

Health Alliance Leominster Hospital Nurses' Petition Opposing Dangerous Staffing Cuts, Increase to Nurses' Patient Assignments and Consolidation of Services



We, the undersigned registered nurses of Leominster Hospital hereby petition the senior leadership of both Health Alliance and UMass Memorial to express our strong opposition to the recently announced plan by hospital management to cut nursing and support staff, and to reorganize patient care services – a plan the nurses believe will undermine the quality and safety of patient care for every patient entering the hospital. We see this re-organization as a deliberate attempt to cut costs by creating a lesser standard of care for patients as it will force staff to care for more patients at one time, which the medical research shows will increase the risk of injury or harm for patients, cause delays in care, longer hospital stays, and even the increased risk of death for our patients. These changes are being proposed at a time when Leominster Hospital has been a profitable entity and when our outcomes, including preventable readmissions, are the best in the UMass system. We believe our patients deserve quality patient care, and we call upon management to rescind its proposal for the good of our patients and the communities we serve.

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