargaining unit non-overtime or non-bonus (no premium pay)
  - Non-bargaining unit (e.g., on-call/casual)
  - Bargaining unit bonus pay eligible
  - Bargaining unit overtime eligible
  - Bargaining unit bonus and overtime eligible.

This Section 8.3 shall not apply where it will require additional training or orientation.

ARTICLE 9  
WORK BREAKS

- 9.1 All employees' work schedules shall provide for two (2) fifteen (15) minute rest periods during shifts of eight (8) hours or longer.
- 9.2 Employees who are assigned to work beyond their regular quitting time into the next shift may receive a fifteen (15) minute rest period before they start to work on such next shift.

In addition, they shall be granted the regular rest periods that occur during the second shift.

- 9.3 Employees may be granted an unpaid lunch period not to exceed thirty (30) minutes during each work shift. Whenever possible, the lunch period shall be scheduled at the middle of the shift.
- 9.4 To meet department needs, the Employer may assign employees to combine rest/lunch periods in any combination provided that they are not used to delay the start of the workday or to end it earlier than the scheduled stopping time. The first break will be provided in the first half of the employee's shift when feasible.
- 9.5 The employee must follow the department's break schedule expectations for the position/unit assigned.

## ARTICLE 10 HOLIDAYS

- 10.1 Regular full-time (1.0 FTE) employees for whom a holiday is a scheduled day of work shall be paid at their regular rate of pay for work performed on the holidays listed in 10.3. If the work schedule, in which the holiday falls, exceeds eighty (80) hours an alternate day off may be granted.

Regular full-time employees who are required to work at least five (5) hours of an eight (8) hour shift on Christmas Day, December 25th, or New Year's Day, January 1st, shall be credited with sixteen (16) **holiday** hours. For purposes of this Article, the Christmas Day holiday is defined as the thirty-two (32) hours beginning at 3:00 pm on the eve and ending at 11:00 pm on the day and New Year's Day holiday is defined as the twenty-four (24) hours beginning at 11:00 pm on the eve and ending at 11:00 p.m. on the day designated as the holiday.

Holiday hours are only earned once during the holiday window for each designated holiday. No other overtime or differential pay shall be earned when this provision is in effect.

- 10.2 Eligible part-time (.4 to .99 FTE) employees who work on New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day, shall be covered by the provisions of Section 10.1 above. Eligible part-time employees who work on other holidays shall be paid on a pro-rata basis computed on hours paid during the pay period in which the holiday falls.

Regular part-time employees who are normally scheduled four (4) hour shifts and are required to work a four (4) hour shift on Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>, or New Year's Day, January 1<sup>st</sup>, shall be credited with eight (8) **holiday** hours in lieu of any other holiday pay provision.

No other overtime or differential pay shall be earned when this provision is in effect. Employees are eligible for the unscheduled weekend bonus provided that all the requirements of section 14.10 are met and the holiday falls within an eligible shift defined in 14.10.

10.3 Holidays are defined as:

New Year's Day	January 1 <sup>st</sup>
Martin Luther King's Birthday	The third Monday in January
President's Day	The third Monday in February
Memorial Day	The last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4 <sup>th</sup>
Labor Day	The first Monday in September
Veterans' Day	November 11 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving Day	The fourth Thursday in November
Christmas Day	December 25 <sup>th</sup>

Employees shall be eligible for holiday pay provided they are on paid status on the scheduled day before and the scheduled day after the holiday.

Definition of paid status: All non-overtime compensated hours (examples: regular hours worked, PTO hours, holiday hours, workers' compensation hours, etc.).

10.4 For those areas which are only open Monday through Friday, when New Year's Day, Independence Day, Veterans' Day or Christmas Day falls on Sunday, the following day shall be a holiday. When New Year's Day, Independence Day, Veterans' Day, or Christmas Day falls on Saturday, the preceding day shall be a holiday.

10.5 An employee may accumulate a maximum of forty-eight (48) holiday hours. Any holiday hours earned in excess of forty-eight (48) will be paid off at the employee's current rate of pay. An eligible employee who works a holiday shall have the option of accruing the holiday hours earned or being paid for the holiday hours earned by indicating on the

employee's timecard **on the actual holiday**. **Holiday hours may not be added to the timecard unless it is the actual holiday or an approved shift off.**

- 10.6 It is the intention of the Employer to grant holidays at a time mutually agreeable to the employee and the department within ninety (90) days of being earned. To accomplish this goal, the employee is expected to furnish their department with two (2) alternate acceptable days, and such notice should be given with a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice. The department will attempt to schedule the holiday on one of these dates, schedule permitting. The department will answer the request within ten (10) working days. Continuous rejection by the Employer of dates provided by the employee will extend the ninety (90) day limit. If an employee has not provided alternative dates after ninety (90) days of the holiday being earned, the department will schedule the holiday when the schedule permits.
- 10.7. Pro-Rated Holiday Accruals. Part-time probationary and regular employees who are regularly scheduled for at least thirty-two (32) hours per pay period, who are paid at least thirty-two (32) hours in the pay period in which a holiday falls will accrue regular holiday hours according to the following table, which is incrementally based on total non-overtime hours paid:

<u>HOURS PAID</u>	<u>HOURS ACCRUED</u>
32	3.2
40	4.0
48	4.8
56	5.6
64	6.4
72	7.2
80	8.0

An eligible employee who works a holiday will receive a prorated holiday accrual based on the hours that they are actually paid, not including overtime hours, in the pay period in which the holiday falls.

- 10.8 For Nursing, the weekend cycle takes precedence over the holiday cycle. For ERTs, ED MHTs and inpatient MHTs, the holiday cycle takes precedence over the weekend.

ARTICLE 11  
NON SCHEDULED TIME OFF

11.1 PTO may be authorized for the following reasons with the limitations as specified:

- (1) For illness or injury, dental or medical treatment for the employee or the employee's minor child for such reasonable periods as the employee's attendance with the child may be necessary. "Child" means an individual under eighteen (18) years of age, or an individual under twenty (20) who is still attending secondary school, or age eighteen (18) or older and "incapable of self-care because of a mental or physical disability."
- (2) Non-scheduled time off, whether paid or unpaid, by the employee shall be subject to approval and verification by the department head or the Human Resources Department, either of whom may require the employee to furnish a report following the illness, (a) for an absence of forty (40) hours or more or (b) for three (3) absences of not less than eight (8) hours each in a three (3) month period, from a recognized medical authority attesting to the necessity of the leave, ability to return to duty or other information deemed necessary.
- (3) Regular attendance is a critical performance expectation. All staff are expected to maintain regular attendance. The use of unscheduled PTO in and of itself is not considered abusive nor does it call for automatic discipline. If it can be established that the employee is using excessive time off and/or shows a pattern of abuse, discipline may be imposed.

11.2 If the employee cannot come to work for any reason, the employee must notify the leader or their designee at least (\*) hours prior to the starting time of their scheduled shift. This notice shall be waived if the leader determines that the employee could not reasonably be expected to comply with this requirement because of circumstances beyond the control of the employee.

1. 5:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. shall give a two (2) hour notice\*
2. **For Nursing and ERT Classifications: 11:01 a.m.– 4:59 a.m. shall give a four (4) hour notice\***  
**For all other classifications: 11:01 a.m. – 4:59 a.m. shall give a three (3) hour notice\***

11.3 When inclement weather hits and public transportation, cabs, etc., have been canceled, employees shall be allowed to use unscheduled PTO without being disciplined if

employees are unable to get to work. The above exception will not apply if the Employer arranges for employees to have transportation to the Hospital to report to work and transportation home from work. Parents of preschool or school age children who cannot get their children to day care shall be allowed to use PTO time without discipline.

- 11.4 A non-probationary employee unable to work because of illness or accident shall be granted a leave of absence for a period not to exceed **seven (7) months**. Leaves do not limit or diminish the ability of the Employer to provide for leaves of absence of greater lengths that may be required in order to comply with applicable law, including but not limited to requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Employees will return at the same seniority in the salary schedule, will retain promotion rights and will earn PTO schedule seniority under this paragraph. Existence and extent of illness or disability must be verified by a written statement from an appropriate authority when requested by the department head, their designee, or the Human Resources Department.

- 11.5 An employee who is granted a leave of absence without pay for illness or disability shall be accorded an unqualified right to be reinstated to:

- (1) their former position in their department if the unpaid portion of the leave of absence is for sixty (60) calendar days or less, or
- (2) a position (same FTE and Job Title) in their classification held at the time the leave started, if the unpaid portion of the leave of absence is longer than sixty (60) calendar days, except in either case when all positions in such class have been abolished.

- 11.6 If all positions in the classification in the department have been filled, in order to accommodate a person who returns to work after illness the employee with the least amount of seniority in the department in the classification shall vacate their position subject to any eligibility for transfer or reduction that they may have acquired under this Agreement.

- 11.7 Employees on medical leave with or without pay may not engage in other employment without the written prior approval of the Vice President over Human Resources.

- 11.8 An employee must present a statement from their physician attesting to the employee's fitness to return to work at the request of the Employer. Any employee returning from a medical leave of absence or following an illness or injury which may affect the employee's



ability to perform their duties, must provide reasonable notice and, if requested by the Employer, be cleared through Employee Health Services before the employee will be permitted to return to work.

- A. Reasonable notice of a return to work shall be defined as one (1) full day, if the absence is less than one (1) week. Reasonable notice shall be one (1) full day for each week the employee was absent if longer than one (1) week but less than one (1) month. In the event that the leave of absence exceeds one (1) month, the employee must provide at least two (2) weeks notice prior to returning to work.
- B. In the event that the Employer requests that the employee be cleared through Employee Health Services, the employee shall be cleared within the notice period described above. In the event that the employee returning from an unpaid leave is not cleared through Employee Health Services during this time period, through no fault of the employee, the employee will not lose pay for the delay. In the event that the employee returning from an unpaid leave is not cleared through Employee Health Services during this time period, through the fault of the employee, the employee may use accrued PTO, subject to the restrictions in this Agreement, during the period following the date that the employee was to return to work but was prevented from doing so by the delay.

- 11.9 An employee injured while performing work within the scope of their employment with the Employer and by reason thereof is unable to work and is receiving workers' compensation may, subject to the provisions of this Article, use accrued PTO and holiday to supplement the workers' compensation payments up to, but in no case exceeding, the employee's normal daily wage.

In the event an employee absence due to a work-related injury does not qualify for workers' compensation solely because of a statutory waiting period (currently three days), the employee may use their accrued PTO and/or holiday up to a maximum of the statutory waiting period (currently three (3) days).

In no event shall this section be construed or operate to permit an employee to receive wage and workers' compensation benefits exceeding the employee's normal daily wage. Any such employee unable to resume the duties of their position following the exhaustion of accumulated PTO and Holiday, shall be eligible for the medical leave of absence without pay provisions of this contract.

11.10 PTO may be used in quarter-hour (1/4) increments.

11.11 Additional types of voluntary resignations:

- A. Leave of Absence: If an employee fails to return from a leave of absence, it may, in the Employer's discretion, be considered a voluntary resignation.
- B. No Call/No Show: If an employee is a no call/no show for two (2) consecutive shifts, it may, in the Employer's discretion, be considered a voluntary resignation. Nothing in this section limits the Employer's authority to discipline or discharge.

ARTICLE 12  
PAID TIME OFF (PTO)

12.1 PTO shall be granted for the date(s) requested by the employee. If the nature of the work makes it necessary to limit the number of employees off work at the same time, the employee with the greater seniority shall be given their choice of PTO. PTO starting time will be granted on any day of the week as requested by the employee when coverage can be provided. Choice shall be by job classification with the exception of inpatient and outpatient departments, the emergency department and nutrition services. For this purpose, in the above departments seniority shall be by job classification within each work unit.

Seniority shall prevail for PTO requests submitted during the bidding period listed below. The Employer agrees to respond to requests by January 21st.

<u>Bidding Period</u>	<u>PTO Period</u>	<u>Employer to respond by</u>
September 1 <sup>st</sup> to December 1 <sup>st</sup>	February 1st to January 31 <sup>st</sup> the following year	January 21st

Other PTO requests made after December 1<sup>st</sup> will be granted on a "first come/first serve basis" after PTO bidding requests are reviewed and completed. The Employer will respond to these requests within a reasonable time after considering scheduling and coverage needs of the department. Management has the right to cancel PTO approvals in the event that the employee does not have a sufficient amount of paid time off available at the time of the PTO, in an emergency or in the event of a staffing shortage.

- 12.2 If a holiday occurs during the calendar week in which PTO is taken by an employee, the employee may elect to take the day off by using either one day of accrued PTO or one day of holiday hours. The employee shall make the election on their PTO request.

Election of PTO and/or Holiday use for time off must be made no later than the pay period in which it is taken. PTO and Holiday use may not be back dated.

- 12.3 Any employee who is laid off, discharged, retired, or separated from the service of the Employer for any reason, prior to taking their accrued PTO, shall be compensated in cash at one hundred percent (100%) of their current base rate for the unused PTO they have accumulated at the time of separation.
- 12.4 Each eligible employee shall be granted PTO for each full month of actual service rendered on the following basis:

<u>Number of years of Employment*</u>	<u>Accrual in hours Per pay period</u>	<u>Yearly Accrual In hours</u>
Less than 4 years	7.3846	192
At least 4 years, but less than 9 years	8.3077	216
At least 9 years, but less than 15 years	8.9231	232
At least 15 years, but less than 23 years	10.1538	264
At least 23 years, but less than 28 years	11.3846	296
28 years or more	11.6923	304

\* 2080 hours equals one year.

The above schedule is for full-time employees (80 hours per pay period). Part-time employees regularly scheduled for thirty-two (32) hours or more per pay period will accrue PTO directly proportionate to the number of hours paid each pay period. For example, a half-time employee who works forty (40) hours in a pay period will earn

40/80th of the full-time accrual amount. A part-time employee who works sixty (60) hours will earn 60/80th of the amount earned by a full-time employee.

- 12.5 PTO may be accumulated to a maximum of 320 hours.
- 12.6 Any PTO in excess of the maximum accumulation allowed shall be lost to the employee.
- 12.7 An employee who is absent from work, whether excused or unexcused, must use any available PTO or Holiday hours. The provision to use paid time off from work does not apply to employees covered on Workers' Compensation.
- 12.8 **ORDER OF USE OF PTO.** Accrued PTO hours will be used in the following order: first, **PTO** hours; second, holiday hours. No PTO hours may be used in anticipation of future accumulation. The scheduling and payment of time off is subject to the approval of the department.

### ARTICLE 13 LEAVES OF ABSENCE

- 13.1 Eligibility Requirements. Employees shall be eligible for leaves of absence after six (6) months of service with the Employer.
- 13.2 Application for Leave. Any request for a leave of absence shall be submitted in writing by the employee to the department head or designees except as otherwise required by the Family and Medical Leave Act. The request shall state the reason the leave of absence is being requested and the length of time off the employee desires. Authorization for an approved leave of absence shall be furnished to the employee by the Employer or designee and shall be in writing.
- 13.3 A request for a leave not exceeding one (1) month shall be answered within five (5) work days. A request for a leave of absence exceeding one (1) month shall be answered within (10) work days.
- 13.4 In addition to accruing seniority while on any leave of absence granted under the provisions of this Agreement, employees shall be returned to the classification they held at the time the leave of absence was requested. For leaves of less than thirty (30) days, the employee will return to their original position.

13.5 Jury Duty.

In accordance with the Employer's Jury Duty policy, employees called to jury duty must notify their leader immediately and provide a copy of the summons. Those required to serve on a scheduled workday will receive their straight-time hourly rate of pay for up to twenty (20) working days per calendar year. If service extends beyond twenty (20) days, employees may use PTO or holiday hours in accordance with Employer's standard pay practices.

Jury duty time must be recorded using the "Jury Duty" pay code. Employees may keep any compensation received from the court.

Evening or night shift employees are not required to work the shift immediately before or after daytime jury duty. Day shift employees dismissed from jury duty with four or more hours remaining of the jury duty must contact their department; if they are not required to return, they must use PTO or holiday hours, or choose to return to work. If fewer than four (4) hours remain of the employee's shift after jury duty, no return to work is required, and the employee will be paid as if the full shift was served on jury duty, provided they have not exceeded the twenty (20) working days of pay.

Federal or grand jury service will be addressed separately in accordance with company policy. Employees must notify their leader once permanently released from service.

When an employee is permanently released from their jury duty, they must inform their leader.

**Jury duty hours do not count as hours worked for purposes of overtime calculation.**

13.6 Personal Leave. A personal leave of absence not to exceed six (6) months may be granted. Such leave may be extended or renewed not to exceed a total leave of twelve (12) months. If the leave of absence is not used as intended it may be rescinded, the employee may be required to return to work, and the employee may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

13.7 Maternity. Maternity leaves, not to exceed six (6) months, shall be granted at the request of the employee.

13.8 Neither benefits nor salary increases shall be earned by employees while on a leave of absence without pay, except as required by law. Employees returning to work after leave

without pay will be paid at the same salary held at the time the leave began, except as required by law.

- 13.9 Employees must use any PTO or holiday for leaves of absences. This excludes employees who are covered by Workers' Compensation.
- 13.10 Eligible bargaining unit employees will be covered by the military leave provisions of the Employer's personnel policies on the same basis as non-contract employees.
- 13.11 An employer must grant an employee leave of up to a total of sixteen (16) hours during any twelve (12) month period to attend school conferences or school-related activities related to the employee's child, provided the conferences or school-related activities cannot be scheduled during non-work hours. If the employee's child receives child care services as defined in section Minn. Stat. 119B.011, subdivision 7, or attends a prekindergarten regular or special education program, the employee may use the leave time provided in this section to attend a conference or activity related to the employee's child, or to observe and monitor the services or program, provided the conference, activity, or observation cannot be scheduled during non-work hours. When the leave cannot be scheduled during non-work hours and the need for the leave is foreseeable, the employee must provide reasonable prior notice of the leave and make a reasonable effort to schedule the leave so as not to disrupt unduly the operations of the employer.

## ARTICLE 14

### WAGES

14.1 Wage Schedule. Employees shall be compensated in accordance with the wage schedules attached to this Agreement and marked Appendix A. The attached wage schedules shall be considered a part of this Agreement. In the event that there is a rounding difference between the amounts shown on Appendix A and payroll, payroll shall govern.

**2025 Wage and Market Technical Adjustments.** Effective **July 1, 2025\***, the salary range start (minimum) and top (maximum) rates will increase by **four percent (4.00%)**. Employees will receive a corresponding **four percent (4.00%)** increase to their hourly wage rate. This increase will be applied to the base salary not to exceed the top of the new range. Any increase above range top will be paid in a lump sum payment. No employee increase will be more than a total of **four percent (4.00%)** based on the maximum of their salary grade in either base salary increase or the lump sum combined.

**2026 Wage Adjustments.** Effective **July 1, 2026\***, the range start (minimum) and top (maximum) rates will increase by **four percent (4.00%)**. Employees will receive a corresponding **four percent (4.00%)** increase to their hourly wage increase. This increase will be applied to the base salary not to exceed the top of the new range. Any increase amount above the range top will be paid as a lump sum payment. No employee increase will be more than a total of **four percent (4.00%)** based on the maximum of their salary grade in either the base salary increase or the lump sum combined.

\*The dates on which the individual hourly wage rate increases and range adjustments are provided above, are the start of the payroll period which begins closest to the applicable July 1 of each respective year.

## MERIT PAY SYSTEM

Regions Hospital Merit Pay System will continue to apply to all employees covered under this agreement. The Merit Pay System will address how employees move through the pay ranges. Employees are eligible to receive pay increases based upon job performance. The amount of an individual merit increase is determined by.

The level of the employee's job performance as evaluated by the employee's leader. The "merit matrix" specifies the percent increase that will be awarded to employees.

The performance evaluation form will use three (3) level scale. Each leader has the responsibility to determine how an employee's total performance evaluation equates to level of performance. Employees will have an overall evaluation rating of Exceeding Expectations, Achieving Expectations, or Not Meeting Expectations. An employee who did not work during the entire evaluation period of January 1 - December 31 will be deemed unable to assess and will not be eligible for a merit increase.

Merit increases will be added on to an individual's base rate of pay. Merit increases are effective the **beginning of the pay period including** April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

If an employee's merit increase results in their new hourly salary rate exceeding the maximum of the range established in Appendix A, the employee will receive a lump sum amount rather than an increase to their base compensation.

A. DEFINITIONS:

Exceeding Expectations

Performance consistently went above and beyond job requirements and lived organizational values. Easily recognized as a top performer and role model for others.

Achieving Expectations

Performance consistently met, and at times surpassed, job requirements and lived organizational values.

Not Meeting Expectations

Performance was inconsistent and/or unsatisfactorily met job requirements, expectations and/or organizational values. Improvement needed. A performance improvement plan will be formulated to correct deficiencies, unless currently on a performance improvement plan, and a reappraisal be set for six (6) months or less.

- B. The employer will establish a Merit Pool fund for this bargaining unit separate from the other Hospital employees.

C. MERIT PAY APPEAL PROCESS:

1. Any employee who receives a "Not Meeting Expectations" rating and disagrees with this rating may file an appeal. NO OTHER RATING MAY BE APPEALED.

The employee must submit in writing a request for an appeal hearing to their leader within ten (10) days of receiving the "Not Meeting Expectations" rating.

The leader will contact and provide a copy of the employee's request of appeal to an appointed employer representative who will contact and provide a copy to the Union representative. The appeal committee will be notified and the committee will schedule the employee's appeal within thirty (30) days of original request.

2. The appeal committee will consist of two (2) Union appointed members and two (2) Employer appointed leaders (not limited to the bargaining unit) who are not from the department in which the appealing employee



works. The Union Field Representative and any representatives from the Human Resources Department may not serve on this committee.

3. This committee will hear the employee's and leader's statements and reach a consensus to support the "Not Meeting Expectations" rating or may overturn the "Not Meeting Expectations" rating and assign a new rating that will be retroactive to the employee's anniversary date. All parties agree the findings of this committee will be final and they will be placed in writing with the supporting facts of the committee's decision. The employee will present their own case, but may select another employee to accompany them to this hearing. The initial "Not Meeting Expectations" rating or the final decision of the appeal committee will not be grievable under the grievance procedure in this collective bargaining agreement.
4. The Employer agrees the Merit Pay System will not be used as an alternative method of discipline, harassment or discrimination of any kind.

The merit system grid will be as follows:

**MERIT TABLE JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027\***

<b>Performance Level</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Exceeding Expectations	<b>1.75 %</b>
Achieving Expectations	<b>1.25%</b>
Not Meeting Expectations	<b>0%</b>

\*Salary adjustments will be effective at the beginning of the pay period **including** April 1st.

- 14.2 Saturday-Sunday Differential. All employees required to work on Saturday or Sunday as part of their regular schedule shall be compensated at the following rates for each hour worked:

Saturday	Sunday
<b>\$0.50</b>	<b>\$0.50</b>

\*Salary adjustments will be effective at the beginning of the pay period closest to the dates indicated above.

Compensation under this section will be in addition to the employee's regular salary and will be earned for the entire period worked, provided at least five (5) hours of the period worked is on the day for which the additional compensation is being paid. These differentials will not be paid where such work constitutes overtime under the provisions of the Agreement.

- 14.3 Eligible employees who work at least fifty percent (50%) of the hours of their scheduled shift during the evening or night shift will receive a shift differential. The evening and night shift will be defined as follows:

Evening Shift: 3:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Night Shift: 11:00 p.m. – 7:30 a.m.

In the event an employee is eligible for a shift differential as defined above, the employee will be eligible for the differential for all hours worked during the defined times above at the applicable rate.

Employees receiving a Saturday or Sunday differential will also be eligible for these evening and night shift differentials, if applicable.

The evening shift differential is ninety-five cents (\$0.95) per hour.

The night shift differential is one dollar and fifty (\$1.50) per hour.

This differential will not be paid where such work constitutes overtime under the provisions of this Agreement. Employees working on a continual evening/night shift assignment shall be paid this differential during all paid leaves.

- 14.4 Call time. In the event an employee is physically called to return to work after their regularly scheduled shift shall receive not less than four (4) hours' pay. Call time shall only apply where the employee is called in to work while the employee is at a location other than the Employer or other work location designated by the Employer. Returning telephone calls, texts or emails shall not be considered call time. Call time shall be paid at the applicable rate.

- 14.5 Education and Meeting Pay. Any employee who is required to attend mandatory education/training or mandatory meeting on their day off will receive not less than two (2) hours' pay provided:

\* the employee comes dressed in uniform and is ready for work after the meeting.

\*If the employee chooses to not stay and work or does not come dressed in uniform ready for work the employee will only be paid for the actual time in the education/training or meeting.

The two (2) hour requirement will not apply for employees attending training, virtual sessions or e-learning via phone/computer from a non-worksites location. In those cases the employee will be paid for the amount of time on the call, virtual session or the e-learning.

If the employee attends an optional staff meeting or training in person, virtually or via phone the two (2) hour minimum pay will not apply. The employee will be paid for the amount of time they attend the meeting.

14.6 Any employee assigned to a position with a classification having a higher rate of pay shall receive the higher pay for each hour worked. Any part of an hour shall be considered a whole hour under this paragraph. Employees working out of class will receive a straight six percent (6%) increase or the salary range minimum of the higher class, whichever is greater, but which does not exceed the range maximum of the classification in which the employee is performing the work out of class, for time worked out of class. This payment shall apply to work out of class in positions within and outside the bargaining unit. An out of class position is one which has a higher range minimum than the employee's regular position.

14.7 In the event the Employer fails to issue a proper paycheck due to an Employer error, and the amount of error is **ten percent (10%)** or more of the employees gross salary, a manual check shall be issued within two (2) work days if it is **requested by the employee and if such request is made by the employee within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of pay. Otherwise, rectification may be made on the following paycheck.**

In the event the employee receives an overpayment of less than or equal to **ten percent (10%)**, the amount of the overpayment may be taken from the employee's next paycheck without a signed overpayment correction form.

In the event the employee receives an overpayment of more than **ten percent (10%)**, the Employer will work out a repayment plan with the employee. The standard repayment schedule should not exceed five (5) pay periods. If the employee fails to respond to the requests to discuss the overpayment with payroll/**HR Service Center**, the employee will receive a repayment schedule and the amount to be automatically deducted. At no time

will the repayment plan exceed twenty-five (25%) of the employee's net paycheck. **An employee who leaves employment with a balance the Employer will have that amount deducted from their final paycheck.**

In the event the Employer fails to issue a proper paycheck due to an employee's own misclocking error and/or failure to sign off on their timecard a manual paycheck will not be issued. After the employee submits/makes the correction, the employer will verify the misclocking and will issue the corrected pay amount on the "next" available paycheck.

- 14.8 Employees who are promoted to a position within the bargaining unit will receive the greater of the minimum of the new range, appropriate placement in the new range based on comparable experience, or six percent (6%), provided that the six percent (6%) or the appropriate placement does not exceed the top of the range into which the employee is promoted.

A promoted employee's anniversary date for range movement shall remain the same as it was in the classification from which the employee was promoted. In the event the employee does not successfully complete the probationary period in the promoted position, the employee's time in the promoted classification shall count toward their eligibility for range movement in the employee's original classification.

- 14.9 Movement from one classification to another in which the range maximum of the new position is higher than the range maximum of the position from which the employee has moved shall be considered a promotion. Movement to a classification which has a lower range maximum than that from which moved shall be considered a demotion. Movement between classifications for which the range maximum is equal shall be considered a lateral transfer.

- 14.10 Unscheduled Weekend Bonus. All eligible employees who are not scheduled but who agree or volunteer to work the night shift on Friday, any shift on Saturday or the first two shifts (day and evening) on Sunday will receive a weekend bonus of five dollars (\$5.00) per hour for actual worked hour(s) on the shift. If an employee is approved to stay beyond their scheduled weekend shift the unscheduled weekend bonus will apply after one (1) hour. In the event this agreement extends beyond **June 30, 2027** this bonus will not be paid except by mutual agreement of the parties.

Employees will not be eligible for this unscheduled weekend bonus, if:

1. The employee has not met scheduled hours worked in the subject pay period due to unscheduled absences;
2. The employee has voluntarily switched shifts with an employee in order to work the shift; or
3. The work is outside the weekend shifts.
4. The shift is part of your regular FTE.
5. If the employee has requested PTO and then picks up the same shift.
6. **The colleague will not be eligible if they have not met their FTE in the pay period as defined by Maintaining FTE Status policy**

14.11 Lead Worker Pay. An employee assigned lead responsibilities outside the employee's regular duties and responsibilities will receive a payment equal to one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) of the employee's base hourly salary for all hours spent as a lead worker. Employees who are classified as Lead (for example Lead Supply Chain Associate, Lead Guest Experience Transporter) or regularly perform lead functions as part of their duties and responsibilities are not eligible for this payment. To be eligible for this payment, the employee's leader must designate and assign the lead responsibilities to the employee prior to the time that the lead duties are to be performed and the employee may not be eligible for an out – of – class payment pursuant to Section 14.6. To qualify for this payment, the lead worker must have responsibilities that include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Being responsible for directing, prioritizing and coordinating work flow;
2. Allocating and/or re-allocating staff resources; and
3. Attempting to fill critical vacant positions due to staff absences.

14.12 The base rate or premium compensation shall not be paid more than once for the same hours worked under any provision of this agreement, nor shall there be any pyramiding of premium compensation. The weekend bonus pay will be excluded from this article.

14.13 The employer reserves the right to recognize exceptional performance with spot rewards (cash on employee's paycheck, gift card, gift, etc.) equal to a nominal value not to exceed forty dollars (\$40.00).

14.14 On Call Off premise pay. No employee will be mandated to be on call. On call will be strictly voluntary. On call/off premise hours will be distributed as equally as possible. To be on call, the employee must be able to arrive at the hospital in one (1) hour. The employee will be paid three dollars (\$3.00) per hour and for a minimum of four (4) hours. The regular hourly rate of pay begins at the time the employee arrives at work. Once the employee is on regular pay, the employee is entitled to any pay differentials, bonus or overtime payment. The on call period may be for a specific period of time or an entire shift as determined by the leader. Staff will be aware of the length of the on call **timeframe** prior to being scheduled. The on call staff will be notified to come to work by the leader or the leader's designee on duty. It will be the responsibility of the on call employee to notify their leader or leader's designee if the employee will not be at their phone number and will provide the phone number where the employee can be reached.

14.15 Preceptor Allowance

Job classifications assigned preceptor responsibilities outside the employee's regular duties and responsibilities will receive a payment equal to seven percent (7%) of the employee's base hourly salary for only those hours assigned to complete competency testing for a new employee in the same job classifications. The following job titles are eligible for preceptor allowance:

**Ambulatory Instrument Processing Technician**

**Ambulatory Instrument Processing Technician - Certified**

Bistro Services Associate

Cafeteria Cashier

Call Center Associate

Catering Attendant

Cook

Custodial Worker I and II

Emergency Room Technician

Endoscopy Technician

Endoscopy Technician Certified

Food Service Worker

Guest Experience Transporter

Ingredient Room Attendant

Instrument Processing Technician

Instrument Processing Technician - Certified

Mental Health Technician

**Mental Health Technician I-1**

**Mental Health Specialist**

Nursing Assistant

**Nutrition Driver**

All non-lead Pharmacy Technicians - Certified

Surgical Care Assistant

Telemetry Monitor Technician

To be eligible for this payment, the employee's leader must designate and assign the preceptor responsibilities to the employee prior to the time that the preceptor duties are to be performed. An employee receiving an out-of-class payment pursuant to Section 14.11 is not eligible for preceptor pay.

14.16 Information and Request for Market Rate Adjustments. The parties agree that the Employer may increase range minimums and/or range maximums at its sole discretion. In the event the Employer increases range minimums and/or range maximums, it will provide thirty (30) days prior notice to the Union.

14.17 Each 0.5 FTE or above Pharmacy Technician-Certified, Lead Pharmacy Technician-Certified, Pharmacy Technician Sterile Products-Certified, Pharmacy Technician Sterile Products Certified-Lead, Instrument Processing Technician-Certified, Endoscopy Technician Certified and **Ambulatory Instrument Processing Technician-Certified** is allowed up to seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) from July to July for each contract year for Continuing Education Unit (CEU) programs required for the Minnesota State Registration and/or the position required specialty board certification.

Proof of payment and successful completion of CEU are required for reimbursement. Once the eligible employee has exhausted the seventy-five dollars (\$75.00), the employee is responsible to pay the remaining costs of CEU programs. In the event the agreement extends beyond **June 30, 2027**, the CEU allowance will not be paid except by mutual agreement.

14.18 Critical Staffing Bonus. Due to critical staffing a department leader may, at their discretion, implement critical staffing pay of an additional five dollars (\$5.00) per hour with the prior approval of the Director of Human Resources and the area Vice President.

Bonus Parameters:

- Staff must meet FTE and have no unscheduled absences during the pay period (with the exception of approved and coded Low Needs Census hours).
- Shift must be a minimum of **two (2) hours** to qualify.
- Bonus payments do not apply to personal trades of hours.
- The critical staffing bonus can be stacked with overtime, unscheduled weekend bonus and/or shift differentials.

## ARTICLE 15

### OVERTIME

- 15.1 Employees will be paid at a rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) times their regular rate of pay for all overtime hours worked.

The department will designate which of the following work periods overtime will be based upon:

- (1) Forty (40)-hour work week - overtime will be paid only for those hours worked by an employee in excess of forty (40) hours in a work week. Employees who work back-to-back shifts shall receive overtime pay for the additional hours, providing that the regularly scheduled shift is eight (8) hours or more.
- (2) Eight (8) hours in a day or eighty (80) hours a pay period - overtime will be paid only for those hours worked by an employee in excess of eight (8) hours in a day or in excess of eighty (80) hours in a pay period.

A department may designate the forty (40)-hour work week for one (1) group of employees and the eight (8) or eighty (80) overtime option period for another group of employees or for an individual employee. In either case the department must inform its employees which overtime option will apply to them for overtime purposes. The overtime option will not change during the posted schedule. Employees must obtain prior authorization from their leader before working overtime. An employee who works overtime without prior authorization may be subject to disciplinary action.

- 15.2 Distribution. Overtime work shall be distributed as equally as possible to employees working within the same job classification.

- 15.3 Overtime work shall be voluntary, except that employees may be required to work overtime in the event the work, which will be performed as overtime, is part of their normal duties. The Union acknowledges the Employer's right to require employees to work overtime when needed. The Employer acknowledges its responsibility to inform employees of required overtime as soon as the Employer becomes aware of the need for the employee to work overtime.

The Employer agrees that it will seek volunteers and make other reasonable efforts to minimize mandated overtime.



15.4 Overtime will be calculated to the nearest fifteen (15) minutes.

ARTICLE 16  
DISCIPLINE

16.1 Just Cause. The Employer will discipline employees for just cause only. Discipline will be in any one of the following forms:

- (a) Oral/Verbal Reprimand
- (b) Written Reprimand
- (c) Suspension
- (d) Final Written Warning
- (d) Demotion
- (e) Discharge

Normally the Employer will use progressive discipline in deciding the level of discipline, but it reserves the right to choose a more severe form of discipline, up to and including discharge, depending upon the circumstances.

16.2 Notification for a discipline meeting may be less than a twenty-four (24) hour notice for the steward and the steward's leader. The notification time depends on when a leader informs their employee they have a right to union representation at a discipline meeting. Leaders need to offer an employee the opportunity to have a steward present for all types of discipline, including an oral reprimand. The leader will provide a twenty-four (24) hour notice to the employee whenever possible. Employees must attend meetings with their leaders as scheduled. Employees are expected to arrange to have steward at the meeting, if they want a steward present. **Employees must provide the meeting information to their steward.**

16.3 Discipline in the form of a written reprimand, final written warning, suspension or discharge shall be given in writing. An employee receiving such discipline may submit the disciplinary action to the grievance procedure beginning at Step 2 or appeal the disciplinary action to the non-union grievance procedure as provided by the Employer Personnel Rules. An employee may not use more than one of these procedures in appealing a disciplinary action. The oral/verbal reprimand is not grievable. The written reprimand is grievable, but not subject to arbitration, except where it is used in subsequent discipline that goes to arbitration. The parties may, by mutual agreement, in writing, agree to bypass Step 2 and proceed to Step 3 in the case of employee discharge.

- 16.4 Discharge - The Employer shall not discharge any regular employee without just cause. If the Employer feels there is just cause for discharge, the employee shall be notified, in writing, the employee is to be discharged and shall be provided with the reason(s) therefore and the effective date of the discharge. The employee will be on paid status the entire normal/regular scheduled shift on the day of which they are terminated.

ARTICLE 17  
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- 17.1 Definition of Grievance - A grievance is defined as a dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation or application of the specific terms and conditions of this Agreement. An employee has the right to proceed under non-union remedies in the Employer Personnel Policies. An employee may not employ both the grievance procedure under this Article and non-union remedies for the same grievance.
- 17.2 Organization Representatives - The Employer will recognize representatives designated by the Union as the grievance representative of the bargaining unit having the duties and responsibilities established by this Article.
- 17.3 Processing of Grievance - It is recognized and accepted by the Union and the Employer that the processing of grievances as hereinafter provided is limited by the job duties and responsibilities of the employees and shall therefore be accomplished during normal working hours only when consistent with such employee duties and responsibilities. The aggrieved employee's representative shall be allowed a reasonable amount of time without loss in pay for the investigation or presentation of grievances during normal working hours, provided the employee has notified the designated leader. Only one steward will be paid for work on any grievance at any time. Stewards will notify their leader twenty-four (24) hours in advance that they will need to be away from the work site to attend a union grievance meeting. Leave for these purposes shall be at a time mutually agreeable to the steward or officer and the designated leader. The designated leader will be notified when the steward or officer returns to their assigned work area.
- 17.4 Grievance Procedure - Grievances as herein defined, shall be processed in the following manner:

Step 1. Informal - An employee claiming a violation concerning the interpretation or application of the express provisions of this Agreement shall, with or without the Union representative, within ten (10) business days after the first knowledge of the event giving rise to the grievance, present such grievance to their leader who is designated for this

purpose by the Chief Executive Officer. The leader shall give their oral or written answer within ten (10) business days after such presentation.

Step 2. Formal - If the grievance is not settled in Step 1 and the employee wishes to appeal the grievance to Step 2 of the Grievance Procedure, it shall be referred in writing to the Director of Labor Relations within ten (10) business days after the designated leader's answer in Step 1 and shall be signed by both the employee and the Union representative. The written grievance shall set forth the nature of the grievance, the facts on which it is based, the provision or provisions of the agreement allegedly violated, and the relief requested. The department head or a designated representative and the designated Human Resources representative shall discuss the grievance within ten (10) business days with the employee and the Union representative at a time mutually agreeable to the parties. If the grievance is settled as result of such a meeting, the settlement shall be reduced to writing and signed by the designated Human Resources representative and the Union. If no settlement is reached, the department head or designee shall give written answer to the Union within ten (10) business days following their meeting.

Step 3. Appeal - if the grievance is not settled in Step 2 and the Union desires to appeal, it shall be referred by the Union in writing as specified in Step 2 to the designated Human Resources representative within ten (10) business days after the department head or designee's answer in Step 2. A meeting between the designated Human Resources employee, the department head or their designee, the employee and the Union shall be held ten (10) business days following the Union request for a Step 3 meeting at a time mutually agreeable to the parties. If the grievance is settled as a result of a meeting, the settlement shall be reduced to writing and signed by the designated Human Resources representative and the Union. If no settlement is reached, the designated Human Resources representative shall give the Employer's written answer to the Union within ten (10) business days following the meeting.

Step 4. Arbitration - If the grievance is not settled in accordance with the foregoing procedure, either party may refer the grievance to arbitration within ten (10) business days after the Union's receipt of the Employer's written answer in Step 3. The arbitrator shall be selected from a list of nine (9) Metropolitan Twin Cities candidates supplied by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

- a. The arbitrator shall have no right to amend, modify, nullify, ignore, add to, or subtract from the terms and conditions of the contract. The arbitrator shall consider and decide only the specific issue(s) submitted in writing by the Employer, the employee, and the Union and shall have no authority to make a decision on any other issue not so submitted.

- b. The arbitrator's decision shall be submitted in writing within thirty (30) days following the close of the hearing or the submission of briefs, by the parties, whichever is later, unless the parties agree to an extension. The decision shall be based solely on the arbitrator's interpretation or application of the express terms of this Agreement and to the facts of the grievance presented.
  - c. The fees and expenses for the arbitrator's services and proceedings shall be borne equally by the Employer and the Union, provided that each party shall be responsible for compensating its own representatives and witnesses. If either party desires a verbatim record of the proceedings the cost shall be shared equally.
- 17.5 Waiver - If a grievance is not presented within the time limits set forth above, it shall be considered "waived". If a grievance is not appealed to the next step within the specified time limit or any agreed extension thereof, it shall be considered settled on the basis of the Employer's last answer. If the Employer does not answer a grievance or an appeal thereof within the specified time limits or any agreed to extension, the grievance shall be considered settled on the basis of the Union's request. The time limit in each step may be extended by mutual written agreement of the Employer and the Union in each step. The term "business days" as used in this Article shall mean the days Monday through Friday, exclusive of holidays.
- 17.6 Grievance Representative - Employees presenting a grievance under Step 2 shall be represented by a representative of the Union.
- 17.7 Records - All documents, communications, and records dealing with a grievance shall be filed separately from the personnel files of the involved employee(s).
- 17.8 Any subject matter submitted by the Employer to the employee's personnel file which could be detrimental to the employee's future promotion, transfer, present or future employment, shall be served upon the employee in writing. Such matters shall be a proper subject for the grievance procedure.
- 17.9 If employees are awarded back pay through an appeal process, the Employer shall pay the back pay within thirty (30) days of the date the award is received. If the payment is not made within thirty (30) days, the Employer shall pay at the rate of time and one half (1 ½) for all hours compensated. The thirty (30) day clock starts: 1) After an Arbitrator's award/decision is received by the Employer and Union. 2) After a settlement agreement is signed by Employer and Union. The thirty (30) day clock stops: If either the Employer or the Union files an appeal on the award or decision.

ARTICLE 18  
SENIORITY

- 18.1 Seniority. Seniority means an employee's length of continuous service by classification and from their date of hire within the bargaining unit.
- 18.2 Classification Seniority. Classification seniority is defined as the length of continuous service in a specific job classification within the bargaining unit. When an employee exercises bumping rights under Article 19.2 and 19.3, classification seniority in the class to which the employee has bumped shall include seniority in all higher classes in which the employee has served. Classification seniority is not necessarily equivalent to hire date or hire date within the bargaining unit.
- 18.3 Probation Period. Bargaining unit employees shall serve a probationary period of six (6) months from the date of employment or the date of bargaining unit membership, whichever is later. If an employee is on a leave of absence, their probationary period will be automatically extended to cover their time on a leave of absence. The Employer may extend an employee's probationary period for up to three (3) months after giving notice to and receiving approval from the Exclusive Representative (Union Field Representative.) Time spent as a temporary, **part-time non-bargaining unit employee**, or on-call/casual employee shall not count toward the probationary period. The Employer may discharge any employee during the probationary period and the employee may not grieve the discharge.
- 18.4 Seniority Lists. Each May 1st and December 1st the Employer shall post a seniority list showing the continuous service of each employee by classification. A copy of the seniority list shall be furnished to the Union when it is posted.
- 18.5 Breaks in Continuous Service. An employee's continuous service record shall be broken by voluntary resignation, discharge for just cause, and retirement.
- 18.6 Employees promoted to a new or higher classification within the bargaining unit shall have the option of returning to their former position in the bargaining unit if the employee fails the probation period. If the employee has accepted a position at the same letter grade or lower by choice, that employee gives up the rights to return to their previous position.

18.7 As it applies to Nursing, whenever it is necessary to have an employee(s) float it will be in this order:

1) Pick-up, voluntary overtime or bonus shift float first before employees who were regularly scheduled for that shift as part of their FTE. If there are multiple employees on voluntary overtime, bonus or pick-up shifts, the least senior employee floats.

2) If no pick up, overtime or bonus shifts an employee from the non-home unit will float first. If more than one non-home unit employee is assigned to the unit the least senior employee floats first.

3) If no non-home unit employee(s) are assigned to the unit an employee who is regularly assigned to a "home unit" will float off that home unit for an assignment anticipated to require at least four (4) hours, floating will be rotated by employees. A list detailing who has floated and when will be maintained by the home unit.

Probationary employees in their first three (3) months of their probationary period do not have to float. Employees may volunteer to float outside of seniority.

"Home unit" for purposes of this Article shall mean the cost center for inpatient nursing employees.

For other departments/positions, the "normal station" shall be defined on a similar basis by the Employer after consultation with the Union.

Note: Examples of temporary assignment requirements may include:

- a. Capable of doing any lifting required.
- b. Same sex caregivers for intimate care reasons, religion, or safety monitoring.

If overtime is required all staff, including float/non-home unit staff assigned to the unit requiring overtime, will be considered as part of the eligible overtime pool. Required overtime will be assigned first to the least senior staff and rotated to avoid consecutive overtime shifts.

ARTICLE 19  
WORK FORCE

- 19.1 A. A vacant position which the Employer chooses to fill will be posted for not less than five (5) calendar days. Positions may be posted internally and externally at the same time. Regular employees within the same classification may indicate to the Employer, in writing or electronically as indicated in the posting, and during the posting period, their interest in being considered for reassignment to fill the vacant position. A vacant position is defined as a position to be filled by the Employer resulting from a resignation, retirement, discharge, currently budgeted positions, and additionally budgeted positions.

Exemptions: Certain positions need not be posted according to the above policy; these include:

- Positions filled by a hospital employee who is accommodated due to a disability or a court imposed order provided the employee meets the minimum qualifications.
- On-call/casual or less than 0.29 FTE vacant positions.
- Incremental FTE increases greater than 0.01 and less than 0.29 FTE.

Regular employees in the same classification will be considered before external candidates provided they bid for the vacant position during the five (5) calendar day posting period. The department in the selection of employees for the vacant position shall consider classification seniority and the employee's ability to perform the job. The Employer shall select from among the three (3) most senior qualified employees bidding. If less than three (3) qualified bids, the Employer has the option of hiring a bidder or hiring another applicant.

If at least three (3) employees within the classification bid on the position and the Employer does not choose the senior qualified employee within the same classification, the reason shall be stated in writing. The employee may grieve the written notification. If less than three (3) qualified employees bid on a position, the Employer will consider bidders and if the most senior employee is not selected, the Employer will inform the most senior employee as to why they were not selected. This decision will not be grievable.

If an employee bids on a vacant position and later rescinds their bid after being offered the vacant position they will not be eligible to bid on another vacant position for three (3) months from the date of the declination.

**If an employee accepts a bid, there may be a delay in moving to a new positions due to the need to backfill the existing position to ensure business needs are met.**

The vacancy posting shall set forth the class title, nature and location of the work to be performed, shift/shifts and the closing date that applications will be received.

The provisions of this Article shall apply to the initial vacancy and up to two (2) sequential vacancies that may be created by reassignment within the classification.

Except as may otherwise be provided in this Agreement, employees who are selected for reassignment under the provisions of this Article will again become eligible for consideration six (6) months following such reassignment.

- B. In the event the Employer believes approving an employee's bid for a vacancy, **not related to seniority**, would result in negatively impacting **business operations**, the bid application may be refused **due to business needs**. Such refusal shall be in writing with a statement of reasons.
- C. Vacant positions will be posted according to each department's practice. Contact your leader on department practice and how to bid/apply for the vacant position.
- D. The five (5) day posting period will begin by 8:00 a.m., on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day and not be taken down until midnight on the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) day.
- E. The Union shall be provided the names of applicants for specific lateral job moves when notifying the Employer in writing of the request.

- 19.2 In the event it becomes necessary to lay off employees for any reason, employees shall be laid off in inverse order of their seniority within the classification provided all temporary employees are laid off first. Employees shall be recalled from layoff according to their seniority. No new employees shall be hired until all employees on layoff status desiring to return to work have been recalled. Employees shall be permitted to exercise their seniority rights to any classification previously held before being subject to layoff. No regular position shall be eliminated until all temporary employees in the same classification are released.



If, in the event of layoff or recall from layoff, two (2) or more employees possess the same seniority date, seniority in such cases shall be broken by the following method in order:

1. Continuous unbroken length of service with the Employer from the most recent date of employment, re-employment or reinstatement.
2. By total number of actual hours paid to the employee while a regular employee, exclusive of overtime.

19.3 Employees displaced by the elimination of jobs through consolidation (combining the duties of two (2) or more jobs), the installation of new equipment or machinery, the curtailment or replacement of existing facilities, the development of new facilities or for any other reason, shall be permitted to exercise their seniority rights to continued employment in the same classification in the service of the Employer, or to any classification previously held.

19.4 Employees promoted outside the bargaining unit shall maintain their seniority in the unit for ninety (90) days.

19.5 In the event it becomes necessary to reduce the hours of employees on a permanent basis, employees will be reduced in inverse order of seniority within the classification provided all temporary employees within the classification are laid off first. A permanent reduction in hours is defined as a reduction of hours for more than one (1) month. A temporary reduction of hours will be defined at the discretion of the Employer. The parties may also mutually agree to other exceptions.

19.6 Recall rights shall cease one (1) year or one-half (1/2) the employee's length of service as a bargaining unit member, whichever is less, after an employee is laid off and thereupon such employee shall be deemed separated from employment and shall have no further recall rights.

Recall will be by written notification, sent by certified mail, to the employee's last noted address. A courtesy phone call will also be made to the employee's last known phone number on file with Human Resources. Employee must notify Human Resources within seven (7) calendar days of the employer's mailing date of their intent to return to work. Failure to return to work within fifteen (15) calendar days from the employer's mailing date of the recall notice will be deemed a separation from employment and the employee will not have any further recall rights.

ARTICLE 20  
INSURANCE

- 20.1 All eligible employees shall be offered participation in the Employer's insurance program. Effective the date of hire or benefits eligibility, the Employer will make contributions toward health, dental, basic life/**accidental death and dismemberment (ADD)** insurance and **short-term disability** for all eligible employees who elect to participate in the Employer's insurance program.

Health Insurance for Primary Plan (**Low Deductible Plan**):

For the period of **January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027:**

Employee costs per month for health insurance will be as follows:

Hours per pay period	Single	Family
40 – 80	14.7%	15.5%

The employee single portion of the insurance premium is fourteen-point seven percent (14.7%) and the employee family portion of the insurance premium is fifteen-point five percent (15.5%) of the total monthly coverage costs. The employee percentages will remain at fourteen-point seven percent (14.7%) for single coverage and fifteen-point five percent (15.5%) for family coverage for the duration of this agreement. At no time will the single monthly premium and/or the family monthly premium increase exceed ten percent (10%) per month per year.

**If monthly premium percentages decrease (below the premium rates listed above) for the primary health insurance plan for non-contract employees, the non-contract rates will apply for Service Unit members.**

Employees will be eligible for other Employer offered health insurance plans on the same basis and rates as non-contract employees.

- 20.2 The Employer will contribute to dental insurance on the same basis as the basic non-contract employee program. If there is an increase in the dental insurance premium this increase shall be divided equally between the Employer contribution and the employee contribution.

- 20.3 Eligible bargaining unit employees will be covered by the flexible benefits program on the same basis as non-contract employees. Under this program, eligible employees regularly scheduled from sixty-four (64) through eighty (80) hours per pay period who meet the requirements to opt out and who opt out of medical coverage will receive **twenty-five (\$25) flexible dollars annualized** per month. Employees on Medicare or other programs that do not allow the receipt of flex dollars are not eligible to receive this benefit. **Employees covered by another HealthPartners employee's medical insurance plan are not eligible to receive this benefit.**

**As of 1/1/2026, there is no new entry in the flexible benefits program.**

In the event any of these flexible dollar amounts are increased for non-contract employees, the same change will be granted to eligible employees covered by this Agreement. In the event any of these flexible dollar amounts are decreased for non-contract employees, the decrease will not apply to eligible employees covered by this Agreement.

- 20.4 Employees shall be covered by the same retiree health insurance program as non-contract employees. Any change in the nonunion retiree health insurance program during the term of this Agreement shall also apply to members of the bargaining unit. The Employer will contribute to retiree insurance on the same basis as the basic non-contract employee program. Any change in the Employer's contribution toward the non-contract retiree health insurance premium during the term of this Agreement shall also apply to members of the bargaining unit.
- 20.5 The Employer will provide group life insurance **and accidental death and dismemberment (ADD) insurance** equal to the nearest thousand dollars of an employee's annual salary, based on the employee's salary as of the claim event, up to a **one hundred thousand dollar (\$100,000)** maximum.
- 20.6 The Employer and the Union agree to establish a Labor Management Committee on Health Insurance matters. Employees of the bargaining unit covered by this Agreement will have appropriate representation on the Health Insurance Committee. This Labor Management Health Insurance Committee will meet at least quarterly (more frequently by mutual agreement) and such meetings will be considered paid time for the employee representatives.
- 20.7 Employees shall be eligible to participate in the Employer's Long Term Care Insurance program on the same basis as non-contract employees.

- 20.8. Employees will be eligible to participate in the Employer's Adoption Assistance Program on the same basis as non-contract employees.
- 20.9 As of 1/1/2026, benefit eligible employees (0.5- 1.0 FTE) will be eligible for the employer paid short-term disability (STD) plan on the same basis as non-contract employees. All disability claims are subject to approval by the insurance company.**

ARTICLE 21  
GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 21.1 Neither the Union nor the Employer shall discriminate against any employee because of Union membership or non-membership, nor because of race, creed, sex, color, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, status with regard to public assistance, disability, age, religious or political belief. Sexual harassment is considered discrimination under this Article.
- 21.2 All in-service training shall be at the expense of the Employer. Cost of required training outside the Employer will be prepaid by the Employer subject to the withholding of the cost of training from the employee's pay in the event the employee resigns within six (6) months of such training, or fails to complete the course. Training time is considered scheduled work time. Failure to attend scheduled training or follow the department's call in protocol may be subject to corrective action.
- 21.3 The Employer will provide tuition reimbursement sums to bargaining unit employees on the same basis and with the same limitations as the basic non-contract employee program for the term of this Agreement.
- 21.4 Subcontracting:
- A. During the term of this Agreement, the Employer shall not contract out or subcontract any work performed by employees with dates of employment on or before April 1, 1988, and who are covered by this Agreement which would result in a layoff.
  - B. In the event the Employer feels it is necessary to contract out or subcontract any work performed by employees with dates of employment before April 1, 1988, and who are covered by this Agreement, the Employer will notify the Union no less than ninety (90) calendar days in advance. During the ninety (90) days the Employer will meet with the Union and discuss possible ways and means to minimize the elimination of positions.

- C. As the result of merger, transfer or reorganization of any department, no employee with a date of employment on or before April 1, 1988, may be laid off or suffer any reduction in classification, pay or seniority except in the single instance where an employee refuses a job assignment consistent with their classification pay and seniority rights provided by this Agreement.
- D. For employees with dates of employment after April 1, 1988:

The employer prefers to use its own employees to provide services to its patients but may have to consider subcontracting in some circumstances. If subcontracting becomes a possible option for the employer, the following conditions will apply:

1. The employer will notify the union no less than sixty (60) calendar days in advance of the proposed start of any contemplated subcontract. During the sixty (60) day period, the employer will meet with the union to discuss possible alternatives to subcontracting and to confer on possible ways to minimize the elimination of positions.
2. In the event the subject subcontract is entered into, the employer will make all hospital wide postings readily available to the employees subject to layoff as a direct result of the subcontract. The employer shall offer reasonable and customary placement assistance for affected employees to try to place such employees in other hospital jobs for which they are qualified.

If fifteen (15) or more persons are to be laid off due to the subcontract, the employer will offer job/career counseling assistance to the employees subject to layoff at no cost. Employees who are laid off due to the subcontract shall be allowed up to eight (8) hours of paid time to go on job interviews.

3. If a subcontract arrangement is consummated, the employer may consider an early separation allowance for a number of employees in the affected classifications equal to the number of layoffs planned for the classification. Eligibility for an early separation allowance shall be by seniority, including employees with dates of employment before April 1, 1988. The early separation program shall include a separation allowance of two

weeks pay for each full year of service to a maximum of six (6) months pay for employees with dates of employment before April 1, 1988; to a maximum of two (2) months pay for employees with dates of employment on or after April 1, 1988.

- 21.5 The Union will designate two (2) members to serve on the Employer Safety Committee.
- 21.6 The Employer and the Union will establish a Labor Management Committee. This Labor Management Committee will meet on a quarterly basis or more often as mutually agreed to by the parties. This Committee will not be used to reach settlements on grievances or other contract issues. The Labor Management Committee will consist of the following individuals:
1. The Employer will appoint four (4) representatives in addition to the Human Resources Labor Relations Representative.
  2. The Union will appoint four (4) representatives in addition to the Business Representative.
  3. The Labor Management Committee will not have representatives from any other bargaining unit or employee group.
- 21.7 In addition to the Labor Management Committee referred to in Section 21.6, the Employer and the Union will continue departmental Labor Management Committee Meetings, as mutually agreed.
- 21.8 The employees in this bargaining unit will be covered by and subject to the Hospital's reasonable suspicion drug testing policy on the same basis as it applies to non-contract employees.
- 21.9 Uniforms
- 1) There will be no change in color/style for two (2) years unless the color/style becomes unavailable and then Employer will provide a ninety (90) day notice to employee if color/style changes.
  - 2) If there is a business need to change color/style, Employer agrees to meet and confer with Union prior to the ninety (90) day notice period. If after meeting with the Union the Employer mandates a uniform change within less than two (2) years as stated in 21.9, the Employer will reimburse each employee an amount

up to forty-five dollars (\$45.00) for uniforms purchased after providing a receipt verifying the employee's purchase. If the Employer has a preferred vendor that offers comparable scrubs at discounted price the employee would be required to purchase from the preferred vendor. If the Employer has supplied or previously purchased uniforms for the employee in the last two (2) years' the requirement to provide reimbursement will not apply. The employee needs to purchase their own shoes that are appropriate to their job duties, including slip resistant shoes if required by the department. Uniform reimbursement does not apply to the purchase of shoes, including slip resistant shoes.

- 3) The Employer will provide one replacement uniform per employee per six (6) month period of time with a maximum of two (2) per year with the following conditions:
- proof that the uniform was purchased within the previous six (6) months
  - the department leader must declare uniform irreparable.
  - uniform damage must result from direct patient contact.
  - incident report completed at the time of the incident; and witness co-signature is required on the incident report before it will be considered complete.

## ARTICLE 22

### COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND WAIVER OF BARGAINING

- 22.1 This Agreement shall represent the complete Agreement between the Union and the Employer.
- 22.2 The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations which resulted in this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make requests and proposals with respect to any subject or matter not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining, and that the complete understandings and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of the right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement. Therefore, the Employer and the Union, for the life of this Agreement, each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to bargain collectively with respect to any subject or matter referred to or covered in this Agreement or with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement, even though such subject or matter may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time that they negotiated or signed this Agreement.
- 22.3 Savings Clause. Should any article, section, or portion of this Agreement be held unlawful and unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall

apply only to the specified article, section, or portion thereof directly specified in the decision; upon the issuance of such a decision, the parties agree immediately to negotiate a substitute for the invalidated article, section or portion thereof.

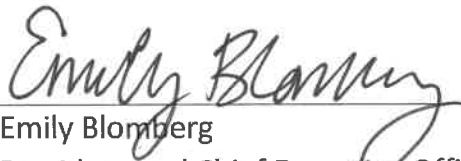
ARTICLE 23  
TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be effective as of the first day of July, **2025** and shall remain in full force and effect until the last day of June, **2027**. It shall be automatically renewed from year to year thereafter unless either party shall notify the other in writing by January 1st that it desires to modify this Agreement. In the event such notice is given, negotiations shall begin no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> unless the parties agree to begin at a later date. This Agreement shall remain in full force and be effective during the period of negotiations or until notice of termination of this Agreement is provided to the other party in the manner set forth in the following paragraph.

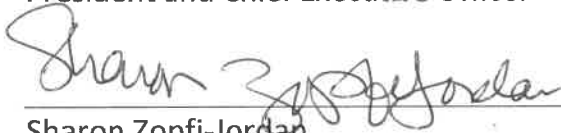
In the event either party desires to terminate this Agreement, written notice must be given to the other party not less than ten (10) days prior to the desired termination date. The termination date shall not be before the anniversary date set forth in the preceding paragraph.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

REGIONS HOSPITAL



Emily Blomberg  
President and Chief Executive Officer



Sharon Zopfi-Jordan  
Director Labor Relations

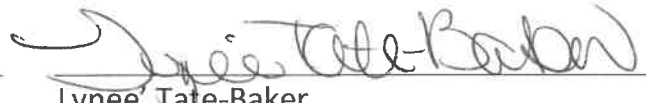


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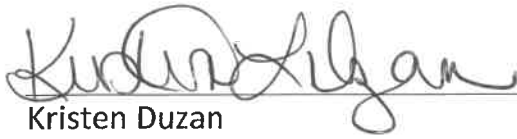


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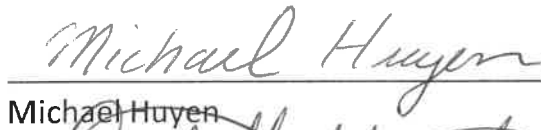


  
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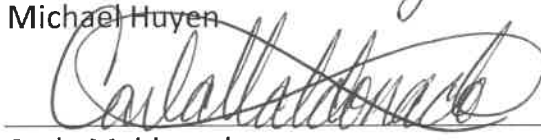
  
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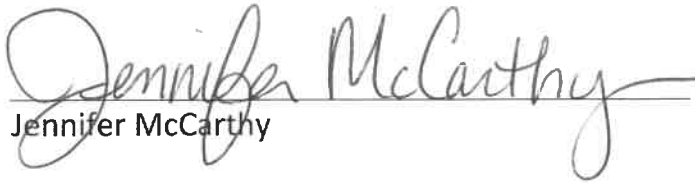
  
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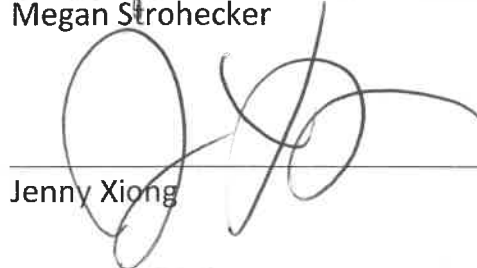
  
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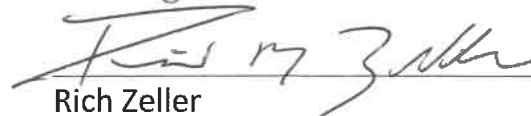
  
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## Appendix A

### AFSCME 722 NEGOTIATIONS

Effective 7/1/2025

#### Classification Ranges and Letter Grades

Job Code	Class Description	Ltr Grade	Minimum	Midpoint	Maximum
—	—	A	\$17.51	\$20.99	\$24.50
2001480	Cafeteria Cashier	B	\$18.10	\$21.72	\$25.33
2002350	Food Service Worker	B	\$18.10	\$21.72	\$25.33
2007110	Ingredients Room Attendant	B	\$18.10	\$21.72	\$25.33
2005390	Supply Chain Services Assoc	B	\$18.10	\$21.72	\$25.33
2002355	Call Center Associate	C	\$18.67	\$22.40	\$26.16
2005375	Catering Attendant	C	\$18.67	\$22.40	\$26.16
2005175	Guest Experience Transporter	C	\$18.67	\$22.40	\$26.16
2006704	Nutrition Driver	C	\$18.67	\$22.40	\$26.16
2008400	Rehabilitation Assistant	C	\$18.67	\$22.40	\$26.16
2006701	Supply Chain Svcs Driver W/E	C	\$18.67	\$22.40	\$26.16
2005200	Therapy Aide	C	\$18.67	\$22.40	\$26.16
2001925	Bistro Services Associate	D	\$19.27	\$23.14	\$26.98
2001770	Custodial Worker I	D	\$19.27	\$23.14	\$26.98
2005400	Supply Chain Services Driver	D	\$19.27	\$23.14	\$26.98
2006700	Supply Chain Services Spec	D	\$19.27	\$23.14	\$26.98
2005521	Clinic Support Technician	E	\$19.77	\$23.73	\$27.71
2001900	Custodial Worker II	E	\$19.77	\$23.73	\$27.71
2001920	Lead Bistro Services Associate	E	\$19.77	\$23.73	\$27.71
2005820	Lead Supply Chain Associate	E	\$19.77	\$23.73	\$27.71
2006703	Supply Chain Spec-Center Core	E	\$19.77	\$23.73	\$27.71
2003030	Nursing Assistant (previously PCA)	E-1	\$20.07	\$24.08	\$28.09
2002010	Surgical Care Assistant	E-1	\$20.07	\$24.08	\$28.09
2001630	Telemetry Monitor Technician	E-1	\$20.07	\$24.08	\$28.09
2007470	Anesthesia Attendant	F	\$20.34	\$24.42	\$28.49
2002970	Cook	F	\$20.34	\$24.42	\$28.49
2001905	Groundskeeper	F	\$20.34	\$24.42	\$28.49
	Lead Guest Experience				
2006705	Transporter	F	\$20.34	\$24.42	\$28.49
2007980	Sr Supply Chain Handler	F	\$20.34	\$24.42	\$28.49
2002000	Surgical Assistant	F	\$20.34	\$24.42	\$28.49

**AFSCME 722 NEGOTIATIONS****Effective 7/1/2025***Classification Ranges and Letter Grades*

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2006090	Medical Assistant	G	\$20.87	\$25.06	\$29.23
-	-	G-1	\$21.16	\$25.40	\$29.64
2008310	Emergency Room Technician	H	\$21.44	\$25.74	\$30.04
2003910	Pharmacy Technician	H	\$21.44	\$25.74	\$30.04
2001908	Lead Groundskeeper	I	\$22.09	\$26.51	\$30.94
2001170	Mental Health Technician	I	\$22.09	\$26.51	\$30.94
2001330	Sr Medical Assistant	I	\$22.09	\$26.51	\$30.94
2008010	Instrument Processing Tech	I-1	\$23.00	\$27.61	\$32.23
2008030	Ambulatory Instrument Processing Technician	I-1	\$23.00	\$27.61	\$32.23
2008032	Endoscopy Technician	I-1	\$23.00	\$27.61	\$32.23
2001171	Mental Health Technician I1	I-1	\$23.00	\$27.61	\$32.23
2008020	Lead Mental Health Technician	I-1	\$23.00	\$27.61	\$32.23
2003913	Pharmacy Tech-Alt Certified	I-1	\$23.00	\$27.61	\$32.23
2003912	Pharmacy Technician Certified	I-1	\$23.00	\$27.61	\$32.23
2003917	Pharmacy Tech Sterile Products - Certified	I-1	\$23.00	\$27.61	\$32.23
2003918	Pharmacy Tech Sterile Products - Alt Certified	I-1	\$23.00	\$27.61	\$32.23
2008011	Instrument Processing Tech Certified	J	\$23.96	\$28.77	\$33.54
2008031	Ambulatory Instrument Processing Technician Certified	J	\$23.96	\$28.77	\$33.54
2008033	Endoscopy Technician - Certified	J	\$23.96	\$28.77	\$33.54
2001172	Mental Health Specialist	J	\$23.96	\$28.77	\$33.54
2002430	General Repair Worker	J	\$23.96	\$28.77	\$33.54
2003914	Pharmacy Tech Certified Lead	K	\$24.71	\$29.63	\$34.58
2003921	Pharmacy Tech Sterile Products - Certified - Lead	K	\$24.71	\$29.63	\$34.58

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LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
REGIONS HOSPITAL AND AFSCME CO. 5, LOCAL 722  
SERVICE WORKERS UNIT  
**July 1, 2025**

The Union and the Employer agree they are jointly committed to continuously improve the culture of Health Care and working environment at Regions Hospital by promoting a respectful and abuse-free workplace. The Employer and the Union established "The Regions Hospital Healthy Workplace Project" in September 2003.

To accomplish our goal of establishing a respectful and abuse free work environment we will use education, training, and coaching with a reporting system that **encourages accountability. More information on how to raise a concern can be found on myPartner. Search for Raise an Issue.**


**A Healthy Workplace (HWP) is a workplace free of abusive and inappropriate behaviors such as:** gossip, blaming others, negative attitude, not communicating, lack of accountability, backstabbing, violation of confidentiality, rudeness, abusive gestures or actions, ignoring people, holding grudges, belittling, swearing, favoritism, complaining and controlling.


It is agreed the Employer and Union leadership will support education and training so we have the proper tools in place to coach all employees, investigate and document each reported offense. The parties agree applying the same process to all employees is very crucial to the success of this project and in achieving our goals. The parties agree to review the effectiveness of this reporting process at the request of the Union or the Employer, not to exceed a yearly basis. The Employer will establish a process to track and trend reports to assist in this review.

If either party determines this process is not being applied the way it was intended the party can give written notice to the other calling for a meeting within thirty (30) days to discuss. If the parties are not able to reach agreement on the complaints made the Union or the Employer may choose to withdraw from this agreement without setting any precedence or operating as a waiver of Union or Management rights.

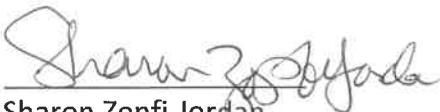
The Union wishes to go on record that the members desire to work in a more respectful work environment and this was the driving force behind the Union working in partnership with Regions Hospital and reaching this agreement. The Union and Regions Hospital believe continuing education for all employees working at Regions Hospital is key for success.

For the Union:

  
Lynee Tate-Baker  
Field Representative

  
Date

For the Employer:

  
Sharon Zopfi-Jordan  
Director Labor Relations

8-26-2025  
Date

Appendix B– Letter of Agreement #1

Origination date: 7/2006

Revision dates: 7/2011, 7/2015, 7/2017, 7/2021, 7/2023, **7/2025**



July 1, 2021

Lynee' Tate-Baker, Field Representative  
AFSCME Council 5 - Local 722  
300 Hardman Avenue South  
South St. Paul, MN 55075-2469

RE: Non-Traditional Work Schedules Program

Dear Lynee':

During contract negotiations the Union and the Employer discussed the non-traditional work schedules pilot from the previous negotiations.

Based on the previous pilot, we are expanding the non-traditional work schedules to all departments. This may give more flexibility for some staff to not have a weekend obligation, if available/feasible at the department's discretion.

Non-traditional work schedules could include:

- shift lengths (greater than 8 hours and less than or equal to 12 hours)
- split weekends
- every weekend
- 2 weekends on/2 weekends off
- Every 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend (8, 10, or 12 hour shifts)

The weekend is defined in Article 14.10 as night shift on Friday, 3 shifts on Saturday and day/evening shifts on Sunday. Unscheduled weekend shifts will be eligible for weekend bonus according to the parameters of Article 14.10.

We have agreed to the following parameters:

- Mutually acceptable to employee and Employer.
- Departments do not have an obligation to participate in non-traditional schedules.  
Employees may bid on current open positions if the non-traditional schedule does not fit their work/life balance. The provisions in Article 19. 1 (A) six month provision may not apply.
- New posted positions would specify schedule including weekend rotation.



- Management will give a minimum of 6 weeks' notice if it is determined that the modified schedule needs to be cancelled or modified.
- For schedules that are 6 week rotations (3 pay period averaging) the FTE appointment must be 0.6 FTE or greater.

The Union and the Employer have also agreed to meet and confer to discuss non-traditional work schedules in Labor – Management meetings for any on-going issues.

For Regions Hospital



Sharon Zopfi-Jordan  
Director Labor Relations

Dated: 8-26-2025

For AFSCME Council 5 Local 722



Lynee' Tate-Baker  
Field Representative

Dated: 8-26-2025

Appendix B– Letter of Understanding #2

Origination Date: 7/2017  
Revision Date: 7/2021



July 1, 2025

Lynee' Tate-Baker, Field Representative  
AFSCME Council 5 - Local 722  
300 Hardman Avenue South  
South St. Paul, MN 55075-2469

RE: Non-Tradable PTO Program

Dear Lynee':

During contract negotiations the Union and the Employer discussed the PTO program including Tradable PTO. This letter outlines Tradable PTO for the remainder of 2025.


PTO eligible employees will continue to accrue Tradable PTO through 12/20/2025. A full-time employee earns eight (8) Tradable days per year. Eligible part-time employees earn Tradable days on a pro-rated basis. An employee may elect to use those days toward time off or receive their cash value throughout the year or will be paid out accrued and unused non-Tradable PTO no later than December 31, 2025.

As of the 2026 benefit year, Tradable PTO hours accruals will move to non-Tradable PTO accruals. PTO selling/cash out will no longer be an option starting in 2026. The PTO schedule in Article 12.4 reflects the total number of tradable and non-tradable hours combined based on a full-time FTE and by years of service based on 2080 hours of non-overtime paid work hours.

Through 12/20/2025, the order of use of accrued PTO hours will be used in the following order: first, non-tradable hours; second, tradable hours and third, holiday hours.

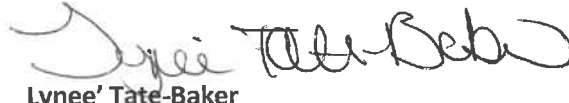
Additionally, the Employer is sunsetting the Transferring of Accrued Time Off Hours Between Eligible Employees program as of 11/22/2025. Employees wanting to transfer PTO to a PTO eligible employee must the send their PTO donation form to [RegionsHRDirect@HealthPartners.com](mailto:RegionsHRDirect@HealthPartners.com) no later than 4:30 pm on 11/22/2025.

For Regions Hospital

  
Sharon Zopfi-Jordan  
Director Labor Relations

Dated: 8/26/2025

For AFSCME Council 5 Local 722

  
Lynee' Tate-Baker  
Field Representative

Dated: 8-26-2025

Appendix B- Letter of Agreement #3

Origination Date: 7/2025



July 1, 2025

**Lynee' Tate-Baker, Field Representative**  
**AFSCME Council 5 - Local 722**  
**300 Hardman Avenue South**  
**South St. Paul, MN 55075-2469**

**RE: Flexible Benefit Program**

**Dear Lynee':**

**During contract negotiations the Union and the Employer discussed the Flexible Benefit Program and made modifications in the language in Article 20.3. The parties agreed to review the Flexible Benefit Program in 2027 negotiations for usage and potential discontinuation of the program.**

**For Regions Hospital**

**Sharon Zopfi-Jordan**  
**Director Labor Relations**

**Dated:** 8/26/2025

**For AFSCME Council 5 Local 722**

**Lynee' Tate-Baker**  
**Field Representative**

**Dated:** 8-26-2025

**Appendix B- Letter of Agreement #4**

**Origination Date: 7/2025**



July 1, 2025

Lynee' Tate-Baker, Field Representative  
AFSCME Council 5 - Local 722  
300 Hardman Avenue South  
South St. Paul, MN 55075-2469

RE: Classification Title Changes

Dear Lynee':

During contract negotiations the Union and the Employer agreed to the following establishment of a new classification and several classification changes.

**Clinical Support Technician**

- Establish a new classification Clinical Support Technician at Grade E.

**Nursing Assistant**

- The existing Nursing Assistants (Grade D) will move to the Clinical Support Technician classification (Grade E).
- Employees in the Nursing Assistant classification will retain their current Nursing Assistant seniority date in the Clinical Support Technician classification.
- The Nursing Assistant classification will change to a Grade E-1.

**Patient Care Assistants**

- Employees in the Patient Care Assistant classification will have their job classification title changed to Nursing Assistant.
- Patient Care Assistants will move to the Nursing Assistant classification and will retain their current Patient Care Assistant seniority date in the Nursing Assistant classification.

**Sterile Processing & Supply Technicians – noncertified & certified classifications**

- The Sterile Processing & Supply Technicians noncertified & certified classifications will be retitled to Ambulatory Instrument Processing Technician noncertified & Ambulatory Instrument Processing Technician certified classification.
- Employees will retain their current seniority date in their corresponding new classification.

For Regions Hospital

  
Sharon Zopfi-Jordan  
Director Labor Relations

Dated: 8/26/2025

Appendix B– Letter of Agreement #5

Origination Date: 7/2025

For AFSCME Council 5 Local 722

  
Lynee' Tate-Baker  
Field Representative

Dated: 8/26/2025



July 1, 2025

Lynee' Tate-Baker, Field Representative  
AFSCME Council 5 - Local 722  
300 Hardman Avenue South  
South St. Paul, MN 55075-2469


RE: Mental Health and ERT Employees Holiday Preference Survey

Dear Lynee':

During contract negotiations the Union and the Employer discussed the language in Article 10.8 Holiday Scheduling Precedence. The Parties agreed that the Union would conduct a survey of the Mental Health Technicians and Mental Health Specialists in the Mental Health units to determine majority preference for holiday scheduling. The ERTs and MHTs in the Emergency Department will also be surveyed. The options are the weekend cycle taking precedence over the holiday cycle or the holiday cycle taking precedence over the weekend cycle.

The Union will conduct the survey prior to 2027 collective bargaining negotiations and the results of the survey will be discussed during 2027 contract negotiations

For Regions Hospital

  
Sharon Zopfi-Jordan  
Director Labor Relations

Dated: 8/26/2025

Appendix B- Letter of Agreement #6

Origination Date: 7/2025

For AFSCME Council 5 Local 722

  
Lynee' Tate-Baker  
Field Representative

Dated: 8-26-2025



July 1, 2017

Lynee' Tate Baker  
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Re: Employer vs. Employee expenses incurred for mandatory education

Dear Lynee':

As it relates to the minimum qualifications for CPR/BLS requirements, the Employer is interpreting the language in Article 21.2 to mean that the Employer will pay for the required course one (1) time. If an employee fails to show up or complete the course the employee will be required to pay for the make-up session. The Employer will pay for the make-up session if the employee has appropriately followed the call-in guidelines outlined in Article 11.2 or in an emergent situation.

21.2 All in-service training shall be at the expense of the Employer. Cost of required training outside the Employer will be prepaid by the Employer subject to the withholding of the cost of training from the employee's pay in the event the employee resigns within six (6) months of such training, or fails to complete the course. Training time is considered scheduled work time. Failure to attend scheduled training or follow the department's call in protocol may be subject to corrective action.

This letter discusses the CPR/BLS requirement; however, it does not exclude future mandatory education which incurs costs to the Employer.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Sharon Zopfi-Jordan  
Director Labor Relations

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