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Article 1
Agreement and Application

Section 1. This Master Agreement is entered into by and between Kaleida Health, hereinafter referred to as the Employer; 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, hereinafter referred to as SEIU and the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, hereinafter referred to as CWA; and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 17S, AFL-CIO, hereinafter referred to as IUOE; or collectively as the Unions.

Section 2. The provisions of this Master Agreement shall supersede and replace the corresponding provisions of any existing bargaining unit agreement that deals with the same issues and shall be incorporated to the exclusion of any other provision referring to the same issues in any initial agreement for a new bargaining unit.

Section 3. The terms and conditions of this Master Agreement shall apply to the bargaining units listed in Appendix H and as specifically defined in their respective local bargaining unit agreements with the Employer.

Article 2
Responsible Relationship

The Employer and the Unions recognize that it is in the best interest of the parties, the employees, and the public that all dealings between them continue to be characterized by mutual responsibility and respect. To insure that this relationship continues and improves, the Employer and the Unions and their respective representatives at all levels will apply the terms of this contract fairly in accord with its intent and meaning and consistent with the Unions’ status as exclusive bargaining representatives of all employees covered by this contract. Each party shall bring to the attention of all employees in the units covered by this contract, including new hires, their purpose to conduct themselves in a spirit of responsibility and respect and of the measures they have agreed upon to insure adherence to this purpose.

Article 3
Recognition

FOR CWA:

Section 1. The Employer hereby recognizes the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO as the exclusive collective bargaining representative for the purpose of collective bargaining with respect to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment, and other conditions of employment, for all of its employees in the collective bargaining units:

a.) The Buffalo General Medical Center Professional Unit (Recognition is in accordance with the Effects Master Agreement dated June 10, 1998, Section 7, Union Recognition):
Inclusions: All professional employees employed by Kaleida Health at Buffalo General Medical Center, 100 High Street; Gates Vascular Institute, 875 Ellicott Street; Buffalo General Alcoholism Clinic, 5087 Broadway, Depew, NY; HighPointe on Michigan, 1031 Michigan Avenue; Larkin Building, 726 Exchange Street; Kaleida Family Planning Center, 1313 Main Street; Hertel-Elmwood Internal Medicine Center, 699 Hertel Avenue; North Buffalo Medical Park; 900 Hertel Avenue; 1010 Main Street, 1026 Main Street; 1028 Main Street, will be included in the bargaining unit in the following job titles.

Clinical Dietician
Clinical Laboratory Scientist
Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator
Community Educator
Counselor IIICSW R
Counselor IV
Cytotechnologist
Exercise Physiologist
Graduate Pharmacist
Lead Clinical Dietician
Lead Clinical Laboratory Scientist
Lead Counselor IV
Lead Counselor IV Adult OP Svcs
Lead Counselor IV Case Mgmt
Lead Counselor IV Cont Day Treat
Lead Counselor V
Lead Cytotechnologist
Lead Occupational Therapist
Lead Physical Therapist
Lead Speech Language Pathologist
Lead Staff Counselor II
LTC Financial Specialist
Lead Counselor II Inpatient Behavioral Health

Nutritional Support Service Dietician
Occupational Therapist
Physical Therapist
Physician Assistant
Point of Care Liaison
Recreational Therapist
Senior Clinical Laboratory Scientist
Social Worker MSW
Social Workers BSW
Speech Language Pathologist
Staff Counselor – Behavioral Health
Staff Counselor I
Staff Counselor II Adult OP
Staff Counselor II Case Management
Staff Counselor II Case Mgmt -MICAID
Staff Counselor II MS
Staff Counselor III Adult
Staff Counselor III Case Management
Staff Counselor IV
Staff Counselor IV Adult OP
Staff Pharmacist
SW Financial Counselor
Transition Placement Coach

Exclusions: All other employees, guards and supervisors as defined.

b.) The Buffalo General Medical Center Registered Nurse Unit (certified by the National Labor Relations Board in Case 3-RC-8244):

Inclusions: Except as excluded below, registered professional nurses, in all categories of employment, employed at Kaleida Health at Buffalo General Medical Center, 100 High Street; Gates Vascular Institute, 875 Ellicott Street; Buffalo General Lancaster Alcoholism Clinic, 5087 Broadway, Depew, NY; HighPointe on Michigan, 1031 Michigan Avenue; Larkin Building, 726 Exchange Street; the Kaleida Family Planning Center, 1313 Main Street; Hertel-Elmwood Internal Medicine Center, 699 Hertel Avenue; North Buffalo Medical Park, 900 Hertel; Herman Badillo Bilingual Academy, 315
Carolina Street; 1010 Main Street; 1026 Main Street; 1028 Main Street, will be included in the bargaining unit, in the following job titles:

Ambulatory Care Nurse
Behavioral Health Nurse
Cardiac Services Nurse
Clinical Nurse Educator
Clinical Nurse Educator MS
Clinical Nurse Facilitator
Clinical Nurse Specialist
Clinical Nurse Specialist Neurology
Clinical Patient Transfer Coordinator
Critical Care Family Liaison
Critical Care Nurse
Denials Management Coordinator
Enterostomal Therapist
Infection Control Practitioner
Interventional Nurse

Medical Surgical Nurse
Neurosurgery Liaison Nurse
Nurse Counselor
Nurse Educator MS
Nurse Practitioner
Nurse Practitioner Behavioral Health
OR Service Line Coordinator
Patient Care Coordinator
Perioperative Clinical Nurse Educator (BS)
Perioperative Clinical Nurse Educator (MS)
RN First Assistant
Special Procedures Nurse
Staff Nurse SNF
Surgical Services Nurse
Transition Placement RN

Exclusions: All other employees, including but not limited to Registered Nurses who work in Associate Health, Human Resources or Risk Management; nurse managers, associate nurse managers, administrative nurse managers, non-nurse professional employees, technical employees, office clerical employees, guards and supervisors.

c.) The Buffalo General Medical Center Technical, Clinical-Clerical Unit (certified by the National Labor Relations Board in Case 3-RC-8762):

Inclusions: All employees employed by Kaleida Health at Buffalo General Medical Center, 100 High Street; Gates Vascular Institute, 875 Ellicott Street; Buffalo General Alcoholism Clinic, 5087 Broadway, Depew, NY; HighPointe on Michigan, 1031 Michigan; Larkin Building, 726 Exchange Street; the Kaleida Family Planning Center, 1313 Main Street; Hertel-Elmwood Internal Medicine Center, 699 Hertel Avenue; North Buffalo Medical Park, 900 Hertel Avenue; Herman Badillo Bilingual Academy, 315 Carolina Street; 1010 Main Street; 1026 Main Street; 1028 Main Street, will be included in the bargaining unit in the following job titles:

Activities Assistant
Addictions Counselor
Alcohol Counselor
Anatomic Pathology Assistant
Anesthesia Technician
Angiology Technician
Cardiac Billing Statistical Analyst
Cardiac Services Chart Analyst Abstractor
Cardiovascular Radiology Technologist

Lead Nuclear Med Technologist
Lead Radiologic Technologist
Lead Ultrasonography Technologist
Licensed Practical Nurse
Licensed Practical Nurse SNF
LTC Rehabilitation Medical Secretary
Mammography Technologist
Medical Assistant
Medical Secretary
Cardiac Technician
Case Manager
CATT Scan Technologist
Certified CATT Scan Technologist
Certified Medical Assistant
Certified MRI Technologist
Certified Occupation Therapy Assistant
Communication Operator
Dental Assistant
Dental Hygienist
Dietary Clerk
Dietary Technician
Echo Technologist
EKG Technician
Electro Neurodiagnostic Tech 1
Electro Neurodiagnostic Tech 2
Electro Neurodiagnostic Tech 3
Facilitated Enroller
Family Planning Counselor
File Clerk
Greeter
Hemodialysis Patient Care Technician
Histological Assistant
Histology Prep Technician
Histology Technician
Imaging Service Biller
Interventional Radiology Technologist
Laboratory Processor
Lead Certified CATT Scan Technologist
Lead Echo Technologist
Lead Histology Technician
Lead Interventional Technologist
Lead Mammography Technologist
Lead MRI Technologist
Lead Neuro-Peripheral Rad. Technologist
Medical Secretary Senior
Medical Technician
Mental Health Worker
Mental Health Worker I
Monitor Technician
MRI Technologist
Neuro-Analyst Abstractor
Neuro-Peripheral Radiologic Technologist
Neurovascular Research Technician
Neurovascular Technician
Nuclear Medicine Technologist
Patient Reception Registration Rep.
Patient Registration Rep.
Perfusionist
Perfusionist MSF
PFS Cashier
Pharmacy Technician I
Pharmacy Technician II
Phlebotomy Technician
Physical Therapy Assistant
Pulmonary Function Technician
Radiologic Technologist
Respiratory Technician
Respiratory Therapist
Scheduling Secretary OR
Secretary
Surgical Technologist
Technical Assistant
Transcriptionist Editor
Translator / Receptionist
Ultrasonography Technologist MSF
Ultrasonography Technician
Unit Secretary
Visitor Control Clerk

Exclusion: All other employees including, but not limited to, Business Office clerical employees, secretaries to physicians, secretaries to department heads, secretaries to employees listed on the confidential and executive payrolls, professional employees, guards, special fund employees and supervisors as defined by the Act.

d.) The DeGraff Memorial Hospital Professional Unit (certified by the National Labor Relations Board in Case 3-RC-11786):
**Inclusions:** All professional employees employed by DeGraff Memorial Hospital at 445 Tremont Street, North Tonawanda; DeGraff Memorial Hospital’s Skilled Nursing Facility, 445 Tremont Street; Wellness Center, 415 Tremont Street, North Tonawanda; will be included in the bargaining unit in the following job titles:

- Clinical Dietician
- Clinical Laboratory Scientist
- Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator
- Exercise Physiologist
- Graduate Pharmacist
- Lead Clinical Dietician
- Lead Clinical Laboratory Scientist
- Lead Physical Therapist
- Graduate Pharmacist
- Social Workers BSW
- Staff Pharmacist
- Recreational Therapist

**Exclusions:** All other employees, guards and supervisors as defined.

e.) The DeGraff Memorial Hospital Registered Nurse Unit (certified by the National Labor Relations Board in Case 3-RC-10545):

**Inclusions:** Except as excluded below, all Registered Nurses in all categories of employment, employed by Kaleida Health at DeGraff Memorial Hospital at 445 Tremont Street, North Tonawanda; DeGraff Memorial Hospital’s Skilled Nursing Facility, 445 Tremont Street; Wellness Center, 415 Tremont Street, North Tonawanda; will be included in the bargaining unit in the following job titles:

- Ambulatory Care Nurse
- Cardiac Service Nurse
- Clinical Nurse Educator
- Clinical Nurse Educator (MS)
- Clinical Nurse Facilitator
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Critical Care Nurse
- Infection Control Practitioner
- Interventional Nurse

**Exclusions:** All other employees including Employee Health, Human Resources or Risk Management; RCC/Relief Charge Nurses; Nurse Managers, Associate Nurse Managers, Administrative Nurse Manager, non-nurse professional employees, technical employees, office clerical employees, guards and supervisors are excluded.

f.) The DeGraff Memorial Hospital Technical, Clinical-Clerical, Service Unit (certified by the National Labor Relations Board in Case 3-RC-8774):

**Inclusions:** Except as excluded below, all technical, clinical-clerical and service employees in all categories of employment, employed by Kaleida Health at DeGraff...
Memorial Hospital at 445 Tremont Street, North Tonawanda; DeGraff Memorial Hospital’s Skilled Nursing Facility, 445 Tremont Street; Wellness Center, 415 Tremont Street, North Tonawanda, 43 Niagara Street; will be included in the bargaining unit in the following job titles:

Activities Assistant
Anesthesia Assistant
Cardiac Technician
Cashier
CATT Scan Technologist
Central Supply Tech
Cert Occupation Therapy Assistant
Certified CATT Scan Technologist
Certified Medical Assistant
Certified Nurse Assistant
Coding Specialist
Communication Operator
Cook
Cook Assistant
Dietary Technician
Document Imaging Record Processor
Driver
Echo Technologist
Emergency Room Technician
Environmental Service Aide
Facilitated Enroller
Health Information Clerk I
Health Information Clerk II
Hospitality Associate
Laundry Attendant
Lead Coding Specialist
Lead Echo Technologist
Lead Mammography Technologist
Lead Nuclear Med Technologist
Licensed Practical Nurse
Licensed Practical Nurse SNF
Materials Equipment Coordinator
Materials Handler

Mammography Technologist
Medical Assistant
Medical Secretary
Medical Technician
Medical Transcriptionist
Nuclear Medicine Technologist
Nurse Assistant
Nutritional Service Worker
Office Support Clerk/Printer
Patient Access Services Representative
Patient Care Assistant
Patient Client Representative
Patient Financial Clearance Representative
Patient Financial Services Representative
Patient Reception Registration
Patient Registration Rep
Patient Support Associate
PFS Cashier
Pharmacy Technician I
Pharmacy Technician II
Phlebotomy Technician
Physical Therapy Assistant
Quality Assurance Technologist
Radiologic Technologist
Receiving Clerk Dietary
Rehabilitation Therapy Aide/SNF
Respiratory Therapist
Scheduling Secretary OR
Surgical Technologist
Technical Assistant
Ultrasonography Technologist
Unit Secretary
Visitor Control Clerk

Exclusions: All other employees including, but not limited to, maintenance employees, confidential employees, charge nurses, and other supervisors as defined in the Act are excluded.
g.) The Millard Fillmore Hospital Professional Bargaining Unit (Recognition is in accordance with the Effects Master Agreement dated June 10, 1998, Section 7, Union Recognition):

Inclusions: All professional employees in all categories of employment, employed by Kaleida Health at its Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, 1540 Maple Road; and The Center of Laboratory Medicine and Buffalo Therapy Services, 115 Flint Road; will be included in the bargaining unit in the following job titles:

- Clinical Dietician
- Clinical Laboratory Scientist
- Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator
- Clinical Service Representative
- Graduate Pharmacist
- Hand Therapy Team Leader
- Lead Clinical Dietician
- Lead Clinical Laboratory Scientist
- Lead Occupational Therapist
- Lead Physical Therapist
- Lead Speech Lang Pathologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Physical Therapist
- Physician Assistant
- Senior Clinical Laboratory Scientist
- Social Worker BSW
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Staff Pharmacist

Exclusions: All other employees, guards and supervisors as defined by the Act, are excluded.

h.) The Millard Fillmore Hospital Registered Nurse Unit (Recognition is in accordance with the Effects Master Agreement dated June 10, 1998, Section 7, Union Recognition):

Inclusions: Except as excluded below, registered professional nurses in all categories of employment, employed by Kaleida Health at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, 1540 Maple Road; Louis Lazar Family Medicine Center, 1542 Maple Road; Buffalo Therapy Services, 115 Flint Road are included in the bargaining unit in the following job titles:

- Ambulatory Care Nurse
- Certified Nurse Midwife
- Clinical Nurse Educator (BS)
- Clinical Nurse Educator (MS)
- Clinical Nurse Facilitator
- Clinical Nurse Specialist Neurology
- Critical Care Nurse
- Diabetes Nurse Clinician
- Entero stomal Therapist
- Infection Control Practitioner
- Interventional Nurse
- Medical Surgical Nurse
- Neurosurgery Liaison Nurse
- Nurse Educator MS
- Nurse Practitioner
- Obstetrics Nurse
- OR Service Line Coordinator
- Patient Care Coordinator
- Perioperative Clinical Nurse Educator (BS)
- Perioperative Clinical Nurse Educator (MS)
- Research Nurse
- RN First Assistant
- Special Procedures Nurse
- Surgical Services Nurse
- Staff Nurse SNF
- Transition Placement Nurse
Exclusions: All other employees including but not limited to Registered Nurses who work in Associate Health, Human Resources or Risk Management; nurse managers, associate nurse managers, administrative nurse managers, non-nurse professional employees, technical employees, office clerical employees, guards and supervisors are excluded.

i.) The Millard Fillmore Hospital Technical/Clinical-Clerical bargaining unit (Recognition is in accordance with the Effects Master Agreement dated June 10, 1998, Section 7, Union Recognition):

Inclusions: Except as excluded below, all technical/clinical-clerical employees in all categories of employment employed by Kaleida Health at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, 1540 Maple Road; Louis Lazar Family Medicine Center, 1542 Maple Road; The Center of Laboratory Medicine and Buffalo Therapy Services, 115 Flint Road and all draw stations are included in the bargaining unit in the following job titles:

Activities Assistant  Licensed Practical Nurse
Anatomic Pathology Assistant  Licensed Practical Nurse SNF
Anesthesia Assistant  Mammography Technologist
Anesthesia Technician  Medical Assistant
Cardiovascular Radiology Technologist  Medical Secretary
CATT Scan Technologist  Medical Secretary Senior
Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant  Medical Technician
Certified CATT Scan Technologist  Medical Transcriptionist
Certified MRI Technologist  MRI Technologist
Communication Operator  NeuroPeripheral Technologist
Dental Assistant  Nuclear Medicine Technologist
Dietary Clerk  Patient Client Representative
Dietary Technician  Patient Financial Clearance Rep
Driver  Patient Financial Services Rep
Echo Technologist  Patient Reception Registration
ED Chart Acquisition Clerk  Patient Registration Rep
EKG Technician  Perfusionist
Electro Neurodiagnostic Tech 1  Pharmacy Technician I
Facilitated Enroller  Pharmacy Technician II
File Clerk  Phlebotomy Technician
Greeter  Phlebotomy Technician II
Histological Assistant  Physical Therapy Assistant
Imaging Services Biller  Pulmonary Function Technician
Interventional Technologist  Quality Assurance Technologist
Laboratory Processor  Radiologic Technologist
Lead Cert CATT Scan Technologist  Respiratory Technician
Lead CATT Scan Technologist  Respiratory Therapist
Lead Interventional Tech  Scheduling Secretary OR
Lead Mammography Technologist  Secretary
Lead MRI Technologist | Surgical Technologist
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Lead NeuroPeripheral Tech | Technical Assistant
Lead Nuclear Med Technologist | Ultrasonography Technologist
Lead Radiologic Technologist | Unit Secretary
Lead Ultrasonography Technologist | Vascular Lab Technologist
Lead Vascular Lab Technologist | Visitor Control Clerk
Materials Handler

**Exclusions:** All other employees including Business Office Clerical employees, Confidential and Administrative secretaries, employees who work in Human Resources, Employee Health and Risk Management, Special Fund employees defined as employees who are not selected according to the posting and bidding procedure and who do not have rights to positions with Kaleida should the fund be discontinued.

**FOR 1199 SEIU:**

Section 1. The Employer hereby recognizes 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East as the exclusive collective bargaining representative for the purpose of collective bargaining with respect to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment and other conditions of employment for all of its employees in the following collective bargaining units:

**a.) WCHOB Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse Unit:**

**Inclusions:** Except as excluded below, all Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses in the job titles listed below, at the following locations will be included in the bargaining unit: Children's Hospital of Buffalo, 219 Bryant Street, Buffalo; John R. Oishei Children’s Hospital, 818 Ellicott Street, Buffalo; Hodge Pediatrics Center, 125 Hodge Street; Towne Garden Pediatrics 461 William Street; Women's Health Center, 239 Bryant Street; Outpatient Services, 140 Hodge Street; Amherst Health Center, 3580 Sheridan Drive; Laboratory Services Center, 182 Lake Street, Hamburg; The Robert Warner MD Center; all WCHOB School Based Health Programs; all WCHOB School Based Health Clinics; Ambulatory Care Center; 1001 Main Street; Amherst General, 4955 North Bailey; Women’s Health Center, ECMC Campus, 462 Grider Street; 4535 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg; 3860 McKinley Pkwy, Hamburg; 6363 Transit Rd., Lancaster; 475 S. Transit Rd., Lockport; will be included in the bargaining unit. The following job titles are included in the Registered Nurse and LPN Units:

- Ambulatory Care Nurse
- Certified Transport Nurse
- Clinical Nurse Educator (MS)
- Clinical Nurse Educator WCHOB
- Critical Care Nurse
- Diabetes Nurse Clinician
- Diabetes Teaching Nurse
- Nurse Midwife
- Obstetrics Nurse
- OR Service Line Coordinator
- Patient Care Coordinator
- Perioperative Clinical Nurse Educator, (MS)
- RN First Assistant
- Special Procedure Nurse
Extended Role Nurse
Infection Control Practitioner
Interventional Nurse
Licensed Practical Nurse
Medical Surgical Nurse
Surgical Procedures Nurse
Surgical Services Nurse
Transport Nurse
Transport Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
Triage Nurse

**Exclusions:** All other employees, including but not limited to all professional employees, managerial employees, administrative assistants, confidential employees who work in Human Resources, Employee Health and Risk Management, Foundation employees, special fund employees defined as employees who were not selected according to the posting and bidding procedures and who do not have rights to positions within Kaleida should the funding be discontinued.

b.) **WCHOB Nurse Practitioner Unit:**

**Inclusions:** Except as excluded below, all Nurse Practitioners employed by Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo at the following sites will be included in the bargaining unit: 219 Bryant St., Buffalo; 239 Bryant St., Buffalo; Hodge Pediatrics at 125 Hodge St., Buffalo; Robert Warner Rehabilitation Center; Towne Gardens; All WCHOB School Based Health Services; all WCHOB School Based Health Clinics; John R. Oishei Children’s Hospital, 818 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, NY; Ambulatory Care Center, 1001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY; Amherst General, 4955 North Bailey; Women’s Health Center, ECMC Campus, 462 Grider Street; 4535 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg; 3860 McKinley Pkwy, Hamburg; 6363 Transit Rd, Lancaster; 475 S. Transit Rd., Lockport.

The following job titles are included in the Nurse Practitioner Unit:

Nurse Practitioner
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

**Exclusions:** All other employees, including but not limited to all professional employees, managerial employees, administrative assistants, confidential employees who work in Human Resources, and Employee Health and Risk Management.

c.) **WCHOB Professional Unit:**

**Inclusions:** Except as excluded below, all Professional employees in the job titles listed below will be included in the bargaining unit at the following sites Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo-219 Bryant Street, Buffalo; Hodge Pediatrics Center-125 Hodge Street, Buffalo; The Robert Warner M.D. Center; Towne Garden Pediatrics; 1026 Main Street; 1028 Main Street; John R. Oishei Children’s Hospital, 818 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, NY; Ambulatory Care Center, 1001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY; Amherst General, 4955 North Bailey; Women’s Health Center, ECMC Campus, 462 Grider Street; 4535 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg; 3860 McKinley Pkwy, Hamburg; 6363 Transit Rd, Lancaster; 475 S. Transit Rd., Lockport will be included,. All other sites associated with
School Based Health Clinics and School Health Services-Community Health Clinics will be included. The following job titles are included in the Professional Unit:

- Audiologist
- Child Life Specialist
- Clinical Dietician
- Clinical Laboratory Scientist
- Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator
- Community Educator
- Coordinator Early Intervention
- Education Counselor
- Financial Counselor/Social Worker (BSW)
- Graduate Pharmacist
- Lead Clinical Dietician
- Lead Clinical Laboratory Scientist
- Lead Occupational Therapist
- Lead Physical Therapist
- Lead Psychologist CS
- Lead Speech Lang Pathologist
- Librarian
- Marriage Family Therapist Licensed
- Occupational Therapist
- Physical Therapist
- Physician Assistant
- Psychologist Licensed
- Senior Clinical Laboratory Scientist
- Social Worker BSW
- Social Worker MSW
- Special Needs Educator
- Special Needs Outreach Liaison
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Staff Counselor I
- Staff Counselor II MS
- Staff Counselor III, CSWR
- Staff Counselor IV (CSWR w/R required)
- Staff Pharmacist
- SW Financial Counselor
- Unlicensed Psychologist

**Exclusions:** Titles or positions excluded: All other employees, including but not limited to managerial employees, administrative assistants, confidential employees who work in Human Resources, Employee Health and Risk Management, Foundation employees, special fund employees defined as employees who were not selected according to the posting and bidding procedures and who do not have rights to positions within Kaleida should the funding be discontinued.

**d.) WCHOB Technical Unit:**

**Inclusions:** Except as excluded below, all Technical employees in the job titles listed below, at the following locations, will be included in the bargaining unit: Women and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo, 219 Bryant Street; Hodge Pediatrics Center, 125 Hodge Street; Women’s Health Center, 239 Bryant Street; Women and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo, 140 Hodge; John R. Oishei Children’s Hospital, 818 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, NY; Ambulatory Care Center, 1001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY; Amherst General, 4955 North Bailey; Women’s Health Center, ECMC Campus, 462 Grider Street; 4535 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg; 3860 McKinley Pkwy, Hamburg, 6363 Transit Rd, Lancaster; 475 S. Transit Rd., Lockport; School Based Health Services; and School Based Health Clinics will be included.

The following job titles are included in the Technical Unit:

- Anatomic Pathology Assistant
- Lead Nuclear Med Technologist
Anesthesia Assistant  Lead Radiologic Technologist
Anesthesia Technician  Lead Ultrasonography Technologist
CATT Scan Technologist  Medical Technician
Certified CATT Scan Technologist  MRI Technologist
Certified MRI Technologist  Nuclear Medicine Technologist
Dental Assistant  Pharmacy Technician I
Dental Hygienist  Pharmacy Technician II
Dietary Technician  Phlebotomy Technician
Echo Technologist  Phlebotomy Technician II
Electro Neurodiagnostic Tech 1  Radiologic Technologist
Electro Neurodiagnostic Tech 2  Respiratory Technician
Electro Neurodiagnostic Tech 3  Respiratory Therapist
Histological Assistant  Respiratory Therapist Transport
Ld Cert CATT Scan Technologist  Surgical Technologist
Lead Certified MRI Technologist  Ultrasonography Technologist

**Exclusions:** All other employees, including but not limited to all professional employees, managerial employees, administrative assistants, confidential employees who work in Human Resources, Employee Health and Risk Management, Foundation employees, special fund employees defined as employees who were not selected according to the posting and bidding procedures and who do not have rights to positions within Kaleida should the funding be discontinued.

e.) **Business Office Clerical:**

**Inclusions:** Except as excluded below, all Clerical employees in the job titles listed below, at the following locations, will be included in the bargaining unit: Buffalo General Medical Center, 100 High Street; Gates Vascular Institute, 875 Ellicott Street; Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, 1530 Maple Road; Record Archive Center, 255 Great Arrow; Larkin Building, 726 Exchange Street; 1010 Main Street; 1026 Main Street and 1028 Main Street, Buffalo; Women and Children’s Hospital, 219 Bryant Street; John R. Oishei Children’s Hospital, 818 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, NY. The following clerical employee titles are included:

- Acct Receivable Biller Collections  Patient Financial Clearance Representative
- PFS Cash Posting  Patient Financial Services Rep
- Certified Tumor Registrar  Patient Registration Rep
- Coding Specialist  PFS Cashier
- Corporate Bed Desk Coordinator  PFS Rep Call Center
- Diagnostic Coder  Physician Ancillary Services Coder
- Document Imaging Record Processor  Quality Enhancement
- Health Information Clerk I  Record Archive Clerk
- Health Information Clerk II  Service Response Center Rep

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f.) WCHOB Service and Maintenance Unit:

Inclusions: Except as excluded below, all Service and Maintenance employees in the job titles listed below, at the following locations, will be included in the bargaining unit: Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo, 219 Bryant Street; Hodge Pediatrics Center 125 Hodge Street; Women's Health Center, 239 Bryant Street; Outpatient Services, 140 Hodge Street; 1010 Main Street; 1026 Main Street; 1028 Main Street, Buffalo. All WCHOB School Based Health Programs; all WCHOB School Based Health Clinics; John R. Oishei Children's Hospital, 818 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, NY; Ambulatory Care Center, 1001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY; Amherst General, 4955 North Bailey; Towne Gardens Clinic, 461 William Street; Women's Health Center, ECMC Campus, 462 Grider Street; 4535 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg; 3860 McKinley Pkwy, Hamburg; 6363 Transit Rd, Lancaster; 475 S. Transit Rd., Lockport. The following service and maintenance job titles are included:

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g.) WCHOB Clerical Unit:

Inclusions: Except as excluded below, all Clerical employees in the job titles listed below, at the following locations, will be included in the bargaining units: Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo, 219 Bryant Street; Amherst Health Center 3580 Sheridan Drive; Hodge Pediatrics Center 125 Hodge Street; Women's Health Center, 239 Bryant Street; Outpatient Services, 140 Hodge Street; Robert Warner, M.D. Center; John R. Oishei Children’s Hospital, 818 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, NY; Ambulatory Care Center, 1001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY; Amherst General, 4955 North Bailey; Towne Gardens Clinic, 461 William Street; Women’s Health Center, ECMC Campus, 462 Grider Street; 4535 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg; 3860 McKinley Pkwy, Hamburg; 6363 Transit Rd, Lancaster; 475 S. Transit Rd., Lockport. The following Clerical job titles are included:

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h.) Millard Fillmore Hospitals Service and Maintenance Units:

Inclusions: Except as excluded below, all Service and Maintenance employees in the job titles listed below, at the following locations, will be included in the
bargaining unit: Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, 1540 Maple Road, Williamsville. The following Service and Maintenance job titles are included:

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Exclusions: All other employees, including but not limited to all professional employees, managerial employees, administrative assistants, confidential employees who work in Human Resources, Employee Health and Risk Management, Foundation employees, special fund employees defined as employees who were not selected according to the posting and bidding procedures and who do not have rights to positions within Kaleida should the funding be discontinued.

i.) Buffalo General Medical Center / HighPointe on Michigan Street Service and Maintenance Units:

Inclusions: Except as excluded below, all Service and Maintenance employees in the job titles listed below, at the following locations, will be included in the bargaining unit: Buffalo General Medical Center, 100 High Street; Gates Vascular Institute, 875 Ellicott Street; HighPointe on Michigan, 1031 Michigan Avenue. The Service and Maintenance job titles are included:

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Groundskeeper                           PCA Student Nurse
Hospitality Associate                   Receiving Clerk Dietary
Indirect Care Aide                      Recreational Helper
Laundry Attendant                       Regulatory Waste Handler
Laundry Helper                          SPD Aide

Exclusions:  All other employees, including but not limited to all professional employees, managerial employees, administrative assistants, confidential employees who work in Human Resources, Employee Health and Risk Management; Foundation employees, special fund employees defined as employees who were not selected according to the posting and bidding procedures and who do not have rights to positions within Kaleida should the funding be discontinued.

FOR IUOE:

Section 1.   The Employer hereby recognizes the International Union of Operating Engineers as the exclusive collective bargaining representative for the purpose of collective bargaining with respect to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment, and other conditions of employment, for all of its employees in the collective bargaining unit of skilled maintenance employees in the Plant Operations Department at DeGraff Memorial Hospital, 445 Tremont Street; DeGraff Memorial Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility, 445 Tremont Street; Wellness Center, 415 Tremont Street; DeGraff Community Center, 139 Division Street; 43 Niagara Street, North Tonawanda, NY.

Inclusions:

Carpenter A            Mason A
Electrician A          Microwave Stationary Engineer
Electrician A 80 Hours Painter A
Facilities Inventory Specialist Painter B
Groundskeeper          Plumber A
Maintenance Engineer   Refrigeration Mechanic A
Maintenance Mechanic A Shift Engineer
Maintenance Mechanic B Stationary Engineer
Maintenance Worker    Storeroom Clerk

Exclusions:  All other job titles not listed above.
FOR ALL EMPLOYEES:

Section 2. The Employer will provide the Local Union on a monthly basis, a list of all newly hired employees, additions to the bargaining unit, transfers into or out of the bargaining unit, a list of terminations and deletions from the bargaining unit, a list of dual status employees, a list of name and address changes, a seniority and an alphabetical bargaining unit list with Social Security numbers.

Article 4
Non-Discrimination

Neither the Employer nor the Union shall discriminate against an employee on the basis of age, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, sexual orientation, genetic characteristics, military status, sex, disability, or marital status all as defined by State or Federal laws.

Article 5
Access to Premises for Union Representatives

Section 1. Accredited union representatives not employed by the Employer will have reasonable access to the Employer premises for the purpose of conferring with management. Advance notice of forty-eight (48) hours shall be served. It is understood, however, that circumstances may dictate a shorter notice.

Section 2. It is agreed to and understood, that Union meetings may be scheduled on Employer property with the prior approval of the Employer and in accordance with the following procedure:

   a.) Requests for use of facilities will be made in writing with as much notice as possible prior to the requested dates. Each request will include not only the proposed date, but also a brief description of the purpose of the meeting, the number of persons expected to attend and the time or times during which the room will be utilized.

   b.) All requests will be forwarded to the appropriate Human Resource office and/or to the Employer representative responsible for scheduling.

   c.) The Employer will attempt to accommodate all requests made, but it is understood that space may not be available on the date requested and an alternate day may have to be utilized. In any case, the Employer will respond within forty-eight (48) hours of the date of notice.
Article 6
Union Representation

Section 1. The Union may select from employees in the bargaining unit, union stewards/delegates in any number it desires for the purpose of handling grievances or other legitimate Union business. It is the goal of the Union to have union stewards/delegates on all shifts and at all locations. Paid time off as provided for in Section 3. of this Article shall be provided to Union designated chief stewards, stewards, delegates and unit officers.

If a steward/delegate is not available for Union business, an officer or executive board member may identify themselves to the supervisor as the person who will be acting on behalf of the steward/delegate for the period of the absence of such steward/delegate. In this instance officers and executive board members may continue to use up to seven and one-half (7 ½) hours pre-scheduled in the union office as union representation time defined in Section 3. a.) below. In addition, officers and executive board members may utilize up to an additional two and one-half (2 ½) hours of paid union representation time in the absence of a steward/delegate, that is not pre-scheduled.

Section 2. The Union shall furnish the Employer a listing of designated chief stewards, stewards, delegates and unit officers. Wherever there is a change in stewards/delegates, the Union shall give written notice to the Employer (Site Human Resource Department and Corporate Labor Department) and such list of change notice shall be authorized and executed by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Local Union, the Union's Local President, or such other Union official designated by the Union.

Section 3.

a.) For CWA: Chief stewards and stewards/delegates shall restrict their activities to the handling of grievances or other legitimate Union business. Stewards/delegates shall not be permitted more than seven and one-half (7.5) hours per pay period of paid time off to conduct union business. Chief stewards shall not be permitted more than sixteen (16) hours per pay period of paid time off to conduct union business. In no event shall the sum of the total paid time off spent by all stewards/delegates, and chief stewards, exceed more than four (4) hours for every twenty (20) bargaining unit employees under this Agreement per pay period.

b.) For IUOE: Chief stewards and stewards/delegates shall restrict their activities to the handling of grievances or other legitimate union business. The chief steward and a steward/delegate shall not be permitted more than a total of ten (10) hours, for both the chief steward and the steward/delegate, of paid time off per pay period.

c.) For SEIU: Chief stewards, delegates and unit officers shall restrict their activities to the handling of grievances or other legitimate Union business. Delegates shall
not be permitted more than seven and one-half (7.5) to eight (8) hours of paid
time off per pay period and chief stewards and unit officers sixteen (16) hours per
pay period to conduct union business. In no event shall the sum of the total paid
time off spent by all stewards/delegates and chief stewards or unit officers, exceed
more than four (4) hours for every twenty (20) bargaining unit employees under
this Agreement per pay period.

Section 4. The Employer shall not be obligated to pay stewards/delegates for time spent in
grievance handling or grievance meetings beyond the end of their regular shift nor when they are
not scheduled to work, unless the Employer schedules meetings for such times. If so scheduled,
payment shall be provided for as per Article 23, Salaries.

Section 5. Stewards/delegates, including chief stewards, officers and executive board
members, shall be required to obtain approval from their immediate supervisor to leave their
work stations or to take time to investigate and adjust grievances. Where practical, such
approval, subject to limitations set forth in Section 3., shall be granted without unreasonable
delay. It shall be understood that these employees shall report back to their work stations
promptly after the completion of Union business.

Section 6. It is understood that union representation time may be pre-scheduled to work in
the Union Office, or at the site. No more than seven and one-half (7 ½) hours (eight [8] hours
for those employees with a forty (40) hour work week) per week may be prescheduled for use in
the union office. Such requests shall be submitted in advance of the scheduled time block with
other time requests. Stewards/delegates, including the chief stewards, executive board members
and unit officers who acted as a steward/delegate under Section 1. above, shall record time used
for union business on the appropriate timekeeping system each week. The Union shall submit to
Human Resources and to each employee's timekeeper verification of time spent in the union
office, whether paid or unpaid. Verification must include dates and times, and must be submitted
prior to each payroll Monday, or the employees' time will not be recorded in the payroll system.

Section 7. In the interest of the efficient and orderly conduct of business and the economical
use of time, the following activities shall not be conducted on Employer paid time by any
bargaining unit employee:

a.) activities connected with organizing efforts and the internal management of the
Union;

b.) solicitation of membership;

c.) circulation of authorization cards or petitions;

d.) collection of dues or other assessments;

e.) solicitation of signatures on dues withholding authorization forms or forms
revoking dues withholding authorizations;
f.) campaigning for Union office;

g.) distribution of literature.

Section 8. It is agreed that the collection of dues and soliciting of membership shall be allowed on Employer premises, but not on Employer paid time. However, it is to be clearly understood that if any of the above listed activities cause a disturbance or the disruption of the orderly conduct of business, such privileges may be revoked immediately.

Section 9. When an employee covered by this Agreement is interviewed by a representative of the Employer, and the result of such interview could be discipline, or a counseling is to occur, the employee will be so informed and will be offered union representation during such interview. It is understood that the Union representative shall not interfere with the Employer representative's interview or investigation.

Section 10. Each Union that is participating in joint bargaining will have paid time off as outlined below, for all meetings that are mutually agreed to by the Employer and the Unions for the purpose of negotiating a successor to the Master and Bargaining Unit Agreements.

a.) Each bargaining unit covered by this Agreement will be entitled to one (1) bargaining committee representative for every one hundred and eighty (180) members in the bargaining unit.

b.) Regardless of the size of the unit, no bargaining unit committee shall have more than three (3) representatives and all bargaining units will have at least one (1) representative.

c.) Each committee member will be paid a maximum of eight (8) hours for each day spent at negotiations. Such time will be paid at the base rate and will not be counted as time worked for the purpose of computing overtime. Shift differential will apply for hours worked on a premium shift in accordance with Article 20, Shift Differential.

For IUOE: The DeGraff Maintenance unit, participating in Master Bargaining, will have a maximum of two (2) paid days or sixteen (16) hours per week for the purpose of preparation for bargaining.

Section 11. For CWA:

a.) The President, the Vice Presidents, the Secretary-Treasurer, Area Vice-President, and additional Executive Board members (four [4] Special Directors) of the Local Union, if employed by Kaleida Health, shall be considered as full-time employees, with full-time benefits and will be excused by the Employer for up to six (6) days equivalent to fifty (50) hours of unpaid time per pay period as
necessary to perform the duties of their offices. Part-time employees in one of the above offices will continue to be considered part-time by the Employer with benefits equivalent to their status. The Local Union shall provide the Employer with at least two (2) weeks advance notice of such absences. If any executive board member requires more than the days per contract year as outlined in this subsection a.), the Local Union may direct that the Employer provide him/her the additional unpaid days from the bank of hours described in 11(b) below. The Union will notify the site Human Resource office and the Corporate Labor Department in writing of those members who are serving in one of the four (4) Special Director positions.

b.) The Employer shall provide up to one hundred fifty (150) days in increments of seven and one-half (7½) hours per payroll year of unpaid excused absence time for union business to employees in the following Union positions: chief stewards, stewards/delegates, unit officers, convention delegates and committee members. The Local Union shall provide the Employer with at least two (2) weeks advance notice of such absences. It is understood that no more than ten (10) employees may be excused at any one time, and that not more than two (2) may be off in any one cost center except if more than two (2) employees off would be consistent with the efficient operation of the Hospital.

Section 12. For IUOE:

a.) An executive board member or business agent of IUOE, if employed by Kaleida, shall be considered as regular full-time employees, with full-time benefits and will be excused by the Employer for up to six (6) days equivalent to the employee’s daily paid hours not to exceed fifty (50) hours per pay period as necessary to perform the duties of their offices. Part-time employees in one of the above offices will continue to be considered part-time by the Employer with benefits equivalent to their status. The Local Union shall provide the Employer with at least two (2) weeks advance notice of such absences.

Section 13. For SEIU: The Employer shall provide unit officers and delegates of 1199 SEIU up to seventy-five (75) days per contract year, in increments of seven and one-half (7.5) or eight (8) hours, of unpaid excused absence time for union business. Such employees shall be limited to ten (10) days each per contract year. 1199 SEIU shall provide the Employer with at least two (2) weeks advance notice of such absences. It is understood that no more than ten (10) employees may be excused at any one time, and that not more than two (2) may be off in any one cost center except if more than two (2) employees off would be consistent with the efficient operation of a facility.

Section 14. Any employee that is excused from work for union business, regardless of whether it is with or without pay, will maintain his/her category of employment and will not lose any benefits provided for in this Agreement, including those provided for under the retirement plan excluding Employer match in the savings investment plan.
Section 15. The Union shall be provided thirty (30) minutes at each new employee orientation for the purpose of addressing all new employees hired into the bargaining unit.

Article 7
Grievance Procedure

Section 1. A grievance, under this Agreement, or applicable bargaining unit Agreements, shall be defined as a claim of an employee, a class of employees, or the Local Union, covered by the Agreement which involves the interpretation, administration of, or compliance with a specific provision of this Agreement. A class action grievance is one that impacts more than one bargaining unit within this Master Agreement. It will be initially presented at Step 2 of the grievance procedure. A grievance for a group of employees within a department and/or bargaining unit will be initially presented at Step 1 of the grievance procedure.

Section 2. The selection and the assignment of supervisory employees is the sole responsibility of the Employer and shall not be subject to the grievance mechanism.

Section 3. All grievances shall be reduced to writing on forms provided by the Union. The Steward shall clearly and concisely state all facts which constitute the basis for the grievance and shall specify any Article or Section of the Agreement which may be involved. The grievance form shall be dated and signed by the Steward and at least one employee who claims a violation of this Agreement. All grievances shall be recorded on a mutually agreed upon form which is attached hereto as Appendix I.

Section 4. For a grievance to be treated as a valid one, it must be presented to an Employer representative in writing, as described in Section 3, within twenty (20) calendar days after the event or events giving rise to the grievance occurred, or within twenty (20) calendar days after those events should have reasonably been known.

Section 5. Any time limit imposed upon the handling of grievances shall commence on the date of receipt. Any time limit so imposed shall be interpreted as calendar days.

Section 6. It is understood by the parties that the Union representative(s) and/or an aggrieved employee shall undertake every reasonable effort, including but not limited to face to face meetings, to resolve a grievance by first addressing it with the immediate supervisor. Whether or not a discussion is held, and the grievance is not resolved, it may be presented in writing to the Employer as provided for in Section 3 and Section 4 above, and it shall be processed in the following manner:

Step 1: The grievance shall be presented in writing to the Head of the Department, or his/her designee for discussion with the Union Representative(s) and the grievant
if the aggrieved employee is willing and able to attend. The discussion with the Head of the Department, the employee’s immediate supervisor and the Human Resources site representative shall be held promptly after receipt of the written grievance and within seven (7) calendar days. The Head of the Department or designee’s written answer shall be made available to the Union Representative within five (5) calendar days after the Step 1 discussion.

Step 2: If no mutually acceptable conclusion is reached in Step 1, the grievance shall then be presented, in writing, to the Director of Labor Relations, or designee, which individual shall handle second step grievances for all sites within ten (10) calendar days after the receipt by the Union Representative of the written answer derived from the Step 1 discussion. The matter shall be investigated and discussed at a meeting including the parties’ representatives and normally, the aggrieved employee. This meeting shall take place within seven (7) calendar days of the request unless mutually waived. The Director of Labor Relations, or designee, shall render a decision in writing to the appropriate Union Representative within fourteen (14) calendar days of the Step 2 discussion.

Step 3: If no mutually satisfactory conclusion is reached at the end of Step 2, either party to this Agreement may give notice of its desire to arbitrate the grievance. The arbitration process shall be initiated by sending a letter to the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) within forty-five (45) calendar days after receipt of the Step 2 answer, identifying the grievance, including whatever forms are required by the Mediation Service and a request that the Mediation Service send to each party a list of seven (7) names of arbitrators.

Section 7. If a grievance can not be resolved at Step 2, the parties may mutually agree to submit the grievance to non-binding mediation before mutually agreed upon mediator from FMCS. Such submission will be made to FMCS in a letter signed by the parties. The parties agree that a grievance mediation session shall be held every other month for the purpose of mediating up to eight (8) unresolved grievances which have arisen.

a.) Grievance mediation sessions shall be scheduled at least twelve (12) months in advance and every effort will be made to use a regular day each month. Grievance mediation sessions may only be cancelled by the mutual agreement of the parties in writing.

b.) Any grievance settlement, whether it represents a compromise between the parties or a full granting of the grievance, shall be reduced to writing and signed at the grievance mediation session. Any grievance which is withdrawn shall be done so in writing and signed at the grievance mediation session. Any discussions held in the course of the grievance mediation process shall be considered “off the record” and shall be inadmissible in any subsequent arbitration hearing, NLRB proceeding or
judicial proceeding. Any settlement reached in grievance mediation shall not be considered as precedent.

Should the parties reach agreement at this step, it shall be binding upon the parties. If either party violates the agreement achieved at this step then the other party may move the matter immediately to arbitration.

Section 8. Following receipt of the copy of the list of arbitrators, a representative of each party shall alternately strike a name until one name is left. The determination of who strikes first may be made by the coin toss with the loser making the first strike. The remaining name shall be the arbitrator for that grievance. Either party may reject a panel of arbitrators and request one additional panel.

Section 9. The cost and the expense of the arbitrator and the hearing room shall be shared equally by the parties. All other expenses shall be borne by the party incurring them, and neither party shall be responsible for the costs of the other.

Section 10. Not more than a single grievance arising under this Agreement may be arbitrated in a single proceeding before an arbitrator unless by mutual agreement in writing signed by the parties.

Section 11. The award of an arbitrator shall be final and binding on the Union, its members, the employee or employees involved and the Employer.

Section 12. The decision of the arbitrator may or may not include “make whole” decisions with respect to back pay, provided, however, if an arbitrator shall award back wages covering the period of an employee’s separation from the Employer’s payroll, the amount as awarded shall be less any unemployment compensation received or other compensation from any source, which the employee would not have received or earned had they not been suspended or discharged, and provided further that any wages from another job with another employer held by the employee at the time of the suspension or termination will not be the basis for any reduction in back pay awarded.

Section 13. The arbitrator shall have no authority to alter, amend or change in any way the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Employer’s written work rules and policies and shall confine their decision to a determination of the facts and interpretation, administration of, and compliance with the terms of the Agreement. The arbitrator shall include in his/her decision including in his/her decision findings of fact, conclusions of law (if applicable), and what provisions if any, of the Agreement were violated.

Section 14. Any grievance not answered within the specified time periods may be appealed to the next Step of the Grievance procedure immediately. Grievance may be entertained at any Step or the time limits may be changed at any Step by mutual consent of the parties in writing. Failure to timely appeal any grievance will close the grievance.

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Section 15. Any grievance which the Employer may have against the Union shall be reduced to writing and submitted to the chief steward who will promptly arrange a meeting at the Step 2 level of this procedure.

Section 16. A grievance alleging discharge without just cause or grievances concerning layoffs due to a reduction in the work force shall be reduced to writing within seventy-two (72) hours of the Local Union’s receipt of written notice of the discharge or notice of layoff or within seventy-two (72) hours after the events should reasonably have become known to the Local Union, and shall be submitted at Step 2 of this procedure.

**Article 8**

**Probationary Period**

Section 1. All full-time and part-time employees shall be probationary for a period of ninety (90) calendar days following their date of hire inclusive of the orientation period.

Section 2. The Employer may at its option extend the probationary period by thirty (30) calendar days by giving notice of extension in writing to the employee, inclusive of a plan of correction, seven (7) days prior to the expiration of the ninety (90) calendar day probationary period. Further, if the employee is absent for three (3) or more scheduled work days during the probationary period, the period will automatically be extended by the number of hours the employee was absent.

Section 3. During the probationary period or any extension hereof, the Employer may discipline, or discharge, a probationary employee without recourse to this Agreement.

**Article 9**

**Categories of Employees**

FOR CWA BARGAINING UNITS:

Section 1. A full-time employee is defined as one who is regularly scheduled to work:

a.) thirty-seven and one-half (37½) hours in a work week (or seventy-five [75] hours in a pay period) for employees working eight (8) hour shifts;

b.) thirty-seven and one-half (37½) hours in a work week (or seventy-five [75] hours in a pay period) for employees working ten (10) hour shifts;

c.) thirty-seven and one-half (37½) hours in a work week (or seventy-five [75] hours in a pay period) for employees working thirteen (13) hour shifts;
d.) thirty-six (36) hours in a work week (or seventy-two [72] hours in a pay period) for employees working twelve and one-half (12½) hour shifts;

e.) thirty-four and one-half (34½) hours in a work week (or sixty-nine [69] hours in a pay period) for employees in the BGH-TCC bargaining unit working twelve (12) hour shifts;

f.) seventy (70) hours in one (1) work week and no hours in a second work week for a total of seventy (70) hours in a pay period for employees in the BGH-PROF bargaining unit;

g.) forty (40) hour weekend employee is one who is regularly scheduled to work forty (40) consecutive hours over the weekend for employees in the MFH-TCC bargaining unit;

Section 2. A part-time employee is defined as one who is regularly scheduled to work:

a.) less than thirty-seven and one-half (37½) hours but eighteen and three quarters (18¾) or more hours in a work week (or thirty-seven and one-half [37½] hours in a pay period);

b.) less than thirty-seven and one-half (37½) hours but twelve (12) or more hours in a work week for employees in the DMH-TCCS and DMH-RN bargaining units;

c.) less than thirty-seven and one-half (37½) hours but fifteen (15) or more hours in a work week (or thirty-seven and one-half [37½] hours in a pay period) for employees working in the DMH-PROF bargaining unit.

Section 3. Section 1. f.) above refers to the schedule currently worked by Pharmacists. In accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, wages shall be paid to these employees as follows:

a.) overtime premium of time and one-half the employee’s normal hourly rate shall not be paid for hours in excess of forty (40) hours in a workweek; but

b.) overtime premium will be paid for all hours in excess of eight (8) in a day.

FOR WCHOB RN/LPN BARGAINING UNIT:

Section 1. In the RN unit a full-time employee is defined as one who is regularly scheduled to work:

a.) eighty (80) hours in a pay period for employees working eight (8) hour shifts;
b) eighty (80) hours in a pay period for employees working ten (10) hour shifts;

c) seventy-two (72) hours in a pay period for employees working twelve (12) hour shifts;

d.) seventy-two (72) hours in a pay period for employees who are regularly scheduled for eight-hour shifts equal to seventy-two (72) hours in a pay period prior to 1/1/01;

e) sixty seven and one half (67 1/2) hours or more in a pay period for Extended Role Nurses;

f.) eighty hours per pay period for employees working six (6) 12 hour shifts and one (1) eight (8) hour shift;

g.) seventy-Two (72) hours in a pay period who work four (4) ten (10) hour shifts and four (4) eight (8) hour shifts;

h.) seventy-five (75) hours in a pay period for employees working ten (10) seven and one-half (7 1/2) hour shifts;

i) employees who work sixty seven and one half (67 ½) hours or more in a pay period in any combination of hours.

Section 2. In the LPN unit a full time employee is defined as one who is regularly scheduled to work:

a) seventy five (75) hours in a pay period for employees working seven and one-half (7 ½) hour shifts;

b) seventy six (76) hours in a pay period for employees working nine and one-half (9 ½) hour shifts;

c) sixty-nine (69) hours in a pay period for employees working eleven and one-half (11 ½) hour shifts;

d) seventy two (72) hours in a pay period for employees in the NICU working twelve (12) hour shifts.

Section 3. A part-time employee is defined as one who is regularly scheduled to work at least thirty six (36) hours in a pay period in any combination of hours.
FOR WCHOB NURSE PRACTITIONER BARGAINING UNIT:

Section 1. In the Nurse Practitioner unit a full-time employee is defined as one who is regularly scheduled to work:

a.) eighty (80) hours in a pay period for employees working eight (8) hour shifts;

b.) eighty (80) hours in a pay period for employees working ten (10) hour shifts;

c.) eighty (80) hours in a pay period for employees working variable shifts;

d.) seventy-two (72) hours in a pay period for employees working twelve (12) hour shifts;

e.) seventy-five (75) hours in a pay period for employees working 7.5 hour shifts.

Section 2. A part-time employee is defined as one who is regularly scheduled to work at least thirty-six (36) hours in a pay period,

Section 3. ICN Nurse Practitioners currently working eighty (80) hours per pay period will continue to work eighty (80) hours per pay period.

FOR WCHOB PROFESSIONAL BARGAINING UNIT:

Section 1. In the Professional unit a full-time employee is defined as one who is regularly scheduled to work:

a.) seventy-five (75) hours in a pay period for employees working seven and one half (7.5) hour shifts and variable shifts;

b.) seventy-five (75) hours in a pay period for employees working ten (10) hour shifts and variable shifts;

c.) seventy-two (72) hours in a pay period for employees working twelve (12) hour shifts;

d.) seventy (70) hours in a pay period for employees who work seven (7) consecutive ten (10) hour shifts or variable shifts in a work week;

e.) sixty-seven and one-half (67 1/2) hours or more in a pay period including but not limited to School Health Services Employees;
f.) Physician Assistants in the ICN/NICU who work eighty (80) hours per pay period.

Section 2. A part-time employee is defined as one who is regularly scheduled to work at least thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours in a pay period but less than seventy-five (75) hours.

FOR WCHOB TECHNICAL BARGAINING UNIT:

Section 1. A full-time employee is defined as an employee who is regularly scheduled to work:

a.) forty (40) hours in a work week (or eighty (80) hours in a pay period) for employees working eight and one-half (8.5) hour shifts;

b.) thirty-nine (39) hours in a work week (or seventy-eight (78) hours in a pay period) for employees working thirteen and one-half (13.5) hour shifts;

c.) thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours in a work week (or seventy-five (75) hours in a pay period) for employees working seven and one-half (7.5) hour shifts;

d.) forty (40) hours in a work week (or eighty (80) hours in a pay period) for employees working ten (10) hour shifts;

e.) thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours in a work week (forty (40) hours scheduled in a single weekend);

f.) thirty-six (36) hours in a work week (or seventy-two (72) hours in a pay period) for employees working twelve and one-half (12.5) hour shifts;

g.) up to thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours in a work week to equal sixty-seven and one-half (67.5) hours in a pay period;

h.) thirty-four (34) hours in a work week (or sixty-nine (69) hours in a pay period) for employees working twelve (12) hour shifts.

Section 2. A part-time employee is defined as one who is regularly scheduled to work at least thirty-seven and one-half (37-1/2) hours but eighteen and three quarter hours (18 ¾) or more in a work week {or thirty-seven and one-half (37 ½) hours in a pay period}.

FOR WCHOB SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE BARGAINING UNIT:

Section 1. A full-time employee is defined as an employee who is regularly scheduled to work:
a.) thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours in a work week (or seventy-five (75) hours in a pay period) for employees working eight (8) hour shifts;

b.) thirty-four and one-half (34.5) hours in a work week (or sixty-nine (69) hours in a pay period) for employees working eleven and one-half (11.5) hour shifts;

c.) thirty-eight (38) hours in a work week (or seventy-six (76) hours in a pay period) for employees working nine and one-half (9.5) hour shifts;

d.) full-time Stationary Engineers shall work forty (40) hours in a work week inclusive of a paid half hour lunch period;

e.) sixty-seven and one-half (67 ½) hour or more in a pay period.

Section 2. A part-time employee is defined as one who is regularly scheduled to work at least thirty-seven and one-half (37 ½) hours in a pay period but less than seventy-five (75) in a pay period.

FOR KALEIDA HEALTH BUSINESS OFFICE CLERICAL BARGAINING UNIT:

Section 1. A full-time employee is defined as an employee who is regularly scheduled to work thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours in a work week (or seventy-five (75) hours in a pay period) working eight (8), ten (10), twelve (12) or a combination of shifts.

Section 2. A part-time employee is defined as one who is regularly scheduled to work at least thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours but less than seventy-five (75) hours in a pay period.

FOR WCHOB CLERICAL BARGAINING UNIT:

Section 1. A full-time employee is defined as an employee who is regularly scheduled to work:

a.) thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours in a work week (or seventy-five (75) hours in a pay period) for employees working eight (8) hour shifts;

b.) thirty-four and one-half (34.5) hours in a work week (or sixty-nine (69) hours in a pay period) for employees working twelve (12) hour shifts;

Section 2. A part-time employee is defined as one who is regularly scheduled to work at least thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours in a pay period but less than seventy-five (75) in a pay period.

FOR BGH SERVICE BARGAINING UNIT:

Section 1.
a.) A full-time employee is defined as an employee who is regularly scheduled to work thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours in a work week (or seventy-five (75) hours in a pay period) for employees working eight (8) hour shifts,

c.) thirty-four and one-half (34 ½) hours in a work week (or sixty-nine (69) hours in a pay period) for employees working twelve (12) hour shifts;

Section 2. A part-time employee is defined as one who is regularly scheduled to work at least thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours but less than seventy-five (75) in a pay period

FOR MFH SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE BARGAINING UNIT:

Section 1. A full-time employee is defined as an employee who is regularly scheduled to work:

a.) thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours in a work week (or seventy-five (75) hours in a pay period) for employees working eight (8) hour shifts;

b.) thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours in a work week (or seventy-five (75) hours in a pay period) for employees working thirteen (13) hour shifts,

c.) thirty-six (36) hours in a work week (or seventy-two (72) hours in a pay period) for employees working twelve and one-half (12 1/2) hour shifts;

d.) thirty-four and one-half (34 ½) hours in a work week (or sixty-nine (69) hours in a pay period) for employees working twelve (12) hour shifts;

e.) full-time Shift Engineers shall work forty (40) hours in a work week inclusive of a paid half hour lunch period.

Section 2.

a.) A part-time employee is defined as one who is regularly scheduled to work at least thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours but less than seventy-five (75) in a pay period

b.) In the Dietary Department only, a part-time employee is defined as one who is regularly scheduled to work at least twenty-four (24) but less than seventy-five (75) hours per pay period. The Employer agrees that part time positions where employees are working thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours per pay period will not be eliminated in favor of part-time positions where employees are working twenty-four (24) hours per pay period. Further, it is understood that should a
twenty-four (24) hour per pay period position become vacant it shall be replaced by a similar position.

FOR IUOE MAINTENANCE BARGAINING UNIT:

Section 1. A full-time employee is defined as one who is regularly scheduled to work thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours in a work week (or seventy-five hours in a pay period). A full-time employee in the job title of Stationary Engineer shall work and be paid eight (8) hours per shift (eighty (80) hours per pay period).

Section 2. A part-time employee is defined as one who is regularly scheduled to work less than thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours but fifteen (15) or more hours in a work week (or thirty (30) hours in a pay period).

FOR ALL BARGAINING UNITS:

Section 1. A flexible employee is defined as one who is scheduled as per Article 11, of this Agreement, Flexible Employees.

Section 2. A per diem employee is defined as one who is scheduled as per Article 12 of this Agreement, Per Diem Employees.

Section 3. A temporary employee is defined as one who is scheduled as per Article 13 of this Agreement, Temporary Employees.

Section 4. A weekend employee is defined as one who is scheduled as per Article 14 of this Agreement, Weekend Employees.

Section 5. A seasonal employee is defined as one who is scheduled as per MOU # 9 of this Agreement, Seasonal Employee.

Article 10
Dual Status Employees

Section 1. Effective upon the ratification of this Agreement, employees covered by this Agreement will not be eligible to become dual status employees. Current dual status employees will be grandfathered in both of their dual status positions for the life of this Agreement. Employee’s that hold more than two (2) dual status positions must decide which two (2) positions they wish to retain and resign from all others.

Section 2. Dual status employees, covered by this Agreement, will be defined as employees who hold no more than two (2) positions within the Kaleida Health system.
Section 3. The Employer shall provide the Unions with a list of all dual status employees on a quarterly basis.

Section 4. Dual status employees are entitled to all of the benefits outlined in this Agreement based upon the total FTE worked (i.e., .5 position + .5 position = 1.0 FTE for benefit purposes).

a.) Dual status employees will receive their benefits under the plan at the site where they are regularly scheduled to work the most hours per pay period excluding per diem hours.

b.) If the dual status employee’s non per diem hours are equal in both positions, then he or she must select which plan he or she wishes to govern benefits within thirty (30) calendar days of notification by the Employer requesting selection.

c.) An employee who holds two (2) per diem positions as a dual status employee is not eligible for benefits.

Section 5. If a dual status employee is terminated at one (1) Employer site or from one (1) job title with the Employer, as the result of a time and attendance infraction or the inability to perform one (1) of the jobs, the employee may continue to be employed by Kaleida Health in the second job title or at the second site if their performance in the second job is satisfactory.

**Article 11**

**Flexible Employees**

Section 1. A flexible employee is one who is hired and scheduled for full-time hours and will be considered full-time for the purpose of benefit calculations. The utilization of flexible employees permits a supervisor to respond to variations in workload created by decreases in census and/or acuity.

Section 2. A flexible employee shall be scheduled for full-time hours but will not be flexed below a half (0.5) FTE per pay period.

Section 3. All flex positions will be posted and filled as per Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers.

Section 4. All flex positions created as a result of this Agreement will be new FTEs. Full-time and part-time filled positions and full-time vacant positions will not be used to create flex positions. Part-time vacant positions will be presented to the Job Security Committee for discussion prior to conversion. The number of flex positions will not exceed five percent (5%) of the total bargaining unit.

Section 5. A flexible employee is considered as full-time for all benefit calculations. However, in all cases, the terms of the Retirement Plan shall prevail.
Section 6. If it becomes necessary to temporarily reduce the number of employees in a particular department/unit, the reduction will be completed pursuant to Article 18 Temporary Downsizing in the bargaining unit agreement.

Section 7. Once the downsizing process has been exhausted and there is a need to decrease staffing through flexing, flexible employees will be notified a minimum of one (1) hour prior to the start of his/her shift.

Section 8. If a flexible employee is cancelled more than eight (8) hours prior to the start of his/her shift, he/she will have no further obligation to be available as set forth in Sections 11. or 12. below.

Section 9. If a flexible employee reports to work and is cancelled prior to accepting a work assignment, he/she will have no further obligation to be available as set forth in Sections 11. or 12. below.

Section 10. When there is a need to temporarily downsize staff who are already on premises, the manager/supervisor responsible for that area will determine if there is a need for staffing in other work areas, and if so, reassign staff, pursuant to the appropriate Article on Floating. Flexible employees shall be guaranteed four (4) hours of work once his/her assignment has been initiated.

Section 11. The flexible employee who works ten (10) hours or less will be available to be called into work within the first two (2) hours of the canceled shift, as long as such need starts within the same two (2) hours. If the need for additional staffing arises after the first two (2) hours, it is agreed and understood that the Employer may contact the flexible employee; however, the flexible employee has no obligation to report to work.

Section 12. The flexible employee who works greater than ten (10) hour shifts will be available to be called into work within the first four (4) hours for the canceled shift, as long as such needs starts within the same four (4) hours. If the need for additional staffing arises after the first four (4) hours, it is agreed and understood that the Employer may contact the flexible employee; however, the flexible employee has no obligation to report to work.

Section 13. Once the appropriate downsizing language has been implemented and it is determined that a flexible employee’s work shift must be canceled or the flexible employee works a partial shift, the flexible employee may take excused absence time off without pay or may utilize available PTO.

Section 14. Flexible employees who are downsized may volunteer to work at other sites to provide assistance in staffing problems caused by planned or unplanned absences, census fluctuation or special project needs. Any flexible employee who has volunteered to work at another site will:
a.) remain a member of his/her bargaining unit and will be covered by the terms and conditions of his/her contract;

b.) receive a site specific orientation at the new site;

c.) be held harmless from any additional costs for parking; and

d.) must meet the basic core competencies for the work to be performed at the receiving site.

Section 15. The utilization of flexible employees will be placed on the Agenda for the appropriate Job Security or Labor Management Committee on a quarterly basis. The parties agree that the following statistics will be reviewed:

a.) the number of flexible employees by job title and the number of hours worked year to date;

b.) the number of times the employee has been sent home using excused absence time without pay or has used PTO to supplement his/her pay check; and

c.) whether the number of flexible employees is appropriate for the patient volume and acuity fluctuations.

Article 12
Per Diem Employees

Section 1. A per diem employee is one that works on a day-to-day basis in accordance with the provisions of this article. Per diem employees will not be guaranteed to work a specific number of hours or a specific number of shifts per time block.

Section 2. When a per diem position in a bargaining unit is vacant, it must be posted and filled in accordance with Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers, before it can be offered to an external candidate.

a.) For clinical positions, internal applicants must have been employed in the same job title as the per diem position for which they are applying or in a comparable area of practice. Internal and External applicants must have a minimum of one (1) continuous year of comparable work experience within two (2) years of the time the per diem job is posted. All applicants will be required to satisfy all orientation/probationary requirements.

b.) For non-clinical positions, internal and external applicants must have the core competencies and sufficient work experience to perform in the per diem position for which they are applying.
Section 3. Per diem employees will have seniority as defined in Article 50, Seniority.

Section 4. Orientation:

a.) Orientation requirements will be determined by the appropriate manager/department. Any mandatory requirements must be met within two (2) months from date of transfer/hire.

b.) Per diem employees will be required to attend other mandatory in-service programs in accordance with Employer policy. Per diem employees will be reimbursed for attendance at non-mandatory in-service programs during their scheduled work hours. Failure to meet mandatory credentialing and/or orientation requirements within sixty (60) days of offering will result in a letter advising them they have thirty (30) days to meet such requirements. Failure to meet the thirty (30) day requirement within two (2) weeks or next scheduled in-service will result in termination. It is understood that until the requirements are met, the per diem employee will not be scheduled to work.

Section 5. Per diem employees will not be used to permanently replace regular employees. Per diem employees are required to work three (3) shifts per time block, based upon the staffing needs of the department and as outlined below:

a.) When scheduled for the required three (3) shifts per time block, per diem employees will be scheduled to work the same shift duration as the employees in the unit/department.

b.) If the needs of the department require the scheduling of per diem employees at peak work hours, and that duration is shorter than the regularly scheduled shift, the per diem employee may work the shorter shift, but will not be scheduled to work less than twenty-four (24) hours in a time block.

c.) Per diem employees will be hired to work variable shifts, but may also be hired to work exclusive evening or night shifts based upon the needs of the unit/department.

Section 6. Per diem employees will be scheduled as follows:

a.) Per diem employees will submit their time requests as per Article 15, Hours of Work and Work Schedules. Per diem time requests will be considered after the requests of full-time and part-time employees. The Employer will make a reasonable effort to accommodate these requests.

b.) Where employees have weekend work requirements, per diem employees will be scheduled to work at least two (2) weekend shifts per time block. Per diem
employees will not be scheduled to work more than two (2) weekend shifts per time block unless they volunteer to do so.

c.) Per diem employees shall give the Employer at least four (4) hours notice for cancellation of any given shift. When a per diem employee does not meet their work requirement, on two (2) occurrences, a written warning will be issued after the second occurrence. If a per diem employee does not meet his/her work requirement for the third occurrence within a twelve (12) month period, from the date of the first occurrence, the employee will be terminated.

d.) A per diem employee will not be scheduled to work more than eight (8) shifts per time block except to cover absences which are related to disabilities, workers’ compensation, leaves of absence, when the per diem employee is willing to accept the shift and hours of the employee who is on leave.

e.) The number of per diem employees in each bargaining unit will be limited to ten percent (10%) of said unit. Where the number exceeds ten percent (10%), the Site Staffing Committee will develop a plan to reduce the number to ten percent (10%).

f.) The Employer shall give per diem employees at least one (1) hour notice of cancellation of services for any scheduled shift. Failure to provide appropriate notice will result in one (1) hour of pay. It is understood that any time a per diem employee is called in for work or has reported to work for a scheduled shift, that employee will be guaranteed four (4) hours work.

Section 7. Benefits:

a.) Per diem employees are not entitled to paid time off;

b.) Per diem employees shall continue at the pay step they leave as a regular employee. External applicants shall be hired and shall receive step increases as per Article 23, Salaries. Per diem employees shall receive step increases as per Article 23, Salaries, as well as negotiated wage increases;

c.) Overtime provisions negotiated shall also apply to per diems;

d.) All differentials shall be paid if applicable;

e.) Per diem employees shall be able to participate in any Employer group medical insurance plan that permits the enrollment of per diem employees. However, the Employer shall not be required to pay any part of the per diem employee’s premium;
f.) Per diem employees shall be eligible for the Retirement Plan in accordance with the provisions of each plan;

g.) Per diem employees are entitled to Workers’ Compensation and New York Disability benefits;

h.) Any extended sick bank time accrued as a full-time or part-time employee shall be retained for the duration of their employment;

i.) If a per diem employee changes status to a full-time or part-time status, the employee shall begin to earn accrual of all benefit time (paid time off) based on their years of continuous employment from their original date of hire;

j.) Per diem employees shall be entitled to all Employer discounts (i.e., hospital discounts).

Section 8. Employees who transfer to a per diem position shall not lose any paid time off, earned prior to the transfer. The employee shall be paid all accrued, unused paid time off.

Article 13
Temporary Employees

Section 1. A temporary employee is an employee hired from outside of Kaleida Health, for a specific job of limited duration not exceeding six (6) months. It is understood, however, that circumstances may exist which require an extension of up to three (3) months. At the expiration of the six (6) month limit, or any extension thereof, the Employer will be required to either delete the temporary position or post it in accordance with Section 5. below.

Section 2. Temporary employees will not be utilized to do bargaining unit work which can be performed by available laid off employees.

Section 3. Temporary employees will not be considered members of the bargaining units and will not be entitled to the protections provided for by this Agreement. Temporary employees are not entitled to benefits.

Section 4. If a temporary employee is selected to fill a permanent position, the employee’s original date of hire will be maintained. The temporary employee must complete a full probationary period. The probationary period will be determined according to the temporary employee’s original date of hire and the time actually worked in the temporary position, not to exceed ninety (90) days. If a temporary employee is selected to fill a permanent position other than the position worked while in a temporary status and the probationary period has been worked, the employee will serve a trial period as per Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers.
Section 5. If the Employer desires to permanently fill a position that has been filled by a temporary employee, the position shall be posted and filled through the normal process as outlined in Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers.

**Article 14**

**Weekend Employees**

Section 1. A weekend employee is an employee hired to work a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours per week on weekend shifts only. Weekend employees may be scheduled to work on the established weekend in the unit/department as follows:

a.) up to thirteen (13) hour shifts every Friday and Saturday or every Saturday and Sunday; and

b.) eight (8) hour shifts every Friday, Saturday and Sunday or every Saturday, Sunday and Monday consecutively.

Section 2. Weekend employees will be paid a premium rate of one and three tenths (1.3) times the base hourly rate for all hours worked on the weekend.

Section 3. Shift differential will be paid in accordance with the terms of Article 20, Shift Differential.

Section 4. Weekend employees will be entitled to the same benefits as part-time employees.

Section 5. Weekend employees will earn PTO for all hours worked in accordance with the terms for part-time employees. A weekend employee may schedule a maximum of eight (8) weekend shifts of PTO per calendar year. PTO utilized during weekend shifts will be paid at the one and three tenths (1.3) premium rate. An employee who accrues more PTO than can be utilized during a calendar year (i.e., eight (8) weekend shifts) must utilize such excess PTO hours during non-weekend days. All PTO utilized during non-weekend days will be paid at the employee’s base rate. If the employee has accrued, unused PTO at the end of the benefit year, the PTO will be bought out as outlined in Article 26.

Section 6. If a weekend employee works extra hours during the week, he/she will be paid at his/her base rate of pay plus any applicable overtime payment based on that rate.

Section 7. When a holiday falls on a weekend, the weekend employee will be paid the holiday premium in addition to their weekend premium.
**Article 15**  
*Hours of Work and Work Schedules*

Section 1.  
The work week for all employees covered by this Agreement will begin at 12:00 am on Sunday each week and end the following Saturday at 11:59 pm.

Section 2.  
The regular work shifts shall be:

a.)  
The regular work shifts for employees working three (3), extended shifts will be:

Day Shift: majority of hours scheduled, inclusive of a one-half (½) hour unpaid meal period between 6:00 am to 7:00 pm;

Evening Shift: majority of hours scheduled, inclusive of a one-half (½) hour unpaid meal period between 10:00 am to 11:00 pm;

Night Shift: majority of hours scheduled, inclusive of a one-half (½) hour unpaid meal period between 6:00 pm to 7:00 am.

b.)  
The regular work shifts for employees working four (4), ten (10) hour shifts will be:

Day Shift: majority of hours scheduled, inclusive of a one-half (½) hour unpaid meal period between 7:00 am to 5:00 pm;

Evening Shift: majority of hours scheduled, inclusive of a one-half (½) hour unpaid meal period between 1:00 pm to 11:00 pm;

Night Shift: majority of hours scheduled, inclusive of a one-half (½) hour unpaid meal period between 10:00 pm to 8:00 am.

c.)  
The regular work shifts for employees working five (5), eight (8) hour shifts shall be:

Day Shift: majority of hours scheduled, inclusive of a one-half (½) hour unpaid meal period between 7:00 am to 3:00 pm;

Evening Shift: majority of hours scheduled, inclusive of a one-half (½) hour unpaid meal period between 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm;

Night Shift: majority of hours scheduled, inclusive of a one-half (½) hour unpaid meal period between 11:00 pm to 7:00 am.

Any exceptions to the above shift durations will be included in the bargaining unit agreement for the affected employees.

Section 3.  
Should it be necessary to make a change in the scheduling method or starting and ending times in any department, the Employer will produce a suggested change in writing at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to its proposed implementation and give the Union an opportunity to write and present a proposal for discussion regarding the change prior to the date of implementation.
Section 4. Work schedules must be posted at least two (2) weeks in advance of time the employee is expected to work. A hard copy of the original schedule will be posted and will be made available to employees upon request. Work schedules may not be changed without the knowledge and agreement of the responsible manager and the affected employee. However, in extreme emergencies it is understood that an employee may have to have his/her schedule changed.

Section 5. Employees that are scheduled in an alternate pattern of shifts per pay period (three-two; two-one) will not have their pattern changed without their consent.

Section 6. Time requests shall be made at least four (4) weeks in advance of the time block on a form provided by the Employer. A time block will be defined as four (4) consecutive weeks. The approval or disapproval of these requests shall be included in the posted schedule. Approval of time requests will be distributed as evenly as possible except that the Licensed Practical Nurses and Registered Nurses at WCHOB will have their time requests granted in seniority order.

Should a conflict arise between a request for PTO and a request for a day off, the request for PTO will take preference.

Section 7. Special time requests for a day off shall be submitted to the responsible manager. A manager will reply indicating approval or denial within two (2) weeks of the request. Failure of the manager to reply within two (2) weeks indicates approval of the time request. A special time request is one that:

a.) must be made prior to the time frames required in the contract for a regular time request;

b.) requires approval or denial prior to the posting of the time block that will include the date requested;

c.) is for circumstances that are of a “special” nature.

A special time request can be for a PTO day or for a day off (long day). Examples of a special time request include but are not limited to:

a.) a request submitted in January for your child’s wedding in June;

b.) a request submitted in February for your child’s college graduation in May;

c.) a request submitted in March for your parent’s 50th Wedding Anniversary in September.

Section 8. When time requests are submitted after the time frame(s) outlined in Section 6 above, the employee is responsible for finding his/her own replacement. An individual employee’s request to change his/her schedule shall be presented in writing, on a form, to the immediate supervisor. The form must be submitted to the immediate supervisor/department manager, signed by both employees affected, prior to the schedule change. When the above
steps have been completed, the time change will be approved providing it does not result in an overtime situation.

Section 9. Extra shifts will be defined as an opening that exists on a pre-posted schedule, once all employees are scheduled the hours appropriate to their status and all per diem employees are scheduled to fulfill their requirement. Extra shifts will be equally distributed within the individual unit/department at a site, beginning with the most senior employee, to employees who have requested extra time and as follows:

a.) a part-time or full-time employee who can work extra hours without incurring overtime;

b.) a per diem employee who can work extra hours without incurring overtime; (per diem employees may be scheduled up to eight (8) shifts max per time block except as provided in Article 12, section 6d).

c.) full-time employees who will incur overtime, in seniority order on a rotating basis (wheel).

Section 10. All extra shifts will be clearly marked on the schedule. In long term care facilities extra shifts will be posted by hours needed per job classification with no specified department or unit. Once the schedule is posted, open shifts remaining will be posted on a needs list and filled by eligible employees beginning with the most senior employee in the individual unit/department in the same job title first and then by employees in any covered bargaining unit in the following order:

a.) a part-time or full-time employee who has signed up on the needs list for the unit and who can work extra hours without incurring overtime;

b.) a per diem employee who has signed up on the needs list for the unit and who can work extra hours without incurring overtime; and

c.) employees who has signed up on the needs list for the unit and who will incur overtime in seniority order on a rotating basis (wheel).

After the openings have been posted one (1) week, and the process in Section 9. and Section 10. have been completed, openings may be filled by any means available to the Employer.

Section 11. If staff shortages occur on a shift to shift basis, the following will occur:

a.) utilize float pool employees in the same job title if available;

b.) offer the time to employees who have signed up on the availability list for the unit/department and who are in the job title and the same cost center in order of seniority on a rotating basis, who are not eligible for overtime;
c.) offer overtime to employees who have signed up on the availability list for the unit/department and who are in the job title and the same cost center, in order of seniority on a rotating basis;

d.) offer extra time and then overtime to employees in the job title from the remainder of the bargaining unit at that site, in order of seniority who have signed up on the availability list for the unit and who meet the competencies of that area;

e.) offer extra time and then overtime to qualified employees in a different job title but within the bargaining unit at that site who have signed up on the availability list for the unit and who meet the competencies of the area; and

f.) if all the above avenues have been exhausted, the vacancies will be filled by the most expedient means available including use of agency personnel or managers, if necessary.

For the purposes of this section, school health services will be considered one (1) unit/department.

Section 12. Unless mutually agreed upon by the Employer and an employee:

a.) an eight (8) hour shift employee will not be required to work more than five (5) consecutive days;

b.) the Employer will make its best effort not to schedule an eight (8) hour shift employee to work more than four (4) consecutive days if they fulfill their weekend requirement:

c.) a ten (10) hour shift employee will not be required to work more than four (4) consecutive days;

d.) an extended shift employee will not be required to work more than two (2) consecutive days; and

e.) any employee scheduled to work less than an eight (8) hour shift will not be required to work more than five (5) consecutive days.

Section 13. Employees shall not be scheduled to work more than one-half (½) of the weekend shifts in any time block except when scheduled to make-up a weekend shift. Employees will be scheduled to make-up a weekend shift when they call-in sick or call-in absent on a scheduled weekend shift. Weekend make-up will be scheduled within two (2) time blocks of the call-in. All issues relative to the scheduling of weekend work shall be governed by Article 16, Weekend Work.
Section 14. Break and meal periods will be scheduled as follows:

a.) Each employee shall be given a fifteen (15) minute rest period, with pay, at a natural break point in work operations near the mid-point of the first one-half of their shift and the second one-half (½) of their shift for employees working eight (8) or ten (10) hour shifts. Employees working extended shifts shall have an additional fifteen (15) minute rest period.

b.) Each employee that works a four (4) hour shift will be entitled to one fifteen (15) minute rest period

c.) Each employee who works a shift in excess of six (6) hours must receive a thirty (30) minute uninterrupted meal period. The only exception is a single person shift.

d.) Each employee shall have a thirty (30) minute break at the mid-point of their shift for lunch. It is understood by the parties that the fifteen (15) minute rest period(s) may be added to the lunch break, or combined into a single break, by the mutual agreement of the Employer and the employee. Except that employees who begin working before 11:00 am and work past 7:00 pm must receive a meal period of twenty (20) minutes between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. This period will be inclusive of one of the fifteen (15) minute rest periods and an additional five (5) minutes of paid time.

e.) Employees must notify their supervisor if available when they are unable to take a meal break, except where the employee’s position does not allow them to leave their work site. Employees will be paid for missed lunch breaks.

f.) An employee who, is the only employee scheduled in a department, regardless of his/her shift duration, and is either unable to take a meal period, or is called back from his/her scheduled meal period, or any employee that is called back from his/her lunch shall be entitled to take a full thirty (30) minute uninterrupted meal period within the specified time frames. If not, the employee shall fill out an exception log entry and will be paid the entire thirty (30) minutes.

Section 15. Time worked shall be recorded by an automated time system, at the Employer’s option.

Section 16. All departments will have the option of establishing extended shifts for a department or cost center, with the mutual agreement of the majority of the affected employees in the department and the Employer. If a decision is made to establish a special shift:

a.) the Union and the Employer will meet to negotiate the terms of the new shift;
b.) the new shift will be trialed for a period not to exceed four (4) months;

c.) the Union and the Employer will meet at the end of the trial period to review:

(1.) any change(s) which need to be made;
(2.) if the trialed shift will become permanent.

If the Employer determines at any point that an extended shift will be eliminated in a cost center or department, the Union will be provided with a forty-five (45) day notice for the purpose of discussing the conversion of these staff members back to a eight (8) hour work day when the shift is eliminated.

Section 17. Any decrease in the length of a shift must be presented to the job security committee for review upon thirty (30) days notice to the Union before implementation.

Article 16
Weekend Work

Section 1. Weekend work commitments will be defined as no more than:

a.) every other weekend (or no more than one-half [1/2] of the weekend shifts in any time block) for employees scheduled to work eight (8) hours or less;

b.) every third weekend (or no more than three (3) weekend shifts per time block) for employees scheduled to work greater than eight (8) hour shifts.

Current practices regarding scheduling of ten (10) hour shifts on weekends will continue.

Section 2. For employees working the day or evening shifts, weekend shifts are defined as those where the start times are on a Saturday or Sunday.

Section 3. For employees working the night shift, weekend shifts are defined as those where the start times are on either a Friday and Saturday or Saturday and Sunday. Selection of the weekend commitment will be determined on a unit by unit basis by a majority of the employees working in the department on the shift. The determination of the weekend can not be changed more than once per year.

Section 4. Employees will be scheduled to make-up a weekend shift when they call-in sick or call-in absent on a scheduled weekend shift. Weekend make-up will be scheduled within two (2) time blocks of the call-in.

Section 5. If an employee is rotated to a night shift on a Friday, that shift shall be counted as a weekend shift worked toward the weekend commitment.

Section 6. It is agreed to and understood by the parties that the current scheduling practice that exists at each site, related to employee assignment to a specific weekend schedule, will remain in effect.
Section 7. If the number of staff scheduled on a weekend shift exceeds the requirements for the unit/department, additional weekend time off will be evenly distributed on a rotating basis among all employees. At WCHOB additional weekend time off will be granted initially by written request. If no such requests have been made, time off will be offered by seniority if that employee is available and agrees to be scheduled an alternate day during the week.

Section 8. For the WCHOB RNs and LPNS: In the event that a holiday falls on a weekend requiring an employee to be scheduled outside of his/her normal weekend rotation, another weekend day, either before or after the holiday will be granted off. The employee may request the alternate weekend date to be granted.

In the event an employee is scheduled for a holiday off on his/her regular weekend to work, the employee will be scheduled to work another weekend day either before or after the holiday.

Article 17
Shift Rotation

Section 1. The Employer and the Union agree that shift rotation is not the preferred method to schedule employees. Shift rotation shall occur only after all other reasonable alternatives have been exhausted. Full-time and part-time day shift employees, who are employed in a cost center or unit that has scheduled shift work, may be rotated to meet unforeseen staffing needs. Evening and night shift employees will not be required to rotate shifts.

Section 2. If shift rotation is required it will be assigned as follows:

a.) request volunteers;

b.) offer extra hours without incurring overtime by seniority;

c.) the least senior employee from among non-probationary employees in the same cost center or unit.

Section 3. No employee shall be assigned to work more than two (2) different shifts (day/evening or day/night) in any four (4) week time period. Employees who rotate shifts will have a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours off before returning to their scheduled shift. Employees working extended shifts who rotate to the night shift, shall have forty-eight (48) hours off before returning to the day shift, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon.

Section 4. All attempts will be made not to rotate employees to an off shift if such rotation creates a hole on the day shift.
Section 5. Employees shall not be assigned to rotate to an alternate shift on a holiday unless mutually agreed upon by both the employee and the Employer.

Section 6. Certain current positions regularly rotate shifts and shall continue pursuant to past practice as noted in MOU # 12 entitled Rotating Positions.

Section 7. The current practice for shift rotation for the BGH RN and TCC bargaining units will be addressed in MOU # 18 entitled Buffalo General Hospital RN and TCC Shift Rotation.

**Article 18**

**Temporary Downsizing**

Section 1. The Employer and the Union recognize the need for a system to temporarily downsize the staff if the census/workload drops in an area of the facilities where members covered by this Agreement are employed. No employee will be required to be downsized for any hours lower than the full-time equivalent (FTE) he/she was hired for.

Section 2. In departments with variable staffing the Employer will not downsize staff or utilize the downsizing process outlined in Section 3. below, until two (2) hours prior to the start of a shift. The Employer will not downsize staff below the staffing grid after the start of the shift.

Section 3. The Employer will contact bargaining unit members at least one (1) hour prior to the start of the shift if they are to be downsized. If the Employer fails to provide the one (1) hour downsizing notice required in this article, affected employees will be utilized to work or paid at least four (4) hours of pay at the appropriate rate.

Section 4. If it becomes necessary to temporarily reduce the number of employees in a particular department or unit, the reduction will be completed as outlined below:

   a.) any scheduled agency, travel, temporary (non-union) personnel in the affected area will be canceled or floated;

   b.) any scheduled overtime (time paid at time and one-half) will be canceled in inverse order of seniority;

   c.) any employee who was previously denied a PTO request will be offered PTO next, in order of seniority;

   d.) volunteers will be offered paid time off in order of seniority on a rotating basis (wheel);
e.) volunteers will be offered excused absence time without pay in order of seniority on a rotating basis (wheel);

f.) per diem time in excess of commitment days will be canceled in inverse order of seniority;

g.) any scheduled hours in excess of an employee's normal work week (i.e.: part-time employees in excess of the minimum weekly hours for which they were hired) as denoted on the employee's schedule, will be canceled in inverse order of seniority and such employees may use accrued Paid Time Off;

h.) per diem employees who are scheduled their minimum requirement will be canceled in inverse order of seniority;

i.) flexible employees will be flexed down per Article 11 of this Agreement. If more than one (1) flexible employee works on a unit/department, employees will be flexed down in inverse order of seniority.

It is understood that if the steps a.) - i.) above do not result in appropriate downsizing, floating, if practicable, will be done as per Article 19 Floating.

As it relates to paragraphs d.) and e.) above volunteers from the WCHOB Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse and Technical bargaining units, will be offered paid time off and excused absence time in seniority order.

Section 5. In long term care facilities employees will not be downsized if there are understaffed units.

Section 6. At DeGraff Memorial Hospital the acute care facility and the skilled nursing facility will be treated as separate entities for the purpose of downsizing.

Section 7. Downsizing will not affect IUOE employees.

**Article 19 Floating**

The following language will be deleted from each of the Bargaining Unit Agreements and will be included in the Master Agreement.

Section 1. The floating of personnel from unit to unit, within a facility/site, with the exception of employees that are hired into a float pool, is an undesirable method for staffing a unit or department as it relates to both the quality of patient care and employee satisfaction. Floating will only occur in situations when inadequate staffing is unanticipated and could lead to unsafe practice situations.
Section 2. Before floating occurs the process outlined in Article 15, Hours of Work and Work Schedules, Section 11 shall be followed.

Section 3. The Employer will not double schedule a position for the sole purpose of floating one of the scheduled employees out of the unit.

Section 4. When an employee is floated to another unit, the Employer will be held accountable for the provision of the appropriate and timely orientation/training of staff floated to the new unit and to familiarize such employee with the items covered in the department orientation check list. In addition the Employer shall identify a reference or resource person.

Section 5. Employees will only be floated to units/departments where there is a similar patient care or job responsibility. It is understood that an employee will not be given the sole accountability for a patient and/or assignment if floated to a unit which is outside of his/her area of practice. Staff who float will work to their level of competence. An employee may exercise the option to complete floating competencies in any area outside of their area of practice.

Section 6. The WCHOB RNs, LPNs, NPs and PAs have a very detailed grid and are not required to float outside of the grid structure. The grid can only be changed by the mutual consent of the Employer and the Union. The parties agree to continue with both the grid and the practice.

Section 7. Each unit will develop a list of per diem employees and a list of regular employees assigned to the unit, in inverse order of seniority, for the purpose of tracking employee floating. Once an employee has been floated to another unit and has started his/her work assignment, that shift will be credited to the employee and will be considered a floated shift.

Section 8. If floating is required, it will be done as follows:

a.) an employee from a float pool will float first;

b.) in the event agency/travel personnel are scheduled to work a particular shift they will be required to float next, provided that all competencies for patient care have been met;

c.) volunteers will be floated next with the understanding that if an employee volunteers to float, it shall be credited to that employee, and he/she shall not be required to float when the duty rotates to him/her;

d.) per diem employees will be floated next;

e.) the least senior employee with less than fifteen (15) years seniority will float next, with subsequent floating being assigned until all employees in that category have
been floated. In a department where all employees have fifteen (15) years of seniority or greater, on the date that floating is to occur, the least senior employee will float with subsequent floating being assigned until all employees have been floated.

Section 9. An employee that floats from his/her assigned unit will not be required to be in charge or assigned to be lead unless:
   a.) the employee has been oriented to the position on that unit/department; and
   b.) the remaining staff are not able to perform the duties of the charge position.

Section 10. Employees will not be required to float more than once per shift.

Section 11. If an employee is floated and that employee is no longer needed, he/she will return to his/her unit. If the staffing requirements on the unit to which an employee is floated, are reduced during the shift, and there is no need for the employee on his/her home unit, the floated employee has first option to be voluntarily downsized.

Section 12. In the event that more than one (1) employee is required to float to another unit, choice of unit to float to will be offered in seniority order.

Section 13. An employee will be excused from floating on the date that floating is to occur when:
   a.) the employee is in orientation (training);
   b.) the employee is precepting/training another employee or student;
   c.) the employee is in the first month from the date of orientation completion;
   d.) is scheduled to attend an educational or committee meeting;
   e.) the employee is running the ECMO pump or is assigned on the STAT Team;
   f.) WCHOB RNs, LPNs, NPs and PAs who are required or volunteer to report to work early.

Any employee who transfers into a critical care area at WCHOB without prior critical care competencies will not be required to float within the first six (6) months from the transfer date.

Section 14.

a.) Hospital Facilities: An employee who has volunteered to work an extra shift or an overtime shift, following the posting of the approved schedule, and is no longer needed on the scheduled unit/department, will be offered the option to either cancel the extra shift or agree to float.

b.) Long Term Care Facilities: Employees who have picked up an extra shift on a particular unit following the posting of the approved schedule, and are no
longer needed on that unit, but are needed somewhere else in the facility due to critical staffing needs will be floated to the unit which is experiencing a critical staffing need. If there is no critical staffing need, an employee will be offered the option to either cancel the extra shift or agree to float.

Any employee who opts to cancel his/her extra shift in a.) or b.) above will not be charged with a PTU day. The parties agree that for the administration of Section 14b. critical staffing shall be defined as staffing levels that fall below the posted staffing levels.

Section 15. The Employer will not float employees on a major holiday.

Section 16. In the DMH Maintenance bargaining unit, there is no floating required.

Article 20
Shift Differential

Section 1. Shift differential will be paid to all employees for hours worked on a premium shift (evening and night shifts) in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

Section 2. Shift differential will be used in the computation of overtime.

Section 3. For employees who are hired to work an evening or night shift, shift differential will be applied to all time that employee is scheduled off with pay.

Section 4. Evening and night shift differential will be paid for all evening and night shifts as outlined in Article 15, Section 2. Shift differential will be paid for all hours worked on that shift.

Section 5. Shift differential will be paid for an eight (8) hour shift, when four (4) or more hours are scheduled on a premium shift. Shift differential will be paid for all hours worked on that shift.

Section 6. For the BGH RN and TCC Bargaining Units: Shift differential will be paid only when an employee works at least four (4) hours of a premium shift. Differential payment will be paid for all hours worked on that shift, at the appropriate rate for that shift.

Section 7. An employee who is authorized to work past the end of his/her shift or is called into work on a premium shift, will receive shift differential for all hours worked on the premium shift.

Section 8. An employee who works the night shift, and who is authorized to work into the day shift, will get shift differential for all hours worked.

Section 9. There shall be no pyramiding of shift differential.
Section 10. Shift differential premiums shall be as defined in Article 23, Salaries.

**Article 21**

**On-Call Pay**

Section 1. An employee will be considered “on-call” and entitled to on-call pay as described in this Article in either of the following situations:

a.) when the employee must carry a beeper for a specific period of time; or

b.) when the employee must remain at a single location for the purpose of being available to receive a telephone call to report to work.

It is expected that the employee promptly report to work when called.

Section 2. An employee will not be considered on-call in any situation other than those described above. The only exceptions are outlined in Section 9. and 10. below.

Section 3. An employee on-call as described in a.) and b.) above will be entitled to two (2) hours of pay at the employee’s base rate for every eight (8) hours spent on-call. The rate paid for in both a.) and b.) will be prorated for hours less than eight (8) hours spent on-call.

Section 4. An employee shall be entitled to a minimum of four (4) hours pay or pay for the hours actually worked on the call-in, whichever is greater, plus any on-call they are due. It is understood that the four (4) hour minimum applies to each occurrence when an employee is called into work providing the employee upon completing his/her call-in assignment contacts the Emergency Department and Site Administrator to insure there are not additional cases requiring his/her services prior to leaving the premises. It is further understood that the notification process may differ in each department. If an employee is on-call and is called into work less than four (4) hours prior to the start of his/her shift, and the on-call assignment extends into the employee’s regularly scheduled shift, the employee will be entitled to the minimum four (4) hours pay.

Section 5. An employee will be considered “called in”:

a.) when the employee who is on-call is called into work and reports for work; or

b.) when the employee who works from his/her previous shift into his/her period of on-call is held over for one (1) hour or more.

This call-in payment will be made at the base rate or at time and one-half as defined in Article 25, Overtime and will include shift differential and holiday pay if applicable. Holiday pay will be paid when an employee comes in on-call between the hours of 6:00 pm on the eve of the holiday and ending at 11:00 pm on the day of the holiday.
Section 6. When an employee on-call for the night shift is called in for a work assignment and there are six (6) or fewer hours between the end of the call in assignment and the commencement of his/her shift the next morning, the following options will be available:

   a.) report to work at his/her scheduled time;
   b.) report for duty up to six (6) hours after he/she completes the on-call shift;
   c.) considered first, for first off and/or downsizing considerations for that day.

The exception will be when an employee on-call is called in within two (2) hours of the start of the shift.

Section 7. On-call time shall not count towards the calculation of eligibility for overtime. Compensation received for on-call time, however shall be included in an employee’s base rate for calculating an employee’s overtime rate of pay.

Section 8. Only hours actually worked when the employee is called in will be considered for the purpose of calculating overtime.

Section 9. An employee can volunteer to be assigned to “on-call” outside of his/her permanent site if there is insufficient staff to fulfill that site's on-call requirement for the position.

Such assignments shall be subject to the following:

   a.) the employee will remain a member of his/her bargaining unit and will be covered by the terms and conditions of his/her contract;
   b.) regardless of whether the employee reports to work at his/her permanent site or at another Kaleida site, the employee will receive his/her current rate of pay or the rate for the position at the receiving facility, whichever is higher, plus an hourly premium of ten percent (10%);
   c.) the employee who volunteers to take on-call at another Kaleida site, must meet the basic core competencies for the work and will receive a site specific orientation at the new site;
   d.) each will be held harmless from any additional cost for parking.

Section 10. In downsizing situations, there may be occasions when an employee may be placed on-call due to unforeseen changes in admissions, discharges, procedure schedules and staffing. In such situations, volunteers will first be asked to be on-call in order of seniority. No employee will be required to go on-call. Any employee that agrees to take on-call will be paid
pursuant to the provisions of this Article. Finally, the decision to initiate an on-call request will be at the discretion of management.

**Article 22**  
**Call-In Pay**

Four (4) hours pay or a minimum of four (4) hours work shall be provided to employees called to work for a work assignment outside their regular scheduled work hours. Being called back to work for the purpose of this Article, does not include being held over or starting early.

**Article 23**  
**Salaries**

Wage scales and salary language are outlined in appendices included in this Agreement and are as follows:

a.) Appendix A - Clerical Employees Salaries;
b.) Appendix B - Maintenance Employees Salaries;
c.) Appendix C - Professional Employees Salaries;
d.) Appendix D - Registered Nurse Salaries;
e.) Appendix E - Service Employees Salaries; and
f.) Appendix F - Technical Employees Salaries.
g.) Appendix G - Skilled Nursing Employee Salaries

**Article 24**  
**Recruitment, Incentive or Premium Pay Programs**

Section 1. The Union and the Employer agree that any recruitment, incentive or premium program offered must be negotiated with the Union(s) that represents the employees in the job title at the sites that will be affected.

Section 2. The Unions at the other facilities will receive notification of the intent to negotiate a program at the other site(s) as well as the terms of the final agreement.
Article 25
Overtime

Section 1. Overtime shall be paid to all employees covered by this Agreement. No employee will be required to work beyond the end of his/her shift but may volunteer to do so.

Section 2. Overtime shall be paid at one and one-half (1½) times an employee’s basic hourly rate (including differentials and premium rates) for actual hours worked in excess of thirty-seven and one-half (37 ½ ) hours in a scheduled work week except in those job titles where the normal work week exceeds thirty-seven and one-half (37 ½ ) hours. In these instances, overtime shall be paid at one and one-half (1 ½) times the employee’s basic hourly rate for actual hours worked in excess of the employee’s normal work week.

Section 3. The only exceptions to the above:

a.) The DeGraff CWA bargaining units as follows: Employees agreeing to work six (6) days on the first week and four (4) days in the other week of a pay period will receive overtime pay at time and one-half (½) of the employee’s basic hourly rate for hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in any workday and in excess of seventy-five (75) hours in the fourteen (14) day pay period. There will be no pyramiding of overtime.

b.) The Buffalo General Medical Center Professional bargaining unit Pharmacists as follows: Pharmacists that work seventy (70) hours in one work week and no hours in a second work week for a total of seventy (70) hours in a pay period will be paid the overtime premium of time and one-half an employee’s hourly rate for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a day.

c.) The Buffalo General Medical Center Registered Nurse and Professional bargaining units as follows: Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants that work seventy (70) hours in a biweekly pay period will work forty (40) hours in one (1) week and thirty (30) hours in the next. Those employees will be paid the overtime premium of time and one-half (1½) the employee’s hourly rate for all hours worked in excess of thirty-seven and one half (37½) hours in a work week.

d.) WCHOB RN, LPN and Service and Maintenance bargaining units as follows: An employee’s compensation rate for all hours worked exceeding an employee’s normal scheduled shift in a workday will be at time and one-half (1½) the employee’s hourly rate provided that the normal scheduled shift is at least seven and one-half (7½) hours.

1.) All work performed by a Registered Nurse in excess of forty (40) hours in a work week (excluding daily overtime hours) will be compensated at one
and one-half (1½) times the employee’s regular hourly, salary for employees working eight (8) and ten (10) hour shifts.

2.) All work performed by a Registered Nurse or a service and maintenance employee in excess of eight (80) hours in a pay period (excluding daily overtime hours) will be compensated at one and one-half (1½) the employee’s regular hourly salary for employees on twelve (12) hour shifts.

3.) All work performed by a Licensed Practical Nurse or a service and maintenance employee in excess of thirty-seven and one-half (37½) hours in a work week (excluding daily overtime hours) will be compensated at one and one-half (1½) times the employee’s regular hourly salary for employees working seven and one-half (7½) hour shifts.

4.) All work performed by a Licensed Practical Nurse in excess of seventy-two (72) hours in a pay period (excluding daily overtime hours) will be compensated at one and one-half (1½) times the employee’s regular hourly salary for employees working twelve (12) hour shifts.

5.) All work performed by a Licensed Practical Nurse in excess of sixty-nine (69) hours in a pay period (excluding daily overtime hours) will be compensated at one and one-half (1½) times the employee’s regular hourly salary for employees working eleven and one-half (11½) hour shifts.

Section 4. Scheduled paid time off, including personal days will be considered as time worked for the purpose of computing overtime. (Unscheduled paid time off will not be considered as time worked for the purpose of computing overtime.)

Section 5. All employees who are required to remain at work due to inclement weather or an extreme emergency will be paid at one and one-half (1½) times the employee’s regular hourly salary for all hours worked.

Section 6. Overtime must be authorized in advance by the appropriate supervisor or designee, if available.

**Article 26**

**Paid Time Off**

Section 1. All full-time and part-time employees are eligible for Paid Time Off (PTO) according to the following schedules.

a.) Plan 1 will apply to all registered nurse, nurse practitioner and professional bargaining units.
b.) Plan 2 will apply to all licensed practical nurses, imaging technologists, perfusionists, respiratory therapists and Kaleida Health Business Office Clerical (bargaining unit 28):

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c.) Plan 3 will apply to all clerical, maintenance, service and technical bargaining units except for the job titles listed in b.) above:

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Section 2. For all employees hired into the BGH registered nurse and technical clinical/clerical bargaining units prior to the ratification of this Agreement or for any employees consolidated into the bargaining units per Article 55, Merger, Consolidation, Transfer or Establishment of Work within Kaleida Health, during the life of this Agreement, the existing BGH registered nurse and technical/clinical-clerical PTO accrual schedules will be grandfathered for the life of this Agreement. Employees hired into those bargaining units will accrue PTO as outlined in those accrual schedules which are included in Memorandum of Understanding # 21,
entitled PTO Grandfathering. For employees hired into these bargaining units after the ratification of this Agreement, PTO accrual rates will be those identified in Section 1. above.

Section 3. It is understood that no employee who currently accrues PTO at a rate higher than those included in Section 1. above, will lose PTO as a result of this Agreement. When an employee’s current PTO accrual rate, becomes less than the accrual rates outlined in Section 1. above, the employee will move to the appropriate PTO schedule included in Section 1. PTO accrual schedules that are the basis for such grandfathering are outlined in Memorandum of Understanding # 21, entitled PTO Grandfathering.

Section 4. All employees hired into the Skilled Nursing facilities after July 19, 2011 are eligible to earn PTO according to the schedule below:

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Section 5. All full-time and part-time employees are eligible for extended sick time according to the following schedule.

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Section 6. Each eligible employee will be assigned a Paid Time Off (PTO) bank to accumulate hours to use for all paid time off. In addition to PTO, each eligible employee will be assigned an Extended Sick Bank (ESB) for use during periods of short term disability or during period of workers’ compensation. Such workers’ compensation will include periods of work related illness or injury resulting in an absence of less than seven (7) days.

Section 7. Eligible employees shall accrue PTO at a rate based on years of service as defined by their date of hire, and ESB as detailed in the tables above. PTO is accrued on all hours worked up to seventy-five (75) hours in a pay period. Employees hired to work forty (40) hours per week or eighty (80) hours per pay period, will accrue at the rates outlined in Section 1. above. The maximum annual hours and days will be adjusted to take into account the longer work day. Newly hired employees will begin accruing PTO upon the completion of the probationary period.
Section 8. Employees are eligible for, and may use PTO as it is earned. Earned hours are those hours that are accrued and accumulated in the PTO bank and owned by the employee. Benefit balances are updated on Saturday at the end of the pay period. This earned amount is to be considered a tentative balance until the timecard is signed off. This amount could be affected by manager edits on Payroll Monday. This earned accrual is intended to be available in the next pay period.

Section 9. Time off without PTO accrued, also referred to as “No Benefit Time” or NOB is not permitted. Employees are responsible to keep track of their PTO time used and accrued.

Section 10. The employee’s pay check stub should reflect the net PTO and ESB balances, as well as any time in his/her transitional bank, as of the beginning of the current pay period.

Section 11. An employee changing from part-time or per diem status to either full-time or part-time status shall begin earning PTO from the first day of the pay period worked in the new status.

Section 12. A part-time employee may request to use PTO in excess of the hours they are hired to work, up to thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) or a full-time work week of forty (40) hours.

Section 13. Part-time employees who have worked “extra” hours and earned “extra” PTO as a result, should be scheduled to utilize PTO in increments equal to hours earned. For example, an employee who was hired as a 0.6 FTE but who has earned PTO equivalent to a 0.8 FTE, should be paid as a 0.8 FTE when they take the PTO time.

Section 14. PTO is an accrual system with paid leave time earned for each hour paid as well as for each hour of excused absence, or other paid leave time which substitutes for regular work hours, up to the maximums outlined in Section 1 above. It is understood that:

a.) PTO and ESB is not earned for time spent on-call as per Article 21, On-Call Pay; or for time spent on an approved unpaid leave of absence as per Article 35, Leave of Absence.

b.) excused union representation time, as per Article 6, Union Representation, will accrue PTO as though the excused union representation time are hours worked up to the maximum of hours hired to work per pay period; and

c.) scheduled PTO will be considered as time worked for the purpose of computing overtime.

Section 15. PTO should be scheduled in advance of the time block with routine time requests but in no event with less than twenty-four (24) hours notice and will be approved in the same manner as routine time requests. Unscheduled absences must be reported at least two (2) hours prior to the start of the employees shift. PTO will be paid for all hours of a scheduled or
unscheduled shift or partial shift. Employees do not have the option to take time without pay except as defined for excused absence time as designated in Section 14. above. Up to two (2) shifts of paid time off will be designated for personal reasons. PTO used for personal reasons will be granted with twenty-four (24) hours notice.

Section 16. It is understood by the Employer as well as the Union that time requests for one (1) or more consecutive weeks, are scheduled and approved differently throughout the System. Therefore, these PTO requests will be addressed in the respective bargaining unit agreements for each bargaining unit.

Section 17. The new plan year begins on the first day of the first pay period of the new calendar year and will be as follows:

a.) December 15, 2013;
b.) December 28, 2014; and
c.) December 27, 2015.

The PTO plan year ends on the last day of the last pay period of the calendar year.

Section 18. If a benefit earning employee transfers to a non-benefited position or is laid off, available PTO hours will be paid out in cash in the pay period following the transfer of status or layoff. ESB hours will be frozen until the employee returns to a category of employment which receives benefits, at which time the ESB will be re-established to the same number of hours in the ESB at the time the bank was frozen.

Section 19. An eligible employee may voluntarily donate a portion of his/her own PTO benefit hours to another benefited Kaleida employee who is away from work on an approved leave for disability, Family Medical Leave, or personal leave of absence for hardship reasons. PTO donations however, may not begin until the employee off on leave has stopped accruing PTO and that time has been utilized. The employee will be eligible to give hours from his/her own accrued balance of PTO. Time donated will be converted to a dollar value which will in turn be converted to the equivalent hours of time based on the recipient’s hourly rate. An employee may donate up to thirty-seven and one-half (37½) hours from their accrued balance in each PTO Plan Year. Donations may be made from accrued, unused PTO only. ESB Hours are not eligible for donation. Once donated, the gift is irrevocable. Recipients of donated PTO are eligible to be paid up to seventy-five hours (75) or eighty hours (80) of PTO per pay period.

Section 20. Employees on New York State disability or workers’ compensation will continue to earn PTO and ESB hours as long as they continue to be paid from either their PTO or their ESB bank.
Section 21. If an employee is released from work without pay for an excused absence day, or agrees to be placed on voluntary call for the purpose of downsizing he/she will continue to earn PTO and ESB for the hours he/she is on excused absence.

Section 22. There is no limit on the amount of time that can be accumulated in the ESB during the employee’s total service with Kaleida. Kaleida Health is not obligated to buy back time remaining in an employee’s ESB upon separation from employment except in the following bargaining units.

a.) For the WCHOB RN and Clerical (03) bargaining units, any employee, upon retirement from the Employer will be eligible for payment of fifty percent (50%) of the employee’s ESB. As used in this Section, retirement is defined as termination of employment under one of the following conditions:

1.) age 65 and five (5) years of full-time or part-time service;
2.) any time after age 55 and ten years of full-time or part-time service;
3.) any age and thirty (30) years of full-time or part-time service;
4.) totally and permanently disabled after ten (10) years of full-time or part-time service.

The hourly rate will be computed based upon the employee’s average straight time hourly wage paid for the last seven (7) consecutive years prior to retirement. Actual payment is to be paid in a separate check and as deferred compensation.

b.) For the WCHOB LPN bargaining unit, any employee, upon retirement from the Employer will be eligible for payment of one-third (1/3) of the employee’s ESB. As used in this Section, retirement is defined as termination of employment under one of the following conditions:

1.) age 65 and five (5) years of full-time or part-time service;
2.) any time after age 55 and ten years of full-time or part-time service;
3.) any age and thirty (30) years of full-time or part time service;
4.) totally and permanently disabled after ten (10) years of full time or part time service.

The hourly rate will be computed based upon the employee’s average straight time hourly wage paid for the last seven (7) consecutive years prior to retirement. Actual payment is to be paid in a separate check and as deferred compensation.

c.) For the WCHOB SM bargaining unit, any employee, upon retirement from the Employer will be eligible for payment of sixty percent (60%) of the employee’s ESB. As used in this Section, retirement is defined as termination of employment under one of the following conditions:

1.) age 65 and five (5) years of full-time or part-time service;
2.) any time after age 55 and ten years of full-time or part-time service;
3. any age and thirty (30) years of full-time or part-time service;
4. totally and permanently disabled after ten (10) years of full-time or part-time service.

The hourly rate will be computed based upon the employee’s average straight time hourly wage paid for the last seven (7) consecutive years prior to retirement. Actual payment is to be paid in a separate check and as deferred compensation.

d.) For the MFH S&M bargaining unit, the Employer agrees to continue the following:

At normal, deferred or early (age 60 or later) retirement, the Employer will pay for unused accumulated sick time in excess of 225 hours up to a maximum of 525 hours at the rate of 75% of the employee’s base hourly rate. For example, an employee who has accumulated 615 hours of paid sick time will receive 292.5 hours of pay at the time of retirement (615 - 225 x .75 = 292.50); while an employee who has accumulated 900 hours of sick time will receive 393.75 hours of pay at the time of retirement (900 – 225 = 675, which is in excess of maximum, so employee receives 525 x .75 or 393.75 hours, which is the maximum benefit).

It is agreed to and understood by the parties that employees hired into the bargaining units referenced in this Section after July 19, 2011 will not be entitled to the benefits outlined in a.), b.), c.) and d.) above.

Section 23. Employees who have completed the probationary period may request PTO hours over and above the accrued balance in their PTO bank up to a maximum of forty (40) hours for full-time employees and to a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours for part-time employees. It is understood that utilization of negative PTO hours will only extend through the last full pay period of May of each calendar year.

Section 24. If an employee terminates employment for any reason, including retirement, all accrued, unused PTO and transitional bank time shall be paid out in cash in the second pay period following termination. If the PTO bank is negative at the time of termination an amount equal to the employee’s hourly pay rate at the time of termination, times the hours necessary to bring the bank back to zero will be withheld from the employee’s last paycheck.

Section 25. Annually, at the close of the PTO plan year, the Employer will provide a listing of the ending PTO and ESB balances for each employee. Eligible employees will be offered several options for utilization of accrued PTO. There will be an automatic carryover of up to forty-eight (48) hours for full-time employees and twenty-four (24) hours for part-time employees.

Carryover hours must be used by the end of thirteen (13) pay periods. Any request for PTO hours, made by an employee with a carryover balance, will be automatically deducted from the carryover balance until that balance has been depleted. If an employee makes a good faith effort
to use carryover time, but his/her requests are denied, the remaining hours will be bought out in cash and payment made by the last pay period in July. Otherwise unused carryover hours as of the end of pay period thirteen (13) will be transferred to the employee’s ESB.

Section 26. Year end PTO balances in excess of the required carryover amounts defined in Section 25 above, will be automatically bought out in cash based on the rate of pay in effect at the time the payment is made in a separate paycheck and paid out in the last full pay period in February of each year. In the event the employee prefers not to take a cash buyout for the excess hours, the employee may elect one of the following options provided they notify the Employer on or before December 31 of each year.

a.) The employee may direct up to the legally permitted limit, of the cash value of his/her remaining unused PTO hours, to the employee’s existing Kaleida Health’s Saving’s Investment 403 (b) Plan. Contribution will be for the year in which the funds are directed to the account and will be made within the first quarter of the calendar year. The remaining balance will be bought out in cash at the rate of pay in effect at the time the payment is made which will be no later than the last full pay period in February of each year.

b.) Employees may elect to contribute, up to the legally permitted limit, fifty (50%) percent of the cash value of his/her remaining unused PTO hours, to the employee’s existing Kaleida Health’s Saving’s Investment 403 (b) Plan. Contribution will be for the year in which the funds are directed to the account and payment will occur within the first quarter of the calendar year. The remaining balance will be bought out in cash at the rate of pay in effect at the time the payment is made no later than the last full pay period in February of each year.

c.) Employees may elect to have all unused hours transferred into their ESB.

Section 27. Any employee with transition PTO time shall continue with a transition bank. Unused time will remain in the transition bank at the hourly rate effective the first full pay period in June, 2006, for the employee to use at any time during his/her employment with Kaleida (actual time off from work is subject to the approval of the employee’s supervisor).

Section 28. On an annual basis, the employee will have the opportunity to exercise the following options with respect to time in the transition bank. The employee must notify the Employer of his/her selection on or before December 31 of each year.

a.) The employee may buy out up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the hours in his/her transition bank. The buyout will be based on the rate of pay in effect at the time the payment is made or the rate as of June, 2006 and automatically included in the employee’s paycheck in the last full pay period in May of each year.
b.) The employee may direct up to the legally permitted limit but not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the cash value the transition bank to the employee’s existing Kaleida Health’s sponsored Tax Sheltered Annuity Account. Contributions will be for the year in which the funds are directed to the account.

When the employee terminates employment with Kaleida, for any reason, all hours remaining in the transition bank will be paid out in cash.

**Article 27**

**Paid Time Off Scheduling**

**CWA BGMC/RN**

Section 1. The calendar year shall be divided into three (3) periods.

a.) Period 1 will be by November 1 of the preceding year for all time requests for January 2 through June 14.

b.) Period 2 will be by March 1 for June 15 through September 15 and December 20 through January 1: a maximum of seventy-five (75) hours can be requested for all full-time employees and for part-time employees a maximum equivalent to their category of employment, (i.e., .6 PT = 45 hours in Period 2); and

c.) Period 3 will be by July 1 for the remainder of the year.

When there is a conflict in PTO selection between two (2) or more employees, the highest seniority date will govern.

Requests submitted after these dates will be considered in the order in which they are received. Any open pre-scheduled time that remains after the above cut off dates will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. If two (2) or more requests are submitted in the same day it will be decided by seniority. Such PTO requests will not be held to the maximum limits in prime time.

Section 2. A minimum of one (1) week PTO (equivalent to an employee’s FTE) will be scheduled in the period of time from the first full pay period in the PTO benefit year, through the end of the thirteenth (13th) full pay period of the PTO benefit year with the following conditions.

a.) Any employee that takes carryover time during this time frame will have been deemed to have satisfied this requirement.

b.) Employees will not be required to go into negative PTO for the purpose of meeting this requirement.
c.) Days taken as individual PTO days will count towards meeting this requirement.

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CWA BGMC/PROF

Section 1. The calendar year shall be divided into three (3) periods.

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c.) Period 3 will be by July 1 for the remainder of the year.

When there is a conflict in PTO selection between two (2) or more employees, the highest seniority date will govern.

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Section 4. For PTO requested during the period of time between June 15 – September 15 and December 20 – January 1, every employee will first be offered one (1) week of prime time PTO in seniority order. Once every employee has been offered one (1) week of prime time PTO open weeks will be offered to employees in seniority order. It is understood by the parties that days off may be scheduled at the beginning and/or end of a PTO period.

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CWA MFH/RN

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Multiple requests should be submitted for consideration. The requests should be prioritized and should designate the number of weeks they are requesting off for each of the above time periods.

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b.) Employees will not be required to go into negative PTO for the purpose of meeting this requirement.

c.) Days taken as individual PTO days will count towards meeting this requirement.

Section 3. Annually, on August 1st the Employer will take a snapshot of each job title and utilize this population snapshot to post by October 1st the number of PTO hours available per week, based on the current staff’s annual PTO accrual, inclusive of any vacancies. The standardized formula (listed below) will be utilized for PTO calculation:
a.) total of all employees annual accrual, by job title, shift and department = X;

b.) subtract from X, the annual average PTU usage for the department from August 1 of the prior year through July 31 of the current year = Y;

b.) divide X by 52 weeks = Z;

c.) Z = total number of pre-approved hours per week.

The parties agree that the number of pre-approved hours generated by the formula above shall be presented at the September Site Staffing Committee meetings.

In all cases, a minimum of 37.5 hours per week will be approved. Once PTO is approved, the approval list will include name of employee, the number of approved hours, all open available hours per week and names of all employees denied PTO and the original hours requested. If positions are added or deleted from a unit/department/cost center, that change the available PTO hours, the change will be reflected in the next pre-approval period.

Section 4. When there is a conflict in PTO selection between two (2) or more employees, the highest seniority date will govern.

Section 5. For PTO requested during the time period between June 15 and September 15, a maximum of ten (10) PTO days or seventy-five (75) hours will be taken. For PTO requested during the time period between December 20 and January 1, a maximum of five (5) PTO days or thirty-seven and one-half (37½) hours will be taken. It is understood by the parties that days off may be scheduled at the beginning and/or the end of a vacation period.

Section 6. PTO schedules for employees from other bargaining units, may not interfere with employees of this bargaining unit. Vacation schedules for management/non-union employees will not interfere with the scheduling of bargaining unit personnel.

Section 7. Should an employee desire to change or rescind an approved vacation, the employee will submit the change at least thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the month in which the vacation is requested. Resulting availability of PTO days/week(s) will be posted immediately by the manager/supervisor for a period of two (2) weeks. Approval will be governed by seniority. For the periods of June 15 through September 15 and December 20 through January 1, prime time vacation limits will apply.

It is understood that the employer/management may increase availability of PTO at any time as circumstances permit.

Section 8. Approved vacations will not be changed without the consent of the employee when personnel must transfer because of layoff, unit closings, or transfers due to an administrative decision. In each of the above instances, approved vacation requests will be
honored. When a transfer to another cost center or change in status occurs at the employee’s request, approved vacation requests must be resubmitted. However, every attempt will be made to accommodate the employee’s previously approved vacation schedule.

Section 9. Individual PTO days are to be submitted with routine time requests. It is understood that requests for individual PTO days are given the same consideration as any routine time requests and will not be unreasonably denied. Time requests for individual days will not count against the maximum limits set forth in prime time.

CWA MFH/PROF

Section 1. When the department is closed for the six (6) major holidays, or minimally staffed, those employees given the holiday off shall not have these PTO hours count towards the maximum PTO allotments allowed for prime times which include those periods.

Section 2. Requests for PTO of one (1) or more consecutive weeks shall be requested on the appropriate form as follows:

a.) by November 1 of the preceding year for all time requests for February, March, April and May;

b.) by March 1 for June, July, August and September; and

c.) by July 1 for October, November, December and January.

Employees shall be notified of approval or denial within thirty (30) calendar days from the date requests are due. Requests submitted after these dates will be considered in the order in which they are received. When there is a conflict in PTO selection between two (2) or more employees, the highest seniority date shall govern. Any remaining open pre-scheduled time that remains after the above cut off dates will be offered on a first come, first serve basis. If two (2) or more requests are submitted in the same day it will be decided by seniority.

Section 3. A minimum of one (1) week PTO (equivalent to an employee’s FTE) will be scheduled in the period of time from the first full pay period in the PTO benefit year, through the end of the thirteenth (13th) full pay period of the PTO benefit year with the following conditions.

a.) Any employee that takes carryover time during this time frame will have been deemed to have satisfied this requirement.

b.) Employees will not be required to go into negative PTO for the purpose of meeting this requirement.

c.) Days taken as individual PTO days will count towards meeting this requirement.
Section 4. Annually, on August 1st the Employer will take a snapshot of each job title and utilize this population snapshot to post by October 1st the number of PTO hours available per week, based on the current staff’s annual PTO accrual, inclusive of any vacancies. The standardized formula (listed below) will be utilized for PTO calculation:

a.) total of all employees annual accrual, by job title, shift and department = X;

b.) subtract from X, the annual average PTU usage for the department from August 1 of the prior year through July 31 of the current year = Y;

c.) divide X by 52 weeks = Z;

c.) Z = total number of pre-approved hours per week.

The parties agree that the number of pre-approved hours generated by the formula above shall be presented at the September Site Staffing Committee meetings.

In all cases, a minimum of 37.5 hours per week will be approved. Once PTO is approved, the approval list will include name of employee, the number of approved hours, all open available hours per week and names of all employees denied PTO and the original hours requested. If positions are added or deleted from a unit/department/cost center, that change will be reflected in the next pre-approval period.

Section 5. For PTO requested during the period of time between the full calendar week which includes June 15 and September 15, a maximum of five (5) consecutive PTO days or thirty-seven and one-half (37½) hours will be taken. Once every employee has been offered one (1) week of prime time vacation, a second week of prime time will be offered by seniority. Finally open weeks will be offered to employees in seniority order. It is understood by the parties that days off may be scheduled at the beginning and/or end of a vacation period. For PTO requested during the time period between December 20 and January 1, a maximum of five (5) consecutive PTO days or thirty-seven and one-half (37½) hours will be taken for full-time employees.

Section 6. Should an employee desire to change or rescind an approved vacation, the employee will submit the change at least thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the month in which the vacation is requested. Resulting availability of PTO days week(s) will be posted immediately by manager/supervisor for a period of two (2) weeks. Approval will be governed by seniority to those employees who were previously denied PTO. For the periods of June 15 through September 15 and December 20 through January 1, prime time vacation limits will apply.

It is understood that the employer/management may increase availability of PTO at any time as circumstances permit.
Section 7. Time requests for individual PTO days will not count against the maximum limits set forth for prime time. Routine time requests submitted after the above dates will be submitted with the time requests in the time block in which they are being requested and should not be unreasonably denied.

Section 8. PTO schedules for employees from other bargaining units, may not interfere with employees of this bargaining unit. PTO schedules for management/non-union employees will not interfere with the scheduling of bargaining unit personnel.

Section 9. Approved PTO may not be changed without the consent of the employee when personnel must transfer because of layoff, unit closing or transfers due to an administrative decision. In each of the above instances, approved PTO requests will be honored. When a transfer to another cost center or change in status occurs, at the employee’s request, approved PTO requests must be resubmitted. However, every attempt will be made to accommodate the employee’s previously approved PTO schedule.

Section 10. Employees may use PTO in increments of fifteen (15) minutes or more, on a day to day basis, with the approval of the manager/supervisor. Employees may not utilize this minimum PTO to mask attendance or tardiness problem.

Section 11. Full weeks of PTO take priority over single days of PTO provided requests are submitted on time.

CWA MFH/TCC

Section 1. Requests for PTO of one (1) or more consecutive weeks will be requested on the approved form as follows:

   a.) by November 1 of the preceding year for all time requests for February, March, April and May;

   b.) by March 1 for June, July, August and September; and

   c.) by July 1 for October, November, December and January.

Employees will be notified of approval or denial within thirty (30) calendar days from the date requests are due. Requests will be approved if the employee is not notified within thirty (30) calendar days.

Requests submitted after the due dates set forth above will be considered in the order in which they are received. Approval or denial will be as stated above or within thirty (30) calendar days after requests are submitted.
Section 2. A minimum of one (1) week PTO (equivalent to an employee’s FTE) will be scheduled in the period of time from the first full pay period in the PTO benefit year, through the end of the thirteenth (13th) full pay period of the PTO benefit year with the following conditions.

a.) Any employee that takes carryover time during this time frame will have been deemed to have satisfied this requirement.

b.) Employees will not be required to go into negative PTO for the purpose of meeting this requirement.

c.) Days taken as individual PTO days will count towards meeting this requirement.

Section 3. Annually, on August 1st the Employer will take a snapshot of each job title and utilize this population snapshot to post by October 1st the number of PTO hours available per week, based on the current staff’s annual PTO accrual, inclusive of any vacancies. The standardized formula (listed below) will be utilized for PTO calculation:

- total of all employees annual accrual, by job title, shift and department = X;
- subtract from X, the annual average PTU usage for the department from August 1 of the prior year through July 31 of the current year = Y;
- divide X by 52 weeks = Z;
- Z = total number of pre-approved hours per week.

The parties agree that the number of pre-approved hours generated by the formula above shall be presented at the September Site Staffing Committee meetings.

In all cases, a minimum of 37.5 hours per week will be approved. Once PTO is approved, the approval list will include name of employee, the number of approved hours, all open available hours per week and names of all employees denied PTO and the original hours requested. If positions are added or deleted from a unit/department /cost center, that change will be reflected in the next pre-approval period.

Section 4. When there is a conflict in PTO selection between two (2) or more employees, the highest seniority date will govern. Requests will be approved if the employee is not notified within thirty (30) calendar days.

Section 5. For PTO requested during the time period between June 15 and September 15 and December 20 and January 1, a maximum of ten (10) consecutive PTO days or seventy-five (75) hours may be taken. It is understood by the parties that days off may be scheduled at the beginning and/or the end of a vacation period. It is understood that individual PTO days will not be unreasonably denied.
Section 6. PTO schedules for employees from other bargaining units, may not interfere with employees of this bargaining unit. Vacation schedules for management/non-union employees will not interfere with the scheduling of bargaining unit personnel.

Section 7. Should an employee desire to change or rescind an approved vacation, the employee will submit the change at least thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the month in which the vacation is requested. Resulting availability of PTO days/week(s) will be posted immediately by the manager/supervisor for a period of two (2) weeks. Approval will be governed by seniority. For the periods of June 15 through September 15 and December 20 through January 1, prime time vacation limits will apply.

It is understood that the employer/management may increase availability of PTO at any time as circumstances permit.

Section 8. Approved vacations will not be changed without the consent of the employee when personnel must transfer because of layoff, unit closings, or transfers due to an administrative decision. In each of the above instances, approved vacation requests will be honored. When a transfer to another cost center or change in status occurs at the employee’s request, approved vacation requests must be resubmitted. However, every attempt will be made to accommodate the employee’s previously approved vacation schedule.

Section 9. Individual PTO days are to be submitted with routine time requests and will not be unreasonably denied. Time requests for individual days will not count against the maximum limits set forth for primetime.

Section 10. Employees may use PTO in increments of fifteen (15) minutes or more, on a day to day basis, with the approval of the manager/supervisor. Employees may not utilize this minimum PTO to mask an attendance or tardiness problem.

Section 11. Full weeks of PTO take priority over single days of PTO provided requests are submitted on time.

SEIU BGMC/SERVICE

Section 1. Requests for PTO of one (1) or more consecutive weeks shall be requested on the appropriate form as follows:

a.) By November 1st of the preceding year for all time requests for January, February, March, April and May;

b.) By March 1st for June, July, August and September; and

c.) By July 1st for October, November, December.

Requests submitted after these dates will be considered in the order in which they are received. When there is a conflict in PTO selection between two (2) or more employees, the highest
seniority date shall govern. Employees shall be notified of approval or denial within thirty (30) calendar days from the date requests are due.

Section 2. A minimum of one (1) week PTO (equivalent to an employee’s FTE) will be scheduled in the period of time from the first full pay period in the PTO benefit year, through the end of the thirteenth (13th) full pay period of the PTO benefit year with the following conditions.

   a.) Any employee that takes carryover time during this time frame will have been deemed to have satisfied this requirement.

   b.) Employees will not be required to go into negative PTO for the purpose of meeting this requirement.

   c.) Days taken as individual PTO days will count towards meeting this requirement.

Section 3. No more than two (2) weeks of PTO may be scheduled by any employee during the prime time period of June 15 to September 15 and also commencing the last full week in December through January 1st.

Section 4. PTO schedules for employees from other bargaining units, may not interfere with employees of this bargaining unit. Vacation schedules for management and non-union employees may not interfere with the scheduling of bargaining unit personnel.

Section 5. Should an employee desire to change an approved vacation, the employee should submit the change at least thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the month in which the vacation is requested. The employee's request shall be accommodated if possible.

Section 6. Approved vacations may not be changed when personnel must transfer, without the consent of the employee; in instance of layoff, unit closings or transfers because of an administrative decision. In each of the above instances, approved vacation requests will be honored. When a transfer to another cost center or change in status occurs, at the employee's request, approved vacation requests must be resubmitted. However, every attempt will be made to accommodate the employee's previously approved vacation schedule.

Section 7. Full weeks of PTO take priority over single days of PTO provided requests are submitted on time.

Section 8. Employees may use PTO in increments of fifteen (15) minutes or more, on a day to day basis, with the approval of the manager/supervisor. Employees may not utilize this minimum PTO to mask and attendance or tardiness problem.
SEIU MFH/SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE

Section 1. Requests for PTO of one (1) or more consecutive weeks shall be requested on the appropriate form as follows:

a.) By November 1st of the preceding year for all time requests for, February, March, April and May;

b.) By March 1st for June, July, August and September; and

c.) By July 1st for October, November, December and January.

Employees are encouraged to submit multiple requests, the request should be prioritized, and employees should designate the maximum number of weeks they are requesting off for each of the above time periods.

Requests submitted after these dates will be considered in the order in which they are received. When there is a conflict in PTO selection between two (2) or more employees, the highest seniority date shall govern. Employees shall be notified of approval or denial within thirty (30) calendar days from the date requests are due.

Section 2. A minimum of one (1) week PTO (equivalent to an employee’s FTE) will be scheduled in the period of time from the first full pay period in the PTO benefit year, through the end of the thirteenth (13th) full pay period of the PTO benefit year with the following conditions.

a.) Any employee that takes carryover time during this time frame will have been deemed to have satisfied this requirement.

b.) Employees will not be required to go into negative PTO for the purpose of meeting this requirement.

c.) Days taken as individual PTO days will count towards meeting this requirement.

Section 3. A maximum of two (2) weeks PTO based on the FTE of the Employee may be taken during the period beginning with the workweek in which June 1st falls and ending the workweek in which August 31st falls. A maximum of one (1) week of PTO based on the FTE of the employee may be taken during the last two (2) weeks in December through the first week in January. It is understood by the parties that days off may be scheduled at the beginning and/or the end of a vacation period. It is understood that individual PTO days will not be unreasonably denied.

Section 4. PTO schedules for employees from other bargaining units, may not interfere with employees of this bargaining unit. Vacation schedules for management and non-Union employees may not interfere with the scheduling of bargaining unit personnel.
Section 5. Should an employee desire to change an approved vacation, the employee should submit the change at least four (4) weeks prior to the time block which included the vacation period. The employee’s request shall be accommodated if possible. Resulting availability of PTO week(s) may be posted immediately by the manager/supervisor for a period of one (1) week. Approval will be governed by seniority.

Section 6. Approved vacations may not be changed when personnel must transfer, without the consent of the employee; in instance of layoff, unit closings or transfers because of an administrative decision. In each of the above instances, approved vacation requests will be honored. When a transfer to another cost center or change in status occurs, at the employee's request, approved vacation requests must be resubmitted. However, every attempt will be made to accommodate the employee's previously approved vacation schedule.

Section 7. Full weeks of PTO take priority over single days of PTO provided requests are submitted on time.

Section 8. Employees may use PTO in increments of fifteen (15) minutes or more, on a day to day basis, with the approval of the manager/supervisor. Employees may not utilize this minimum PTO to mask and attendance or tardiness problem.

SEIU WCHOB RN/LPN

Section 1. PTO will be scheduled in compliance with employee preference subject to the needs of the Hospital. PTO schedules for employees from other bargaining units, may not interfere with employees of this bargaining unit. Unit Management and non-union employees will not be included on the PTO schedule with the staff of the unit.

Section 2. Previously approved vacation may not be changed without the consent of the employee when an employee transfers to another unit within WCHOB.

Section 3. Should an employee desire to change approved PTO, the employee must submit the change by the date that time requests are to be submitted for the next schedule.

Section 4. If an employee has a pre-approved vacation scheduled and is absent on approved DBL or Workers' Compensation at the time that the PTO week occurs, he/she may request to bid on an open week on the schedule. Such new request must be submitted prior to the posting of the time schedule for the requested period of PTO.

Section 5. Individual PTO days will be requested at the normal request time and will take precedence over a regular day off. Employees may use PTO in increments of fifteen (15) minutes or more, on a day to day basis, with the approval of the manager/supervisor. Employees may not utilize this minimum PTO to mask and attendance or tardiness problem.
Section 6. An employee covered by this agreement may request to take one (1) PTO day on a weekend except during designated prime time. At least one such request will be granted per twenty four (24) hours except in the NICU where one request will be granted per shift. All requests will be determined by seniority.

Section 7. PTO in segments of full weeks will be limited to two (2) weeks total time during prime time.

a.) Prime time will be Memorial Day week through Labor Day Week for a Registered Nurse
b.) Prime time for an LPN will be from July 1 - Labor Day

Section 8. A week of PTO is equal to the hours the employee is hired to work.

a.) A schedule for full week units containing time slots available in the following PTO year will be posted in each unit by November 1. The time available will be evenly spaced throughout the year with sufficient openings to accommodate 70% of the PTO time in weekly increments in the unit. A minimum of one slot per week will be made available. An employee will be required to bid a minimum of 50% but no more than 70% of their time.

b.) By November 15, the manager will post the schedule of vacation selection appointments. Appointments are scheduled in descending seniority order. A slot refers to the number of shifts of PTO time available on the clinical unit, which is the equivalent of one FTE on that unit. A partial slot is an individual shift of vacation time within a slot. In any unit where LPN's currently select PTO separately, this practice will continue.

c.) Preference in selecting PTO time in each unit will be in accordance with seniority provided an employee designates his/her desired PTO requests at the date and time indicated.

d.) Round 1: Each Employee will be able to pick 50% of their PTO allotment by descending seniority order. Round 2: An employee may choose to select an additional 20% but not more than 70% of their total PTO allotment by descending seniority throughout the year. Round 3: An employee who has not selected any vacation during prime time may, at a 3rd sign up period, select partial PTO slots that are available throughout the year but in no more than 2 weeks during prime time. A maximum of 2-week PTO/FTE equivalents may be converted to use as individual days in the third bidding process. Eligible employees will make selections in this 3rd sign up period in descending seniority
order. Selections will not affect normal weekend requirements in those units with a regular weekend work rotation. The total number of slots or partial slots will not be increased or decreased by this process that will be completed by December 15th. Weekend employees may pre-schedule PTO during this third bidding process.

e.) After December 15, an employee may exercise seniority only for unfilled time periods or periods that later become vacant on the PTO schedule which are a full week or more. Unfilled slots will remain posted on the unit. Requests for any remaining unfilled weeks or weeks that become available will be posted for seven days and then granted by seniority.

f.) The manager or designee will approve the employee's request for vacation time in writing at the time of selection.

g.) At no time will any employee be able to schedule more than two (2) full weeks during Prime-time.

Section 9. A minimum of one (1) week PTO (equivalent to an employee’s FTE) will be scheduled in the period of time from the first full pay period in the PTO benefit year, through the end of the thirteenth (13th) full pay period of the PTO benefit year with the following conditions.

a.) Any employee that takes carryover time during this time frame will have been deemed to have satisfied this requirement.

b.) Employees will not be required to go into negative PTO for the purpose of meeting this requirement.

c.) Days taken as individual PTO days will count towards meeting this requirement.

Section 10. Full weeks of PTO take priority over single days of PTO provided requests are submitted on time.

SEIU WCHOB PROFESSIONAL

Section 1. The Union and the Employer are aware that there are differences in how each department schedules time off. It is the intent of this Agreement that these practices shall continue for the life of this Agreement. However, if a majority of bargaining unit employees in a department vote to amend the existing practice, the Employer and the Union agree to address any resulting proposal to amend said practice through the Labor Management Committee process.

Section 2. Requests for PTO of one (1) or more consecutive weeks shall be requested on the appropriate form. When there is a conflict in PTO selection between two (2) or more employees, the highest seniority shall govern.
Section 3. Vacation schedules for management and non-union employees may not interfere with the scheduling of bargaining unit employees.

Section 4. PTO requests will not be unreasonably denied.

Section 5. Should an employee desire to change an approved vacation, the employee must submit the change at least thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the scheduled vacation.

Section 6. When a transfer to another cost center or change in status occurs, approved vacation requests must be resubmitted. However, every attempt will be made to accommodate the employee’s previously approved vacation schedule.

Section 7. A minimum of one (1) week PTO (equivalent to an employee’s FTE) will be scheduled in the period of time from the first full pay period in the PTO benefit year, through the end of the thirteenth (13th) full pay period of the PTO benefit year with the following conditions.

a.) Any employee that takes carryover time during this time frame will have been deemed to have satisfied this requirement.

b.) Employees will not be required to go into negative PTO for the purpose of meeting this requirement.

c.) Days taken as individual PTO days will count towards meeting this requirement.

Section 8. Employees may use PTO in increments of fifteen (15) minutes or more, on a day to day basis, with the approval of the manager/supervisor. Employees may not utilize this minimum PTO to mask and attendance or tardiness problem.

Section 9. Full weeks of PTO take priority over single days of PTO provided requests are submitted on time.

Section 10. PTO schedules for employees from other bargaining units, may not interfere with employees of this bargaining unit. PTO schedules for management employees may not interfere with the scheduling of bargaining unit personnel.

SEIU NURSE PRACTITIONER

Section 1. The Union and the Employer are aware that there are differences in how each department schedules time off. It is the intent of this Agreement that these practices shall continue for the life of the Agreement. However, if a majority of bargaining unit employees in a department vote to amend the existing practice, the Employer and the Union agree to address any resulting proposal to amend said practice through the Labor Management Committee process.
Section 2. Requests for PTO of one (1) or more consecutive weeks shall be requested on the appropriate form. When there is a conflict in PTO selection between two (2) or more employees, the highest seniority shall govern. However, when there is a conflict in PTO selection in departments where there are only two (2) employees and where both have more than five (5) years or more of seniority, the less senior employee will receive first selection in alternate years.

Section 3. Vacation schedules for management and non-union employees may not interfere with the scheduling of bargaining unit employees.

Section 4. PTO requests will not be unreasonably denied.

Section 5. Should an employee desire to change an approved vacation, the employee must submit the change at least thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the scheduled vacation.

Section 6. When a transfer to another cost center or change in status occurs, approved vacation requests must be resubmitted. However, every attempt will be made to accommodate the employee's previously approved vacation schedule.

Section 7. A minimum of one (1) week PTO (equivalent to an employee’s FTE) will be scheduled in the period of time from the first full pay period in the PTO benefit year, through the end of the thirteenth (13th) full pay period of the PTO benefit year with the following conditions.

a.) Any employee that takes carryover time during this time frame will have been deemed to have satisfied this requirement.

b.) Employees will not be required to go into negative PTO for the purpose of meeting this requirement.

c.) Days taken as individual PTO days will count towards meeting this requirement.

Section 8. Full weeks of PTO take priority over single days of PTO provided requests are submitted on time.

Section 9. Under no circumstances may any PTO under this contract be used in increments of less than fifteen (15) minutes. Employees may not utilize this minimum PTO to mask an attendance or tardiness problem.

Section 10. PTO schedules for employees from other bargaining units, may not interfere with employees of this bargaining unit. Vacation schedules for management and non-union employees may not interfere with the scheduling of bargaining unit personnel.
SEIU WCHOB TECHNICAL

Section 1. Request for PTO days/weeks are selected within the Calendar year by employees in seniority order from the highest to lowest seniority. Employees will pick PTO equivalent to their employment status. Employees are allowed to pick two full weeks of PTO in the first selection process: except that employees may pick any amount of time during January 2 - March 31.

Section 2. After all employees pick their first two full weeks, then the remaining time (full weeks or single days) will be picked in the second round by order of seniority.

Section 3. Only two weeks may be picked during prime-time, unless after the first round pick, Prime-time weeks are still available.

Section 4. PTO requests must be submitted in writing for the first round by November 15th and the second round by January 15th. Managers will provide written approval as soon as practicable but no later than December 15th and February 15th respectively. After submission of written requests, the department manager or designee will speak with each employee in order of seniority. During the discussion the employee will be told if the PTO they requested has already been filled. If so, the employee will be informed of available PTO and employee may make an alternate choice of available PTO and get immediate approval.

Section 5. A minimum of one (1) week PTO (equivalent to an employee’s FTE) will be scheduled in the period of time from the first full pay period in the PTO benefit year, through the end of the thirteenth (13th) full pay period of the PTO benefit year with the following conditions.

a.) Any employee that takes carryover time during this time frame will have been deemed to have satisfied this requirement.

b.) Employees will not be required to go into negative PTO for the purpose of meeting this requirement.

c.) Days taken as individual PTO days will count towards meeting this requirement.

Section 6. Requests will be granted in seniority order except when an employee with certain competencies is required and no employee with less seniority is qualified.

Section 7. If an employee leaves (quits or on DBL, WC or on a Leave), resigns or is terminated or otherwise vacates her/his position the weeks of approved PTO that employee has chosen will be posted if staffing allows additional time off and a new selection process based on seniority and including these weeks must take place.
Section 8. A PTO calendar will be posted for employees to view throughout the year and must be kept updated. After the second round of PTO selection, any incidental days/weeks of PTO will be granted on a first come first serve basis.

Section 9. Full weeks of PTO take priority over single days of PTO provided requests are submitted on time.

Section 10. An employee may bid on any open week or switch PTO days by mutual consent with another employee if he/she is out on DBL or Workers Compensation during the period of his/her previously approved PTO.

Section 11. In a situation where a department closes for a holiday, a part-time employee must request an additional day off if they choose to reduce their work week. Without this request, the manager will schedule such holiday as a regular day off for that week, provided it is not a required holiday for the employee to work.

Section 12. Requests for single PTO days will be approved or denied on the PTO approval form. Any employee who has been denied single PTO requests two or more times, will have the option to request a review by the site staffing committee.

Section 13. If an employee changes job titles or shifts every effort will be made to maintain the approved PTO.

Section 14. PTO schedules for employees from other bargaining units, may not interfere with employees of this bargaining unit. Time off for per diems, temporary employees, management, non-union and agency employees may not affect the approval of PTO for bargaining unit employees.

Section 15. Employees may use PTO in increments of fifteen (15) minutes or more, on a day to day basis, with the approval of the manager/supervisor. Employees may not utilize this minimum PTO to mask and attendance or tardiness problem.

SEIU BUSINESS OFFICE CLERICAL

Section 1. The Union and the Employer are aware that there are differences in how each department schedules time off; it is the intent of this Agreement that these practices shall continue for the life of this Agreement.

Section 2. Requests for PTO of one (1) or more consecutive weeks shall be requested on the appropriate form. When there is a conflict in PTO selection between two (2) or more employees, the highest seniority shall govern. Employees shall be notified of approval or denial within thirty (30) calendar days from the date requests are due. It is also understood that individual PTO days will not be unreasonably denied.
Section 3. PTO schedules for employees from other bargaining units, may not interfere with employees of this bargaining unit. Vacation schedules for management and non-union employees may not interfere with the scheduling of bargaining unit employees.

Section 4. Should an employee desire to change an approved vacation, the employee must submit the change at least thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the scheduled vacation.

Section 5. When a transfer to another cost center or change in status occurs, approved vacation requests must be resubmitted. However, every attempt will be made to accommodate the employee’s previously approved vacation schedule.

Section 6. Full weeks of PTO take priority over single days of PTO provided requests are submitted on time.

Section 7. A minimum of one (1) week PTO (equivalent to an employee’s FTE) will be scheduled in the period of time from the first full pay period in the PTO benefit year, through the end of the thirteenth (13th) full pay period of the PTO benefit year with the following conditions.

   a.) Any employee that takes carryover time during this time frame will have been deemed to have satisfied this requirement.

   b.) Employees will not be required to go into negative PTO for the purpose of meeting this requirement.

   c.) Days taken as individual PTO days will count towards meeting this requirement.

Section 8. Employees may use PTO in increments of fifteen (15) minutes or more, on a day to day basis, with the approval of the manager/supervisor. Employees may not utilize this minimum PTO to mask and attendance or tardiness problem.

SEIU WCHOB CLERICAL

Section 1. The Union and the Employer are aware that there are differences in how each department schedules time off; it is the intent of this Agreement that these practices shall continue for the life of this Agreement.

Section 2. Requests for PTO of one (1) or more consecutive weeks shall be requested on the appropriate form. When there is a conflict in PTO selection between two (2) or more employees, the highest seniority shall govern. Employees shall be notified of approval or denial within thirty (30) calendar days from the date requests are due. It is also understood that individual PTO days will not be unreasonably denied.
Section 3. PTO schedules for employees from other bargaining units, may not interfere with employees of this bargaining unit. Vacation schedules for management and non-union employees may not interfere with the scheduling of bargaining unit employees.

Section 4. Should an employee desire to change an approved vacation, the employee must submit the change at least thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the scheduled vacation.

Section 5. When a transfer to another cost center or change in status occurs, approved vacation requests must be resubmitted. However, every attempt will be made to accommodate the employee’s previously approved vacation schedule.

Section 6. Full weeks of PTO take priority over single days of PTO provided requests are submitted on time.

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a.) Any employee that takes carryover time during this time frame will have been deemed to have satisfied this requirement.

b.) Employees will not be required to go into negative PTO for the purpose of meeting this requirement.

c.) Days taken as individual PTO days will count towards meeting this requirement.

Section 8. Employees may use PTO in increments of fifteen (15) minutes or more, on a day to day basis, with the approval of the manager/supervisor. Employees may not utilize this minimum PTO to mask and attendance or tardiness problem.

\textbf{SEIU WCHOB SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE}

Section 1. Requests for PTO of one (1) or more consecutive weeks shall be requested on the appropriate form as follows:

a.) By November 1st of the preceding year for all time requests for, February, March, April and May;

b.) By March 1st for June, July, August and September; and

c.) By July 1st for October, November, December and January.

Requests submitted after these dates will be considered in the order in which they are received. When there is a conflict in PTO selection between two (2) or more employees, the highest seniority date shall govern. Employees shall be notified of approval or denial within thirty (30) calendar days from the date requests are due.
Section 2. A minimum of one (1) week PTO (equivalent to an employee’s FTE) will be scheduled in the period of time from the first full pay period in the PTO benefit year, through the end of the thirteenth (13th) full pay period of the PTO benefit year with the following conditions.

a.) Any employee that takes carryover time during this time frame will have been deemed to have satisfied this requirement.

b.) Employees will not be required to go into negative PTO for the purpose of meeting this requirement.

c.) Days taken as individual PTO days will count towards meeting this requirement.

Section 3. PTO will be limited to two (2) weeks total time for any employee during the prime time from June 15th through Labor Day.

Section 4. PTO schedules for employees from other bargaining units, may not interfere with employees of this bargaining unit. Vacation schedules for management and non-union employees may not interfere with the scheduling of bargaining unit personnel.

Section 5. Should an employee desire to change an approved vacation, the employee should submit the change at least thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the month in which the vacation is requested. The employee's request shall be accommodated if possible.

Section 6. Approved vacations may not be changed when personnel must transfer, without the consent of the employee; in instance of layoff, unit closings or transfers because of an administrative decision. In each of the above instances, approved vacation requests will be honored. When a transfer to another cost center or change in status occurs, at the employee's request, approved vacation requests must be resubmitted. However, every attempt will be made to accommodate the employee's previously approved vacation schedule.

Section 7. Full weeks of PTO take priority over single days of PTO provided requests are submitted on time.

Section 8. Employees may use PTO in increments of fifteen (15) minutes or more, on a day to day basis, with the approval of the manager/supervisor. Employees may not utilize this minimum PTO to mask an attendance or tardiness problem.

IUOE DEGRAFF MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Section 1. Requests for PTO of one (1) or more consecutive weeks shall be requested on the appropriate form as follows:

a.) by November 1st of the preceding year for all requests from January 1st to March 31st;
b.) by January 1st for all requests from April 1st to June 30th,
c.) by March 1st for all requests from July 1st to September 30th,
d.) by July 1st for all requests from October 1st to December 31st.

Requests submitted after these dates will be approved based on availability of weeks left to schedule after all requests that were received on time have been approved and scheduled. Employees will be notified of approved PTO no later than two (2) weeks after the cutoff dates outlined above. All time requests shall be scheduled subject to the staffing requirements of the department.

Section 2. A minimum of one (1) week PTO (equivalent to an employee’s FTE) will be scheduled in the period of time from the first full pay period in the PTO benefit year, through the end of the thirteenth (13th) full pay period of the PTO benefit year with the following conditions.

a.) Any employee that takes carryover time during this time frame will have been deemed to have satisfied this requirement.
b.) Employees will not be required to go into negative PTO for the purpose of meeting this requirement.
c.) Days taken as individual PTO days will count towards meeting this requirement.

Section 3. For PTO requests during the period of time between May 15th to September 15th at least one (1) week will be granted. All requests for a second week of vacation during this time period shall be considered and granted, if possible, before any individual’s request for three (3) weeks or more is considered.

Section 4. Where there is a conflict in approving PTO selection, the highest seniority date shall govern. Requests for PTO of one (1) or more weeks that include a major holiday shall be granted by seniority on a rotating basis. If a regularly scheduled weekend to work falls during a scheduled period, such weekend must be made up, based upon departmental/unit needs. The department/unit’s weekend staffing schedule may need to be adjusted to accommodate vacations, as per Master Agreement Article 12, Hours of Work and Work Schedules.

Section 5. Should the employee desire to change an approved vacation, the employee should submit the change at least thirty (30) days prior to the first (1st) day of the month in which the vacations is requested.

Section 6. Requests for the use of incidental PTO of less than one (1) week must be submitted by the first work day of the week preceding the work week in which the time is requested. A reasonable attempt will be made to act upon such requests for one (1) or more
days, one (1) week in advance. Once scheduled, PTO for one (1) or more days will not be rescheduled unless there is a valid need, and the employee is notified as soon as practicable. Under no circumstances may any PTO under this contract be used in increments of less than fifteen (15) minutes. Employees may not utilize this minimum PTO to mask an attendance or tardiness problem.

Article 28
Flexible Benefit Plan

Section 1. The Employer will make available to full-time and part-time employees a flexible benefit plan. The flexible benefit plan includes the following options:

a.) Kaleida Health Spectrum of Choices Health Plan;
b.) Kaleida Health Dental Plan;
c.) Health Care Flexible Spending Account;
d.) Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account;
e) Employee Supplement Life Insurance;
f.) Dependent Life Insurance (Spouse/Child);
g.) Supplemental Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance;
h.) Long Term Disability Insurance.

Section 2. The Flexible Benefit Plan is an IRS Section 125 Cafeteria Plan. Employee elections may be made when employees become eligible or during the annual open enrollment period. Elections may be changed only during open enrollment periods, or within thirty (30) days of a qualified family status change as defined by the Internal Revenue Service.

Section 3. Employee contributions to health plan premiums, dental plan premiums and the medical and dental flexible spending accounts will be deducted from employees’ pay on a pre-tax basis. Employee contributions to supplemental life, dependent life, accidental death and dismemberment and long term disability insurance will be deducted from employees’ pay on an after-tax basis.

Section 4. Flexible Spending Accounts: Employees may contribute pre-tax dollars from their pay to a health care and/or dependent care flexible spending account, up to $3,000 per year or the maximum allowable by law to the health care spending account, whichever is less, up to $5,000 to the dependent care flexible spending account and will be reimbursed for eligible expenses as defined in the plan document.

Section 5. Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D): Employees may elect AD&D coverage for themselves and eligible dependents. This coverage supplements any employer-provided AD&D coverage.

Section 6. Long Term Disability:
Employees may elect long term disability insurance for themselves. Plan descriptions are available in all Human Resource departments.

Section 7. The Employer will provide all employees who participate in a group life insurance, group Long Term Disability and Group Health Insurance with a plan description from the provider.

Section 8. Employees may elect to purchase additional supplemental short term disability insurance for themselves. Policy descriptions are available from the insurance provider. Short term disability, premiums will be deducted from employees’ pay on an after tax basis.

**Article 29**

**Medical and Prescription Drug Benefits**

Section 1. The Employer will continue to provide the Premium medical and prescription drug plan available to all eligible full-time and part-time employees covered by this Agreement hired prior to the effective date of this successor agreement. Additionally, employees hired prior to August 1, 2013 will have the option to participate in the Master Align Plan on a voluntary basis during open enrollment. Employees hired prior to August 1, 2013 will not be required to join the Master Align Plan.

The parties agree that Management may design and offer an incentive program to employees hired prior to August 1, 2013 to voluntarily enroll in the Master Align Plan. The parties agree to meet and negotiate over the design of any offered incentive plan.

Thereafter, all employees hired after August 1, 2013 shall be provided medical and prescription drug coverage under the Master Align Plan as detailed in section 15 herein.

Section 2. The Kaleida Health Spectrum of Choices Plan is administered by a third party administrator (TPA) for the medical benefits and a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) will manage the prescription drug plan. The Employer will not change the medical plan provisions or benefits without the mutual consent of the Union.

Section 3. Eligible employees may apply for the medical and prescription drug coverage at the time of employment, when they transfer to an eligible status, within thirty (30) days of a qualified family status change, or during the annual open enrollment period held each November with coverage becoming effective the following January 1. An eligible employee may select single or family coverage.

Section 4. Coverage will begin on the first day of the month following or coinciding with completion of sixty (60) calendar days of employment for new hires. Employees may elect to begin coverage on the following January 1 provided the employee has already completed sixty (60) days of employment. An eligible employee may select single or family coverage. Employees may elect to
begin coverage the first of the month following hire by incurring one hundred (100%) percent of the group plan cost.

Section 5. For employees who transfer to an eligible status, eligibility for coverage begins on the first day of the month following the status change, provided the employee has already completed sixty (60) calendar days of employment. Employees may elect to begin coverage the first of the month following transfer by incurring one hundred (100%) percent of the group plan cost.

Section 6. Employees who terminate employment with Kaleida for any reason will continue their medical and prescription drug coverage to the last day of the month of termination. Deductions will be taken from the employee’s final pay check.

Section 7. The Employer will contribute toward the cost of medical and prescription drug coverage a percentage amount based on the employee’s employment status as outlined below:

a.) Full-time single 93.17%

b.) Full-time family 95.5%

c.) Part-time single 77.6%

d.) Part-time family 79.6%

Effective January 1, 2012, BGH RN and TCC Bargaining Unit employees hired into the bargaining unit on or before July 12, 2005 and currently grandfathered in medical and prescription drug plan contributions, will contribute twenty-five percent (25%) of the dollar amount outlined in a.), b.), c.) and d.) above.

Contributions to premium payments by the Employer shall not begin until the first of the month following sixty (60) days of employment. For changes in employment status, employee contributions will begin/change on the first day of the month following the status change.

Section 8. Employees who retire from Kaleida Health will be eligible to participate in the health plan they are enrolled in at time of retirement or switch to Medicare plan offered by the same carrier of the plan they participate in at time of retirement subject to the insurance company’s underwriting requirements. The retiree will be responsible for one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the plan. The exception shall be as follows:

a.) Employees of the DeGraff Memorial Hospital, Technical/Clerical/Service bargaining unit, with fifteen (15) years of service and who have attained age forty-five (45) and those employees with (10) years of service and have attained age fifty-one (51) as of December 31, 1995 will be entitled to health insurance coverage into retirement in the same method as in existence for active employees.

b.) Full-time employees of the DeGraff Memorial Hospital, Maintenance bargaining unit with a hire date of May 31, 1993 who retire, will be entitled to health insurance coverage into retirement. The Employer will contribute thirty percent (30%) toward the
premium payments of retiree health insurance. Such Employer contributions shall be based on the annual rates of the lowest cost plan offered.

Section 9. All employees covered by this Agreement and hired before August 1, 2011 will be eligible to waive medical coverage and elect to receive a $60.00 opt-out cash payment for full-time employees and part-time employees. This cash payment will be applied to the first two (2) pay periods of each month (twenty-four [24] pay periods per year). Employees must complete the enrollment process and elect the opt-out credit in order to receive these payments.

Section 10. A five hundred dollar ($500) inpatient hospital co-pay will be incurred at all non-Kaleida facilities with the following exceptions:

a.) Kaleida doesn’t offer the service;
b.) in an Emergency can go to the nearest hospital;c.) if an out of town emergency occur;d.) Roswell Park Cancer Institute services.

Section 11. The following prescription drug co-pays will apply:

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Section 12. The following prescription drug co-pays will apply to the Master Align Plan:

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The mail order program and maintenance drug program will continue at the three (3) months of prescription for two (2) months of co-pay level.

Section 13. During the life of this Agreement all employees and their covered dependents who participate in the Master Align Plan, may submit invoice(s) or detailed receipt(s) to the Employee Benefits Department for a reimbursement for copay expenses as detailed in the chart contained in Section 15.

(For example: An employee who chooses to go to a PCP in the BC/BS WNY Network that has a $30 co-pay shall be reimbursed $15.)

a.) PCP Office visits within the BC/BS WNY Network

b.) Specialist Office visits within the BC/BS WNY Network
c.) Outpatient surgery services within the Optimum Choice Network

d.) Diagnostic x-rays including MRI within the Optimum Choice Network

e.) Occupational, Speech, and Physical Therapy services within the BC/BS WNY Network

f.) Emergency Room visits

g.) Emergency Ambulance services (medically necessary)

h.) Urgent Care Visits within the Optimum Choice Network

Section 14. The Employer and the Unions agree that the Medical Plan Awareness Committee will meet for the purpose of resolving issues relative to problems that may arise from the medical and prescription drug plan, in particular the Premium Medical and Prescription Drug Plan and the Master Align Plan. Committee meetings will begin in September 2013, and meet monthly for the first 6 months, and then every two months beginning March 2014.

Agenda items may include but are not limited to, the following:

- concerns pertaining to member enrollment
- incentives
- benefit levels
- provider network capacity
- member/provider utilization rates and access

Committee members that will be invited to committee meetings will include, but are not limited to, Kaleida Health Director of Employee Benefits or designee; bargaining unit employees; representatives from each of the affected Unions; representatives from Blue Cross/Blue Shield; and current physician providers in the plan. Employees who are union representatives will be excused from work with pay and benefits to attend the committee meetings, in accordance with Article 72, Committees.
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### Article 30

**Dental Benefits**

Section 1. The Employer will make available to all full-time and part-time employees the following coverage through the Kaleida Health Dental Plan:

a.) 100% preventive;
b.) 100% basic restorative;c.) fifty percent (50%) major restorative;d.) fifty percent (50%) orthodontics with a $1,000.00 lifetime maximum per person;
Section 2. Eligible employees may apply for coverage at the time of employment, when they transfer to an eligible status, within thirty (30) days of a qualified family status change, or during the annual open enrollment period held each Fall with coverage becoming effective January 1. An eligible employee may select single or family coverage.

Section 3. Coverage will begin on the first day of the month following completion of sixty (60) calendar days of employment for new hires. Employees may elect to begin coverage on the first day of the month following date of hire, provided the employee has already completed sixty (60) calendar days of employment if they pay the full cost.

Section 4. For employees who transfer to an eligible status, eligibility for coverage begins on the first day of the month following the status change, provided the employee has already completed sixty (60) calendar days of employment. Otherwise, coverage begins on the first day of the month following sixty (60) days of employment.

Section 5. For all employees enrolled in the Kaleida Health Dental Plan and employees hired after July 31, 2011 enrolled in the Service Employees Benefit Fund (SEBF), the Employer will pay thirty-five percent (35%) of the cost of the premium for employees who select single and ten percent (10%) family coverage in the following bargaining units:

a.) DeGraff Memorial Hospital Professional bargaining unit;
b.) DeGraff Memorial Hospital RN bargaining unit;c.) DeGraff Memorial Hospital Technical/Clerical/Service bargaining unit;d.) DeGraff Memorial Hospital Maintenance bargaining unit;e.) Millard Fillmore Hospital Laboratory Professional bargaining unit;f.) Millard Fillmore Hospital Laboratory TCC bargaining unit;g.) Millard Fillmore Hospital RN bargaining unit;h.) Millard Fillmore Hospital Technical/Clerical bargaining unit;i.) Buffalo General Hospital Professional bargaining unit;j.) Women’s and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo Clerical bargaining unit;k.) Women’s and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo Nurse Practitioner bargaining unit;l.) Women’s and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo Professional bargaining unit;m.) Women’s and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo Technical bargaining unit;n.) Kaleida Health Business Office Clerical bargaining unit.

Section 6. For employees enrolled in the Kaleida Health Dental Plan, the Employer will pay eighty-five percent (85%) of the cost of the premium for employees who select single coverage and thirty-five percent (35%) of the cost of the premium for employees who select family coverage for employees in the following bargaining units:

a.) Buffalo General Hospital RN bargaining unit;b.) Buffalo General Hospital Technical/Clerical bargaining unit.
Section 7. For Buffalo General Hospital SEIU Service/Maintenance bargaining unit employees hired before August 1, 2011 enrolled in the Service Employees Benefit Fund (SEBF) dental coverage, the Employer will continue to pay for full-time employees until one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the single premium and fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the individual plus one and family premium.

Section 8. For Millard Fillmore Hospital SEIU Service/Maintenance bargaining unit employees hired before August 1, 2011 enrolled in the SEBF dental and vision coverage the Employer will continue to pay for full-time employees eighty percent (80%) of the cost of the single premium and sixty percent (60%) of the cost of the individual plus one and family premium. The Employer will pay nothing toward the premium for part-time employees.

Section 9. The Employer will pay the premium rates listed below to the SEBF benefit fund for the life of this Agreement for employees hired before August 1, 2011 in the following bargaining units:

a.) Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo RN bargaining unit;
b.) Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo LPN bargaining unit; and

c.) Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo Service & Maintenance bargaining unit

The monthly Employer contribution rates are as follows:

**WCHOB RN bargaining unit:**

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<td>Single</td>
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<td>Single and one (1) dependent</td>
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<td>$62.50</td>
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<td>Employer Maximum Annual Contribution</td>
<td>$77,500.00</td>
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Section 10. Contributions to premium payments by the Employer shall begin the first of the month, following sixty (60) days of employment. For changes in employment status, employee contributions will begin on the first day of the month following the status change.

**Article 31**

**Hospital Discounts**

Section 1. All eligible employees and their dependents will be provided a health services discount by the Employer.

a.) Eligible employees will be defined as all full-time, part-time, per diem, laid-off and retired employees, including those on an approved leave of absence, who have completed their probationary period.

b.) Dependents will be defined as spouse/domestic partner, children, stepchildren, father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, sister, brother, stepsister, stepbrother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandparent and grandchild.

Section 2. Health service discounts shall be provided as follows:

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<tr>
<td>Hospital Room</td>
<td>100% discount on difference between private and semi-private room</td>
<td>100% discount on difference between private and semi-private room.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Inpatient Services</td>
<td>Inpatient deductible is waived when using a Kaleida Health facility up to a maximum of $500. Four (4) free valet parking passes. Free television service.</td>
<td>40% discount.</td>
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Cafeteria discount passes.

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<td>Pharmacy</td>
<td>$5 reduction on co-pays for all prescriptions filled at a Kaleida Health Retail Pharmacy. Maintenance drug prescriptions will be filled for a three (3) month time frame for a two (2) month co-pay. Over-the-counter medications available at cost plus 10% if purchased by employees at a Kaleida Health Retail participating pharmacy or gift shop. 15% discount on retail price of over-the-counter medications at Kaleida Health Retail Pharmacy.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Outpatient Services</td>
<td>75% discount on services not covered by insurance. 40% discount, including emergency department.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Eye Clinics</td>
<td>Optical services excluded. Discount applied to charges not covered by medical or vision insurance. Optical services excluded.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dental Clinics</td>
<td>Orthodontia and certain major restorative services excluded. Orthodontia and certain major restorative services excluded.</td>
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<td>Home Covered Services</td>
<td>40% discount on services not covered by insurance. 40% discount.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Insurance Copayments, Coinurance and Deductibles</td>
<td>40% discount on amounts over $15. Copayments of $15 and under waived with proof of eligibility. N/A</td>
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Section 3. There will be no telephone rental service charge for employees and dependents. All long distance charges will be paid for by the employee or dependent.

Section 4. The discounts do not apply to:

a.) Physicians’ charges;
b.) Elective cosmetic surgery;
c.) Orthodontia, certain major restorative dental services, or purchased dental appliances including dentures;
d.) In-vitro fertilization;
e.) Experimental procedures;
f.) Medical devices;
g.) Personal services;
h.) or any service which is not supplied by the Employer.

Section 5. Employee discounts will be processed as outlined below:

a.) the employee and/or eligible dependent should present his/her Family First ID card to the Patient Registration Representative at the time of registration notifying the representative that he/she is a Kaleida Health employee or dependent of a Kaleida Health employee;

b.) if the employee and/or eligible dependent does not inform the Patient Registration Representative that he/she is a Kaleida Health employee or dependent, the employee must complete an employee discount request form and present it to the Cashier’s Office with a copy of the bill;

c.) the Cashier will calculate the discount and request payment for the remaining balance if applicable.

The process for using the Kaleida Health Family First plan and the accompanying benefit summary will be included in the employee annual enrollment process.

Article 32
Life Insurance

Section 1. The Employer will provide, without cost to the employee and in accordance with the provisions of a standard group life insurance program, coverage under a group life insurance policy and coverage under a group accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) insurance policy. Each policy provides coverage that is equal to one (1) times annual base salary (rounded to the next higher one thousand dollars [$1,000]) for all active full-time and part-time employees having one (1) or more years of continuous employment.

Section 2. The coverage amount for part-time employees will be computed based on annual budget hours for the position times the hourly rate rounded to the next higher one thousand dollars ($1,000).

Section 3. The Employer shall make available to all employees eligible for the group life insurance plan, an optional Supplemental and Dependent Life Insurance plan. Employees will pay the full cost of any option they select.
a.) Eligible employees may obtain additional life insurance on themselves or purchase life insurance coverage on their spouse, dependent children, domestic partner, or any combination of the above in accordance with the provisions of the policy and subject to the underwriting requirements established by the insurance company.

b.) The employee, through payroll deduction, shall pay all supplemental life insurance premiums.

c.) Upon termination, the employee has the right to convert such supplemental insurance to an individual subscribership, in accordance with the provisions of the policy and subject to the underwriting requirements established by the insurance company.

d.) The Employer reserves the right to change carriers at any time subject to reasonable notice to the union provided such change does not result in a decrease of benefits.

Article 33
Retirement Plan

Section 1. Employees covered by this Agreement will continue to receive pension benefits under the following plans:

a.) Kaleida Health Pension Growth Plan:

1.) BGH - PROF
2.) BGH – RN
3.) BGH - SERVICE
4.) BGH – TCC
5.) DMH-PROF
6.) DMH – RN
7.) DMH – TCCS
8.) MFH – PROF
9.) MFH – RN
10.) MFH - SERVICE
11.) MFH – TCC
12.) WCHOB – Clerical
13.) WCHOB – NP
14.) WCHOB – PROF
15.) WCHOB – Technical
16.) WCHOB – Extended Role Nurses
17.) Kaleida Health – Business Office Clerical
b.) IUOE Central Pension Fund Plan:

1.) DMH – Maintenance.

c.) 1199 SEIU Regional Pension Fund:

1.) WCHOB – RN
2.) WCHOB – LPN
3.) WCHOB - SM

Section 2. For the purposes of this Article the Kaleida Health Pension Growth Plan consists of:

a.) Cash Balance formula;
b.) Buffalo General Hospital legacy formula;
c.) Millard Fillmore Hospital legacy formula ;
d.) DeGraff Memorial Hospital legacy formula.

Section 3. It is agreed that the retirement plans in existence for each of the bargaining units covered by this Master Agreement, will continue without change except as outlined below.

Section 4. Effective January 1, 2009 the legacy formulas will be closed to new entrants. New hires and rehired employees will participate in the cash balance provisions of the Kaleida Health Pension Growth Plan. Any employee employed by Kaleida Health on or prior to December 31, 2008 who is currently eligible to earn a benefit in one of the legacy formulas listed above, will continue to accrue a benefit under this formula and is referred to as a “legacy formula employee”.

Section 5. Effective January 1, 2009, the following provisions will be followed with respect to the movement of employees between bargaining units:

a.) If a legacy formula employee transfers from one covered bargaining unit into another bargaining unit covered under this Agreement, the employee will remain in the current legacy formula.

b.) If a legacy formula employee transfers from a non-union position into a bargaining unit covered under this Agreement, the employee will remain in the current legacy formula.

c.) If a legacy formula employee transfers from a bargaining unit covered under this Agreement into any non-union position, the employee will enter the cash balance provisions of the Plan and no longer be considered a legacy formula employee. He/she will retain his/her legacy formula benefit and will begin to earn a benefit under the cash balance formula effective on the date of the transfer.
d.) If a legacy formula employee transfers from a bargaining unit covered under this Agreement to a union position not covered under this Agreement, the employee will no longer be considered a legacy formula employee. He/she will retain his/her legacy formula benefit and will begin to earn a benefit under the plan applicable to the new bargaining unit.

Section 6. As of January 1, 2009 employees will no longer be able to contribute to tax sheltered annuity (TSA) programs other than the Kaleida Health Savings/Investment Plan.

Section 7. SEIU 1199 Regional Pension Plan:

For those employees participating in the Regional Pension Plan the Employer agrees to contribute the following to the 1199 SEIU Multi Employer Pension Plan:

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<th>Years of Service</th>
<th>Contribution Amount Cents/Hour</th>
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<tr>
<td>All Employees hired after 12/31/08</td>
<td>3% of Compensation</td>
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<tr>
<td>Employees hired prior to 1/1/09 with less than 25 years of service</td>
<td>RN ($1.45), LPN ($.90), SM ($.60) 4.5% of Compensation eff. 1/1/2015</td>
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<tr>
<td>Employees with 25 years of service or greater*</td>
<td>5% of Compensation</td>
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* Years of service are determined as of 12/31 of the previous year.

Section 8. The Employer agrees to continue to contribute $2.21 per hour based upon all hours worked per employee to the IUOE Central Pension Fund until December 31, 2014. Effective January 1, 2015, the employer will contribute $2.31 per hour based upon all hours worked per employee to the IUOE Central Pension Fund Plan.

Section 9. Effective upon ratification of this Agreement, the Kaleida Health Pension Growth Plan will be amended as follows. Employees who retire (as defined as the plan) at age 55 or older, with twenty (20) years of vested service, will be allowed to utilize up to one (1) year of accumulated ESB hours as compensation to extend their service credits beyond the twenty (20) years. It is understood that in the case of employees under the Cash Balance provisions, the accumulated ESB hours up to one (1) year will be translated into Pay Credits.

Section 10. The Employer and the Union agree to continue the Pension Awareness Committee. The committee will be composed of two (2) union representatives from each of the Kaleida Health Pension Growth Plans and an equal number of Employer representatives inclusive of the Director of Employee Benefits, with the understanding that additional representatives will be invited as the agenda dictates. This committee will meet quarterly for the purpose of:
a.) providing assistance to the employees who are currently enrolled in a pre-merger TSA that must evaluate and make a determination regarding conversion to the Lincoln Alliance 403(b);

b.) creating an education program for employees as to the benefits available under the various retirement formulas available in the Kaleida Pension Growth Plan;

c.) reviewing each of the formulas available under the Kaleida Health Pension Growth Plan and compare components of the formulas that include but are not limited to:

1.) changing demographics under each of the plans;
2.) annual contributions and funding levels;
3.) early retirement penalties;
4.) survivor and beneficiary options;
5.) all components of the benefit formula;
6.) evaluating issues related to Extended Sick Bank conversion at retirement; and
7.) determining costs related to increasing Employer contributions into cash balance formula as well as increasing the Employer match into the 403(b) plan.

Section 11. Effective January 1, 2015, all employees who are eligible to participate in the Kaleida Health Pension Growth Plan in the cash balance formula are eligible to receive Employer matching contributions in the Kaleida Health Savings/Investment Plan as follows:

a.) Kaleida Health will match up to fifty percent (50%) of the first four percent (4%) of qualified earnings an employee contributes to the plan.

Article 34
Restricted Duty Program

Section 1. A return to work program has been established and shall be available for those employees who become physically unable to perform the full scope of their current job for a specified amount of time due to illness or injury that results in an approved NYSDBL, Workers’ Compensation claim, or who is otherwise deemed disabled. This program will also apply to employees who become physically unable to perform the full scope of their current job, for a specified period of time, due to illness or injury.

Section 2. When an employee, currently absent due to illness or injury is deemed able to return to work with restrictions by the employees’ private medical doctor or when an employee is physically unable to perform the full scope of their job for a limited duration; Kaleida
Employee Health Department or the Integrated Absence Department shall coordinate assignments to a period of restricted duty as follows:

a.) Based on the medical documentation provided or medical documentation obtained by the DCA, the Employer may request a return to work physical or Fit for Duty Exam (FFDE).

b.) When required, the Employee Health Service provider will perform the return to work physical, within five (5) calendar days of such request to determine the appropriateness for placement of the employee into restricted duty or full duty.

c.) In cases involving an employee on disability or workers’ compensation, the DCA will determine in conjunction with the employee’s attending physician, and from speaking with the employee; the restrictions or diminished work capacities involved and will ensure that the restrictions are clear and stated in a way that the specific accommodations can be made. The DCA will contact the Integrated Absence Specialist to provide them with the information needed to arrange for a return to work, including the employee’s work restrictions and the duration of the restrictions.

d.) In situations where the employee is not off from work due to the disability, these decisions will be made by the Employer’s Employee Health Service.

e.) The initial assignment of restricted duty will be for a period not to exceed six (6) weeks and renewable for a second six (6) week period. If an employee’s restrictions require an extension of these time frames, such extension must be accompanied by appropriate medical documentation from a physician indicating the restrictions as well as the projected full duty return to work date. The Union (s) will be advised of any such extension. The maximum duration of a restricted duty assignment will not exceed six (6) months.

f.) Assignment to a restricted duty position will be at the employee’s current base rate of pay, and category of employment, in a corporate priority project, site priority project, in the employee’s home department, or in other departments at the employee’s site as determined by the Corporate Integrated Absence Specialist.

g.) It is understood that an employee’s restriction may require that he/she work less hours than the normal category of employment requirements. In that instance, the category of employment requirements will be waived. If an employee works in a restricted duty capacity and disability or workers’ compensation payments are reduced or eliminated, the employee will be entitled to banked time from their Extended Sick Bank to ensure a full pay check. The employee and the Employer may mutually agree to waive the shift requirement.

h.) The Employer shall provide a minimum of three (3) days written notice to the employee of the requirement to return to work.
i.) If an employee is a candidate for restricted duty and the work assignment is made suitable to his/her physical condition, skill and qualification, that employee must report to work in that position. If the assignment is at another site, reporting to work at that site is optional. The Integrated Absence Specialist must be advised if the employee opts not to report to a site other than his/her own.

j.) Regardless of the work assignment all benefits and provisions of the employee's collective bargaining agreement will apply.

Section 3. An employee on restricted duty will not be used to cover a vacant position unless the employee is released to perform all of the assigned duties of that position.

Section 4. The Employer will maintain a record of restricted duty assignments. The record will be reviewed four (4) times each year as an agenda item on the Oversight Committee agenda. Recommendations to improve and/or modify the program will be made by the committee.

Section 5. If there is a disagreement between the employee’s attending physician and the Employee Health Department in regard to ability to return to work under a restricted duty assignment, an independent medical exam may be required. Such exam will be paid for by the Employer.

**Article 35**

**Leave of Absence**

Section 1. A leave of absence without pay may be granted to all full-time and part-time employees covered by this agreement after one (1) year of continuous employment for the following reasons:

a.) compelling personal;
b.) educational purposes;
c.) union business;
d.) extended personal illness; and
e.) per the Family and Medical Leave Act.

Section 2. Leaves of absence shall not exceed six (6) consecutive months in duration. Employees may request a six (6) consecutive month extension before the end of the original six (6) month period. A request for leave of absence will not be denied arbitrarily. Requests for a leave of absence for maternity reasons will be granted. Requests for a leave of absence will not be approved for an employee who is working for another Employer, unless the second job was held prior to the leave request or in a business owned by the employee, during the course of the leave of absence.

Section 3. An employee’s application for a leave of absence must be made in writing to their supervisor, and except cases of emergency, must be submitted at least thirty (30) calendar days
in advance of the date the leave is requested to begin and a response will be provided to the employee within seven (7) calendar days. The request must include the beginning and ending dates of the leave being requested. If the request is granted it shall be the employee’s responsibility to arrange for coverage of the cost of any employee benefit programs they wish to continue during the leave of absence. The Employer will not contribute toward the cost of any employee benefit program other than basic life insurance while an employee is on a leave of absence, with the exception of a leave of absence under the FMLA (see Section 8 below). Failure to make such arrangements with the Corporate Benefits Department will be cause for the Employer to terminate the benefits during the leave of absence.

Section 4. Leaves of absence will be granted automatically to eligible employees in the case of a workers’ compensation or disability dispute; however granting of the leave is contingent upon certification of workers’ compensation or disability. An employee requesting a leave of absence for extended personal illness will be entitled to one leave of absence no longer than six (6) months in duration. Upon return to work from such leave, the employee will be returned to a position of equal rank and status if such a position is available. Every reasonable effort will be made for an employee to return to the position held when the leave began. If there is no such position, the employee would then be placed on layoff status.

Section 5. Emergency leaves of absence will be granted upon request in the following circumstances:

a.) to pregnant employees where there is a potential threat to the employee’s pregnancy;

b.) serious illness or injury of an immediate family member, domestic partner or dependent; and

c.) for a death in the immediate family, including domestic partner.

Section 6. Employees (7 for CWA, 5 for SEIU and 2 for IUOE) who are elected or appointed to office in the Union which represents the employees in the bargaining unit covered by this Agreement will be granted a leave of absence. Such leave of absence shall be without pay, without loss of seniority, and with continuation of health insurance, life insurance, retirement and dental benefits. Employees on such leave shall not be eligible to participate in the 403 (b) program. It is the employee’s responsibility to arrange for coverage, pay for any applicable premiums and arrange for the coverage of any deductions usually taken from salary checks for these benefits and failure to make such arrangements with the Human Resources Department will be cause for the Employer to terminate the benefits during the leave of absence. Application for a leave of absence under this section shall be made as outlined in Section 2 above. The employee will return to last prior position. If the position has been filled, the least senior employee on the unit, in the same job title, category and shift will be subject to layoff.

Section 7. The granting of a leave of absence will protect the employee’s hire date for all purposes for which a hire date is used. If an employee returns from a leave of absence within ninety (90) days, or up to a semester for an educational leave, from the effective date of the leave, then he/she will be returned to his/her original position. If an employee returns after
ninety (90) days, or up to a semester for an educational leave, from the effective date of the leave, then he/she will be returned to a position of equal rank and status if such a position is available. Every reasonable effort will be made for an employee to return to the position held when the leave began. If there is no such position, the employee would then be placed on layoff status. It is understood that once an employee is on layoff status, that employee will be entitled to all recall rights outlined in the Article 43, Seniority. An employee returning from a leave of absence should contact their department head and Human Resources at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the expected return date to determine whether a suitable position is available.

Section 8. The returning employee may need to obtain medical clearance from the Employer’s Employee Health physician, or designee, prior to returning to work following a leave of absence. If an employee is not medically cleared to return to work, they will be eligible to apply for New York State Disability. Employees returning to work following a leave of absence for other than personal illness shall obtain medical clearance only if they missed their yearly health screens while on leave. Employees returning to work from a leave of absence must make arrangements with the Corporate Benefits Department to re-enroll in their benefits.

Section 9. Failure to return to work on the first work day following expiration of a leave of absence or an extension thereof, will be considered as a voluntary termination of employment, except in instances when the expiration date of an approved leave of absence falls within a period for which the employee is receiving New York State Disability benefits.

Section 10. Employees who take a leave of absence may return to work prior to the scheduled expiration date of the leave after complying with Sections 7 and 8 above.

Section 11. Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

a.) An unpaid personal leave of up to twelve (12) weeks during any twelve (12) month period related to a family medical necessity, for employees covered by this Agreement, will be granted under the provisions of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and this collective bargaining agreement. Family medical necessity will be defined as:

(1) For a birth, or placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care and to care for such new child.
(2) In order to provide care for a son, daughter, spouse, parent, or domestic partner who has been diagnosed with a “serious health condition”.
(3) For a leave for the employee's own "serious health condition", if the condition makes the employee unable to perform the daily functions of his/her position.

If an employee’s spouse is also an employee, each may take twelve (12) weeks of leave as provided herein.
b.) Leaves of absence will be granted under the provisions of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 under the same terms and mechanisms outlined in Sections 1. and 2. or after the employee has reached 1150 hours of service, inclusive of all paid time-off, and union representation time, paid or unpaid, during the twelve (12) month period preceding the leave. The form to be utilized in applying for all leaves should be obtained from Human Resources.

c.) The following definitions shall be applicable:

(1) Son or daughter – a biological, adopted or foster child, step child, legal ward or child of a person standing in “loco parentis,”.

(2) Dependent – a person who the employee will claim as a dependent on their federal income tax for the year in which the leave is taken.

(3) Serious health condition – an illness, injury, impairment or physical or mental condition involving either:

   (a) Inpatient Care involving at least an overnight stay in a hospital, hospice or residential medical care facility. FMLA leave based on this portion of the definition also extends to any period of “incapacity” (defined as inability to work due to the serious health condition or recovery from that condition), and any subsequent treatment (including examinations to determine the existence of a serious health condition), in connection with the inpatient care.

   OR

   (b) Continuing Treatment by a health care provider. FMLA leave based on this portion of the definition is available in any one or more of the circumstances described in (A) – (E) below:

   (A) A period of incapacity of more than three (3) consecutive calendar days and any subsequent treatment or period of incapacity relating to the same condition that also involves:

   (i) treatment two or three times by a health care provider (or by others, under the supervision of or on orders of or referral by a health care provider), or

   (ii) treatment by a health care provider on at least one occasion that results in a regiment of continuing treatment (e.g., a course of prescription medication or therapy requiring special equipment) under the supervision of the health care provider.
(B) Any period of incapacity due to pregnancy, or for prenatal care.

(C) Any period of incapacity, or treatment for such incapacity, due to a chronic serious health condition, which is defined as one that:

(i) requires periodic visits to a health care provider;

(ii) continues over an extended period of time; and

(iii) may cause episodic rather than a continuing period of incapacity (e.g., asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, etc.).

(D) A period of incapacity which is permanent or long term due to a condition for which treatment may not be effective. The employee or family member, dependent or domestic partner must be under the continuing supervision or, but need not be receiving active treatment by, a health care provider. (Examples include Alzheimer, severe stroke, or the terminal stages of a disease).

(E) Any period of absence to receive multiple treatments (including any period of recovery) by a health care provider (or under orders of, or on referral by, a health care provider), either for restorative surgery after an accident or injury, or for a condition that if left untreated would likely result in a period of incapacity of more than three (3) consecutive calendar days, such as cancer (chemotherapy, radiation, etc.), severe arthritis (physical therapy), and kidney disease (dialysis).

d.) An eligible health care provider could be a doctor of medicine, an osteopathic doctor, a podiatrist, a dentist, a clinical psychologist, an optometrist, a chiropractor (for certain conditions), a nurse practitioner or nurse midwife, or certain Christian Scientist practitioners.

e.) An employee may take intermittent leave or may work a reduced leave schedule to reduce the usual number of hours per day or work week, as provided for by the FMLA. Prior approval, as per the FMLA, will be required. An approved request for intermittent FMLA leave is active for a maximum of one (1) year and must be reapproved if intermittent leave is still needed. The employee may periodically be required to provide re-certification of the need for intermittent FMLA leave, but not greater than once in a thirty (30) day period. The Employer will require medical certification of a serious health condition from the employee’s physician. Once the leave is certified, Corporate Benefits shall have the sole responsibility
for requiring re-certification. Failure to provide medical certification when required may result in denial of the leave.

f.) A “rolling” twelve (12) month period measured backward from the date an employee uses any FLMA leave is used to determine the “twelve (12) month period” in which the twelve (12) weeks of leave entitlement occurs.

g.) Eligibility for leave based upon the birth or adoption of a child expires at the end of the twelve (12) month period beginning on the date of birth or placement.

h.) In cases where the leave is foreseeable, the employee must provide the Employer with at least thirty (30) days advance notice of the leave. If the leave must begin in less than thirty (30) days, the employee should notify the Employer at the earliest time possible. If an employee fails to provide thirty (30) days notice for a foreseeable leave with no reasonable excuse for the delay, the leave may be denied until at least thirty (30) days from the day notice is provided.

i.) Employees on a leave of absence granted under the provisions of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 for illness of a family member will be entitled to medical and dental insurance coverage for a period of twelve (12) weeks if such employees are currently participating in the medical and dental plans. The twelve (12) week period of jointly paid health insurance, will include any period of disability for which the Employer has paid its share of the health insurance premiums.

j.) Any employee on a leave of absence granted under the provisions of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 for a period not to exceed twelve (12) weeks will be returned to his/her job at the end of the leave. If the leave exceeds twelve (12) weeks, he/she will be returned to a position of equal rank and status.

k.) The time period for any period of absence which can be covered by FMLA, including NYS Disability or Workers’ Compensation shall include and run concurrent with the time period for any leave required by the Family and Medical Leave Act.

l.) Care for Relative in the Armed Forces

A qualifying employee (reached 1150 hours of service, inclusive of all paid time-off and union representation time, paid or unpaid, during the twelve (12) month period preceding the leave) will be permitted to take up to twenty-six (26) work weeks of unpaid leave during a twelve month period to care for a spouse, child, parent, domestic partner, dependent or next of kin in the Armed Forces (including the reserves and National Guard) who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, therapy, is otherwise in an outpatient status, or is otherwise on temporary disability retired list, for a serious injury or illness. The injury or
illness must have occurred on active duty and may render the service member medically unfit to perform the duties of the service member’s office, grade, or rating.

Section 12. An employee granted a leave of absence under this Article, who has PTO time available, shall be required to use all hours in the PTO bank except that an employee shall not be required to take his/her PTO balance below forty (40) hours unless the employee desires to do so. No employee will be granted PTO while on a leave of absence if said employee is currently in the negative or would go negative if the approval was given. In the case of an employee taking intermittent FMLA, all time absence from work must be covered by accumulated PTO, if available.

Section 13. In addition to the leave of absence provisions afforded by the Family and Medical Leave Act and the PTO provisions (including the right to receive PTO donations from other employees) of the Master Agreement; employee who are approved for a leave of absence for the adoption of a child are entitled to the following:

a.) full-time employees may utilize up to eighty (80) hours of negative PTO;

b.) part-time employees may utilize up to forty – eight (48) hours of negative PTO; and

c.) in addition, employees may utilize these negative PTO hours at any time of the year while on a leave of absence for the adoption of a child.

Article 36
Military Leave

Section 1. Leaves of absence shall be granted to all employees entering active duty of the Armed Forces of the United States and those who are absent for the purpose of performing training duty or emergency service in the Armed Forces. Re-employment rights shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-Employment Act of 1994, as amended from time to time, and/or regulations issued there under.

Section 2. Any employee who is engaged in military service, who enlists or is called to duty should notify their manager or supervisor two (2) weeks prior to the leave effective date, or as soon as notified of upcoming service. Military orders must be provided to management to verify the need for a military leave of absence. The employee will be placed on a leave of absence to cover the time away in service, provided the total leave of absence does not exceed a five (5) year period from the effective beginning date of the leave.

Section 3. Eligible service includes voluntary or involuntary service in one of the military branches of the armed forces of the United States, including:
a.) active duty;
b.) active duty for training;
c.) initial active duty for training;
d.) inactive duty for training purposes; and
e.) full-time National Guard duty.

Branches of the military service include:

a.) Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard
b.) Reserve service in Army, Navy, Marine Corp, Air Force or Coast Guard
c.) Army National Guard or Air National Guard
d.) The Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service
e.) Any other designation issued by the President in time of national emergency or war.

Section 4. An employee ordered to annual active duty training with the National Guard or Reserve for two (2) weeks or more and who loses time from work as a result will be paid the difference between their regular basic rate of pay and their lower military training pay for up to thirty (30) days in a calendar year. The employee on military leave will be required to submit to human resources a statement of military earnings to receive reimbursement for the differential. Reimbursement will be paid by the payroll department in the employee’s regular bi-weekly pay within two pay periods following submission of the military earnings statement. Per Diems are not eligible for the differential payment. Absence from work for inactive duty or for examinations to determine fitness for duty will not be eligible for the military differential. An employee who elects to use paid time off during the leave will not receive a military differential.

Part-time employees will be eligible for the military differential based on their regularly scheduled bi-weekly hours.

Section 5. Regular employees entering active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States will be given the paid time off to which they are entitled under the terms of this contract. If such employees do not elect to take their paid time off before leaving, they will be paid an allowance in cash equal to and in lieu of any paid time off which is due.

Section 6. Employees who enter the service receive military health care benefits automatically, and can enroll their dependents in separate health insurance plans for dependents (CHAMPUS) if they are called to serve for at least thirty-one (31) days. However, they also may want to continue their health insurance coverage. Employees on military leave and their dependents can receive continuation coverage in their health insurance plan for up to eighteen (18) months under COBRA. If the employee elects to cease medical coverage, the coverage will be reinstated when the employee returns to work. However, if the employee’s period of military service is thirty-one (31) days or less, the employee would be entitled to continue their medical coverage under the same cost sharing arrangement as prior to the leave. Employees should contact Human Resources to make the necessary arrangements.
Section 7. For computation of pension benefits for a service member returning to his/her employment after a period of military service; compensation for the period of military leave is defined as compensation computed at a rate which the employee would have been earning if the employee had not taken a leave.

Article 37
Jury Duty

Section 1. In the event an employee is required to serve jury duty, the Employer shall compensate full-time and part-time employees for the difference between their regular normal earnings and their jury duty fees for a period not to exceed thirty (30) working days in each calendar year.

Section 2. Employees to be eligible for pay, will notify their immediate supervisor immediately upon receipt of the jury duty notice.

Section 3. For scheduling purposes:

a.) day and evening shift employees will not be expected to work on the date they are required to serve (actually spend time on jury duty);

b.) night shift employees will not be required to work both the night before and the night of serving on jury duty; and

c.) employees may, if necessary, opt to have a work shift rescheduled, or to use paid time off to make his/her paycheck whole;

d.) employees who serve on jury duty or work for a combination of five (5) days, Monday through Friday, will not be scheduled to work on the weekend.

Section 4. When an employee is on call for jury duty, the employee shall report to work on any day they are not required to report for jury duty. Further, if the employee is a day shift employee and is released from jury duty in the first two (2) hours of his or her otherwise scheduled shift starting time, the employee shall contact the Employer to see if he or she is needed for a work assignment and shall report to work if required.

Article 38
Bereavement Leave

Section 1. All regular full-time and part-time employees who have completed probation will be eligible for bereavement leave following the death of a spouse/domestic partner, child, brother, sister, parents, stepparents, stepbrother, stepsister, stepchild or children, grandparents, grandchildren, mother-in-law or father-in-law, former legal guardian or foster child.

Section 2. Eligible employees will be excused from work with pay:
a.) for three (3) consecutively scheduled work days up to a maximum of twenty five (25) hours, during the period of bereavement including the funeral or memorial service; or

b.) for five (5) consecutively scheduled work days, up to a maximum of forty (40) hours, during a seven (7) calendar day period which includes either the funeral or the memorial service, for out of town funerals over four hundred (400) miles from Buffalo, providing the employee attends the funeral or memorial service.

An employee’s immediate supervisor will make every effort to give the employee additional days off as needed utilizing paid time off or excused absence days.

Section 3. Payment for each day of bereavement leave as defined in Section 2. will be equivalent to the regular rate of pay the employee would have received if the employee would have worked the excused shifts.

Section 4. In the event of the death of the employee’s brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law or grandparents of spouse/domestic partner, a bereavement day for the funeral or memorial service will be given.

Article 39
Disability

Section 1. Employees who become disabled by a non-occupational injury or illness are entitled to the benefits outlined in the New York State Disability Benefits Law (NYSDBL) and the terms of this Agreement.

Section 2. All employees, except for high school students, are eligible for disability benefits under the NYSDBL after working four (4) consecutive weeks.

Section 3. All employees will follow the procedure outlined below in filing a disability claim and in qualifying for benefits:

a.) An employee must be under the care of a health care provider (as defined in the NYSDBL) who certifies that the employee is unable to work due to an injury or illness that did not arise out of, or in the course of employment.

b.) The employee must notify his/her manager that he/she is disabled and unable to report to work. The employee must then call in the claim to the disability claims administrator within forty-eight (48) hours from when the disability is reported to the manager. Kaleida Health will send to the employee a disability claim package.
c.) If an employee is certified as medically disabled by his/her medical doctor and the employee is not eligible for NYSDBL because he/she has utilized the statutory limit of twenty-six (26) weeks in the previous fifty-two (52) week period, the employee will be allowed to utilize his/her ESB while absent from work. The Employer will contribute the Employer’s share towards the employee’s health insurance for forty (40) weeks per claim. Any employee may have continuation of their health insurance for a period of forty (40) weeks up to two (2) times in one hundred four (104) week period.

For the purposes of this article, per claim shall be defined as when an employee returns to work from an approved Disability and then suffers a new disabling injury or illness (new medical condition), unrelated to the prior illness or injury resulting in a new disability absence.

The integrated absence department reserves the right to receive medical documentation from the third party administrator for the purposes of verifying unrelated claims. Failure to provide supporting documentation could result in the denial of the additional forty (40) weeks of health insurance continuation.

In the event a dispute arises between the parties regarding the administration of this article an Independent Medical Exam (IME) will be administered, at the expense of management. The decision of the IME will be binding on both parties.

d.) It is the responsibility of the disability claims administrator to keep the employee updated on the claim status and any need for further medical documentation.

e.) The employee and the employee’s health care provider must supply all requested information to the disability claims administrator in order for the employee to receive NYSDBL benefits.

f.) During the period of disability, the employee’s wages will come from two (2) sources:

1.) under the NYSDBL benefits, the employee will receive payments equal to fifty percent (50%) of his/her average weekly wage, up to the maximum benefit provided for by law. The average weekly wage is based on the last eight (8) weeks of employment immediately before the disability occurs. Benefits will be paid for a maximum of twenty-six (26) weeks of disability in a fifty-two (52) week period; and

2.) from Kaleida Health as outlined in Section 4. below.

g.) There is a seven (7) day waiting period including weekends, during which no benefits will be paid. Benefit rights begin on the eighth (8th) consecutive day of disability.
h.) Disability benefit payments will be mailed to employees directly from the insurance company and will be subject to Social Security, Medicare and withholding taxes. The first payment will arrive within four (4) business days after the fourteenth (14th) day of disability or four (4) business days after the receipt of the claim, whichever is later.

i.) Employees who receive NYS disability payments are responsible for reporting benefits paid as taxable income. The disability claims administrator will send a form W-2 stating the amount of taxable benefits paid to each employee who received disability payments during the year.

j.) The Employer or the disability claims administrator may require employees who are claiming disability benefits to submit to a medical examination by a health care provider designated by the Employer. Such examinations will be paid for by the Employer. If an employee does not notify the disability administrator of his/her inability to attend the scheduled exam, he/she will be responsible for the actual cost of the missed appointment or twenty-five dollars ($25.00), whichever is less.

k.) If an employee’s disability satisfies the requirements of both the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and the NYSDBL, the time spent on disability will count toward the employee’s twelve (12) weeks of annual leave under the FMLA. Employees contractual rights under the FMLA are outlined in Article 35, Leave of Absence/Family and Medical Leave.

l.) An employee will not be eligible to receive NYSDBL benefits or supplemental PTO/ESB pay while working for another employer or working in a business owned by the employee or conducting any union business for which pay is received.

Section 4. An Extended Sick Bank (ESB) will be established and long term sick time accrued as per Article 26, entitled Paid Time Off. Time in the ESB is intended to provide income to employees during periods of disability, including the seven (7) day waiting period referred to in Section 1. above, who qualify for benefits under NYSDBL or who have an illness or injury certified by the employee’s medical doctor.

a.) ESB payments will be processed and distributed for disabled employees on a bi-weekly basis.

b.) There is no limit in the amount of time that can be accumulated in the ESB during the employee’s service with Kaleida Health.

c.) The Employer will pay the difference between the employee’s regular base rate of pay (including shift differential and premium rate due, e.g. weekend pay or multi-
site float pool pay) and the actual amount paid to the employee under the NYSDBL up to the limit of the employee’s ESB.

d.) When the actual period of disability exceeds the limits set by NYSBDL, the disabled employee has the option of utilizing his/her PTO once his/her ESB has been exhausted and as outlined in Article 26, Paid Time Off.

e.) Long term sick leave accumulation is reduced from the ESB as follows:

1.) one (1) day for each day paid for by the Employer where illness or injury is not covered by New York State Disability Insurance; or

2.) after disability payments begin, employees may use ESB hours to supplement benefits up to the amount of their regular weekly pay.

f.) The exception to e.) above will be for Buffalo General Hospital RN, TCC and Service bargaining units where long-term sick leave accumulation is reduced from the ESB, as follows:

1.) one (1) day for each day paid for by the Employer where illness or injury is not covered by New York State Disability Insurance; or

2.) one-half (½) day for each day paid for jointly by the Employer and New York State Disability Insurance.

**THIS EXCEPTION WILL ONLY APPLY TO EMPLOYEES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE BARGAINING UNITS IN QUESTION PRIOR TO JUNE 1, 2005.**

If an employee depletes his/her ESB during an approved period of disability, the employee will be entitled to use any available hours in his/her paid time off bank, to supplement NYSDBL benefits up to the amount of his/her regular weekly pay.

Section 5. While an employee is disabled, the Employer will continue to contribute the Employer’s share toward the employee’s benefits outlined in the Agreement for a period of forty (40) weeks per claim, as defined in section 3 c.) above. Employees are responsible for paying the employee portion of these benefits.

Section 6. If an employee is still disabled after the benefits provided under the NYSDBL expire, the employee will continue to be classified as disabled as long as the disability continues to be certified by the employees medical provider for up to an additional twenty-six (26) cumulative weeks per claim, as defined in section 3 c.) above. For purposes of this section, eligibility for the extended period of disability (i.e. the twenty-six (26) weeks provided beyond state law) shall be based on a look back period which will not exceed seventy-eight (78) weeks. If the disability will continue after the fifty-two (52) consecutive week limit as outlined above,
the employee may apply for one (1) leave of absence for a period not to exceed six (6) months. During a personal leave of absence for the employee’s disability, the employee may use ESB as stated in Section 4. of this article. The Employer will continue to contribute to the basic life insurance coverage only and employees must pay the full cost of any other benefits they wish to continue during the personal leave of absence.

Section 7. An employee who is preparing to return to work following a disability will follow the procedure outlined below:

a.) The employee’s health care provider must submit documentation to the Employer’s disability claim administrator of the employee’s ability to return to work.

b.) The employee may be required to pass a fit-for-duty examination by the Employer’s Employee Health Department prior to being authorized to return to work. Such fit for duty examination will be scheduled and completed within three (3) business days of the provided medical certification allowing the employee to return to work.

c.) If the employee has any restrictions on regular duties, or with his/her regular hours of work, the employee’s manager will be notified and the manager will view the employee’s return to work in conjunction with Article 34, Restricted Duty Program, with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), or with the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

d.) If an employee does not return to active status or apply for an unpaid leave of absence by the date the employee’s health care provider releases the employee to return to active work status, or by the end of the fifty-second (52nd) consecutive week of a period of disability, the employee will be considered to have resigned from active employment consistent with Article 50, Seniority, Section 3.

e.) When employees are certified as able to return to work, they will return to the position they held prior to their disability.

Section 8. If an employee’s claim for disability is rejected or not paid by the Employer’s third party administrator, the employee may appeal that decision to the New York State Workers’ Compensation Board’s Division of Disability. A Notice of Rejection form (Form DB-451) will be sent to the employee. The employee must complete the reverse side of the Notice of Rejection and mail it within twenty-six (26) weeks to the Disability Benefits Bureau (address is included on the Notice of Rejection).
Article 40
Workers’ Compensation

Section 1. Any employee, that sustains an injury or illness arising out of or in the course of employment are entitled to the benefits outlined in the New York State Workers’ Compensation Law (NYSWCL) and this Agreement.

Section 2. The procedure to follow after a workplace injury or illness occurs includes the following:

a.) An employee must be under the care of a health care provider who certifies that the employee is unable to work due to an injury or illness that did arise out of or in the course of employment. The employee will be required to report to the Corporate Employee Health office for an evaluation as soon as practical with a target of three (3) business days from the occurrence leading to the work related injury/illness.

b.) The employee must notify his/her manager of the workplace injury/illness as soon as possible, but no later than thirty (30) days as per NYSWCL. The supervisor on duty will be responsible to complete the supervisor’s investigative report along with the employee via STARS web application or an incident report when STARS is not available. The employee will be provided with a copy of the STARS report at that time.

c.) The employee must notify his/her manager as soon as possible if his/her injury is disabling and he/she is unable to work. The manager will report the claim to the Employer’s claim administrator; within forty-eight (48) hours from when the claim is reported. The employee will be sent a workers’ compensation claim package.

d.) When an employee is required to report to the corporate Employee Health office or for an independent medical exam, the cost of transportation will be reimbursed on the basis of the mileage involved and the rate of reimbursement currently in existence.

e.) The Workers’ Compensation claims administrator will keep the employee updated on the claim status and any need for further medical documentation in a timely manner.

Section 3. During the period of Workers’ Compensation, the employee’s wages will come from two (2) sources:

a.) the employee will receive statutory payments which currently are equal to two-thirds (2/3) of his/her average weekly wage up to the maximum benefit allowed by law, per week; and
Section 4. If the Employer or their third party administrator denies an employee’s workers’ compensation claim, the claim will automatically be converted to a disability claim while the case is being decided and the employee will be paid disability payments as outlined in Article 39 Disability.

Section 5. In the case that the compensable injury or illness results in a workers’ compensation disability of more than fourteen (14) days, workers’ compensation shall be paid from the first full day of lost time from work. In the case that the compensable injury or illness does not result in more than fourteen (14) days of lost time, there is a seven (7) day waiting period, including weekends, during which no workers’ compensation benefits will be paid. Employees are entitled to use Extended Sick Bank (ESB) or Paid Time Off (PTO) during the waiting period. Workers’ compensation benefit rights begin on the eighth (8th) day of Workers’ Compensation disability. If the employee used PTO for a waiting period and the case becomes a workers’ compensation case, the hours will be taken from the ESB and the PTO will be transferred back to the PTO bank. PTO or ESB may be used to supplement workers’ compensation payments up to the employee’s regular budgeted weekly pay.

Section 6. Workers’ compensation payments will be taxed in accordance with existing law.

Section 7. If an employee’s workers’ compensation disability satisfies the requirements of both the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and NYSWCL, the time spent on Workers’ Compensation will count toward the employee’s twelve (12) weeks of annual leave under the FMLA. Employees’ contractual rights under the FMLA are outlined in Article 35, Leave of Absence/Family Medical Leave.

Section 8. An Extended Sick Bank (ESB) will be established and long-term sick time accrued as per the Paid Time Off article. Time in the ESB is intended to provide supplemental income to employees who qualify for benefits as outlined in Section 3. of this Article.

a.) ESB payments will be processed for disabled employees on a bi-weekly basis.

b.) There is no limit in the amount of time that can be accumulated in the ESB during the employee’s service with Kaleida Health.

c.) The Employer will pay the difference between the employee’s regular basic rate of pay including shift differential and the actual amount paid to the employee under the NYSWCL, up to the limit of the employee’s ESB.

d.) Long term sick leave accumulation is reduced from the ESB as follows:
1.) after workers’ compensation payments begin, employees may use ESB hours to supplement benefits up to the amount of their regular weekly pay; or

2.) for use during periods of workers’ compensation resulting in an absence of less than seven (7) days.

e.) The exception to c.) above will be for Buffalo General Hospital RN and TCC bargaining units where long term sick leave accumulation is reduced from the ESB as follows:

1.) one (1) day for each day paid for by the Employer where illness or injury is not covered by workers’ compensation;

2.) one-third (1/3) day for each day paid for jointly by the Employer and workers’ compensation.

THE EXCEPTION SET FORTH HEREIN SHALL ONLY APPLY TO EMPLOYEES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THESE BARGAINING UNITS PRIOR TO JUNE 1, 2005.

If an employee depletes his/her ESB during an approved period of disability, the employee will be entitled to use any available hours in his/her paid time off bank to supplement workers’ compensation benefits up to the amount of their regular weekly benefits.

Section 9. While the employee is on workers’ compensation, the Employer will continue to contribute the Employer’s share toward the employee’s benefits outlined in this Agreement for a period of fifty-two (52) cumulative weeks per claim. The cumulative look back period will not exceed one hundred and four (104) weeks per claim. Employees are responsible for paying the employee portion of these benefits. As long as an employee is receiving payments from the ESB or PTO bank, the employee’s share of benefit premiums will be deducted from those payments. After ESB and PTO payments cease, the employee will be required to submit payments each pay period. The employee will continue to be classified as disabled as long as the disability continues to be certified by the Workers’ Compensation Board up to the seventy-eight (78) cumulative week limit per claim. If an employee is still disabled after the seventy-eight (78) week period expires, the employee may apply for one (1) leave of absence for a period not to exceed six (6) months. During a personal leave of absence for the employee’s disability, the employee may use ESB up to the employee’s regular weekly pay. The Employer will continue to contribute to the basic life insurance coverage only and employees must pay the full cost of any other benefits they wish to continue during the personal leave of absence.

Section 10. An employee who is cleared to return to work by his or her provider will follow the procedure outlined below:

a.) An employee must produce certification from a health care provider that the employee is able to return to work and resume the full responsibility of his/her
position. The certification must be submitted to the Employer's Workers’ Compensation disability claims administrator.

b.) The employee may be required to pass a fit for duty examination by the Employer’s Employee Health Department prior to being authorized to return to work. Such fit for duty examination will be scheduled and completed within three (3) business days of the provided medical certification allowing the employees to return to work.

c.) If the employee has any restrictions that make him/her unable to perform his/her regular duties or his/her regular hours of work, the employee’s manager will be notified and the manager will review the employee’s return to work in conjunction with Article 34, Restricted Duty Program, with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), or the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

d.) If there is no work on the employee’s unit/department, the Employer will keep a current list of restricted duty jobs that are available throughout the system. It is understood that the injured employee will not be replacing another bargaining unit member.

e.) If the employee does not or is unable to return to work after his/her work related injury/illness or apply for an unpaid leave of absence by the date the employee’s health provider releases the employee to return to active work status, or by the end of the seventy-eighth (78th) consecutive week of a period of absence for a work related injury/illness, the employee will be considered to have resigned from active employment consistent with Article 50, Seniority, Section 3.

f.) If an employee is classified for restricted duty and no work is available at Kaleida Health he/she may work outside Kaleida Health, within the limits of the restrictions noted, and, if so, may not be terminated.

When an employee is certified by his/her provider to return to work at full capacity, he/she will be returned to the position he/she held prior to their workplace injury/illness.

**Article 41**

**Employee Assistance Program**

Section 1. Recognizing that the health and well-being of its employees and their families is vital to the success of Kaleida, an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) shall be established and maintained by the Employer. The EAP will provide responsible, confidential assistance to employees experiencing personal problems including alcoholism, drug dependency and mental health issues, which may adversely affect their job performance, work schedules and attendance. There shall be no cost to the employee.
Section 2. A corporate Employee Assistance Program Committee will consist of a proportionate number of Employer representatives and employees represented by the Unions as follows: three (3) Representatives from CWA, three (3) Representatives from SEIU and one (1) Representative from IUOE. The committee will meet quarterly to:

a.) generate a climate to eliminate the effects of the social stigma associated with mental disorders, alcoholism and drug dependency and other personal problems which act as a barrier to employees and their family members seeking help;

b.) assure confidentiality in working with employees and their families;

c.) assist in the development of educational and informational materials;

d.) develop an internal union advocacy program; and

e.) review the usage patterns and policy reinforcement in a manner that protects employee confidentiality requirements.

Section 3. The decision to participate in the EAP is voluntary and the personal responsibility of the employee. At no time shall any employee be required to use EAP as a condition of employment except when entered into a “last chance” agreement.

Section 4. Employees who are told by the Employer in writing that they are terminated due to alcohol or drug abuse shall continue to receive the benefits provided in this Article for a period of two (2) consecutive months following such termination.

Section 5. No employee will be required to submit to any type of laboratory work unless such work is mandated by state and/or federal law.

Article 42
Tuition Assistance

Section 1. The Employer recognizes that the continuing educational development of employees is essential to the delivery of quality health care. Hence, the Employer provides tuition assistance for eligible employees in the CWA bargaining units who seek additional training in order to increase their confidence in present jobs or to prepare themselves for advancements into more responsible positions with the Employer in the procedure outlined in Sections 2. through 7. below.

Section 2. A course as defined under the tuition reimbursement plan must meet the following requirements:

a.) it must have a defined curriculum;
it must provide credit toward a degree or completion of a prescribed program of study; and
it must be offered through an accredited program.

A course that meets the above definition will be considered for eligibility under the tuition assistance program if it is job-related and also meets one of the following criteria:

a.) the course is expected to build competencies and strengthen the performance of the employee on their present job;
b.) the course is considered a prerequisite for the job presently held or of the job next in line of an obvious progression;
c.) the course is prescribed for the attainment or maintenance of a program of study or degree in an academic or business that is compatible with the interests of Kaleida Health and the employee.

Programs eligible under Article 44, Continuing Education Program, are not eligible under Tuition Assistance.

Section 3. Procedure:

a.) Full-time and part-time employees with one or more years of continuous service prior to the commencement of the approved course shall be eligible for tuition assistance provided they remain in an active status for the duration of the course(s). Employees classified as per diem, non-benefited, inactive and temporary are not eligible for the educational assistance.

b.) Department heads shall examine the request for tuition assistance from employees within their departments. Approval shall be granted to eligible employees based on the definition in Section 2. above and the eligibility requirements in Section 4.

c.) While courses must be submitted for approval on a course by course basis, requests to approve degree programs must be approved by the senior manager of the department and the Corporate Benefits department.

d.) Prior to enrollment in the course, the employee must obtain management approval on the Request for Tuition Reimbursement form verifying that the course meets the eligibility criteria in Section 2. above. Courses, which do not have management approval prior to the course start date, will not be eligible for reimbursement.

e.) It shall be understood and communicated that this program is a reimbursement system. Employees shall be responsible for all initial payments to the school or other educational organization.
Section 4. The amount of tuition assistance offered by the Employer shall be a function of length of service, and a passing grade. The schedule of payment is as follows:

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Maximum reimbursement will be $3,200.00 per calendar year.

The employee will not be eligible to receive reimbursement for the same course more than once.

Section 5. Application of the maximum, outlined in Section 4. above, shall be determined by the completion date of the course. For example, a course is completed in December 1999 and reimbursement request is submitted in January 2000, the amount reimbursed will be charged against the 1999 calendar year maximum.

Section 6. Payment will be made directly to the employee upon submission of the following to Corporate Benefits:

a.) Copy of tuition reimbursement form signed by employee’s manager to verify that the course of study has been approved.

b.) Final grade for the course.

c.) Submission of itemized receipt verifying the payment made to the institution detailing the cost of tuition, fees and documentation of any stipends or scholarships if applicable.

The Payroll Department will make payment directly to the employee’s regular paycheck after Corporate Benefits has approved the reimbursement. Tuition reimbursement requests will be processed within two (2) full pay periods of the date received in Corporate Benefits. The employee will have six (6) months from course end date to submit the appropriate information. Any applications received after the six (6) month period will not be processed.

Section 7. No tuition assistance will be paid regardless of prior approval unless the student is still an eligible employee in a covered status throughout the course. Employees who become disabled, or are laid off at the request of the Employer, change job categories to an ineligible job status during the course of their outside training, shall be reimbursed on the same basis as if they had remained eligible for assistance.

Section 8. An employee who voluntarily terminates his/her employment with the Employer shall be required to refund any tuition assistance payments they received during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the effective date of termination.
SEIU Article 43
1199/League Training and Upgrading Fund

Section 1. The Employer and SEIU will work together to support education and training programs for all eligible full-time and part-time employees in the Kaleida Health SEIU bargaining units through the 1199/League Training and Upgrading Fund.

a.) The Employer shall contribute monthly to the Training Fund an amount equal to one-half per cent (½%) of the gross payroll of the Employer's SEIU bargaining unit employees for the preceding month, exclusive of amount earned by the employees during the first two (2) months following the beginning of their employment. The monthly contributions shall be due by the last business day of each month and the amount of each monthly payment shall be based on the previous month's payroll.

b.) Effective March 1, 2013, the Employer shall contribute monthly to the Training Fund an amount equal to three quarters per cent (3/4%) of the gross payroll of the Employer's SEIU bargaining unit employees for the preceding month, exclusive of amount earned by the employees during the first two (2) months following the beginning of their employment. The monthly contributions shall be due by the last business day of each month and the amount of each monthly payment shall be based on the previous month's payroll.

c.) Contributions so received shall be used to design, develop, implement, and evaluate training and education programs as the Trustees of the Fund may from time to time determine.

d.) The Training Fund shall be administered by a Board of Trustees composed of an equal number of union and employer trustees.

e.) The Trustees of the Training and Upgrading Fund will work to secure grant funding from public and private sources to supplement the funds provided through this collective bargaining agreement.

Article 44
CWA Continuing Education Program

Section 1. A continuing education program will be defined as workshops, internet/on-line courses, conferences, training sessions, continuing education classes or inservices which contribute to an employee's career development. All employees will be eligible to participate in continuing education programs. Participation will be based on the following guidelines.
a.) If the continuing education program is required to maintain certification or licensure requirements, and the Employer is offering the program, a fifty percent (50%) discount will be offered to affected employees.

b.) If a continuing education program is mandated by the Employer, the Employer will be responsible for all of the costs associated with that program.

c.) If the continuing education program is not mandated by the Employer, the following procedure will apply:

(1.) The Employer will establish five (5) operation centers for the process of continuing education dollars. The operation centers will be the Buffalo General Hospital, DeGraff Memorial Hospital, Millard Fillmore Hospital-Gates and Millard Fillmore Hospital-Suburban.

(2.) The Employer will budget one hundred eighty thousand dollars ($180,000.00) annually for the purpose of continuing education. The budgeted amount will be distributed between the operation centers as follows:
(A.) Buffalo General Medical Center  $106,386.00
(B.) DeGraff Memorial Hospital  $22,749.00
(C.) Millard Fillmore Hospital-Suburban  $50,865.00

(3.) The annual budget for continuing education is intended to cover expenses related to program registration fees and/or travel expenses for areas not addressed by the Employer’s internal education programs. Lost time wages may be approved by the employees’ immediate supervisor, over the budgeted dollars outlined above, based upon the budget and staffing in the cost center.

(4.) An application for continuing education money will be made to the employees’ immediate supervisor on a form provided by the Employer. The supervisor will submit the form to the Corporate Benefits department for review. The Corporate Benefits Department will review and approve or deny the application within two (2) weeks of the request being made.

(5.) Such requests will be approved based upon course content (new, or improvements in current, job related skills) and the availability of continuing education dollars, which remain at the operation center.

Section 2. For the purpose of equitable distribution of continuing education dollars, the parties have agreed to the following guidelines:

a.) Available funds will be divided evenly into two six (6) month periods (January 1st-June 30th and July 1st-December 31st).
b.) Requests for education funding shall be submitted on the appropriate form as follows:

1.) by November 1st for conferences/programs scheduled to take place between January 1st and June 30th of the following year, and
2.) by May 1st for conferences/programs scheduled to take place between July 1st and December 31st.

c.) Approval or denial will be given within fifteen (15) days when requests are submitted per Section 2. above.

d.) Requests received after the November 1st or May 1st deadlines will be considered in the order in which they are received, provided that funds are still available.

e.) There will be a seven hundred and fifty dollars ($750.00) per person limit from the fund unless extra funds are available on October 1st. If extra funds are available, additional monies will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis, up to a limit of one thousand, five hundred dollars ($1,500.00) per person, per calendar year.

f.) It is understood that funds not used in the first six (6) month period of the year will roll over into the second six (6) month period of the year.

g.) The Employer and the Union will discuss at Oversight Committee on a quarterly basis program disbursements. The Employer will provide the Union with an accounting of the funds approved and/or dispersed and the programs approved.

Article 45
IUOE Training Fund

Section 1. For all employees in the IUOE bargaining unit, the Employer will contribute $.08 per hour worked into the International Union of Operating Engineers Training Fund.

Article 46
Nursing Preceptor Program

Section 1. The Union and the Employer recognize that the preceptor program has proven to be a successful method to develop new Registered Nurses or Registered Nurses who transfer to a new position. The preceptor model provides an individualized one on one approach to learning that provides positive educational outcomes in a cost effective manner.
Section 2. A preceptorship format is an organized program in which staff facilitate the development and socialization of newly hired, transferred or upgraded employees to the responsibilities and competencies of their new position.

Section 3. A preceptor is an experienced role model who has received formal training to function in this capacity. He/she works with new or transferred staff (preceptees) to help them master competencies required in their new role. Preceptors support the individual’s growth and development for a fixed and limited amount of time. A preceptor has specific preceptor competencies to master and maintain in order to fulfill this role. The decision to develop an employee in the preceptor role is one that is mutually agreed upon by the employee and the manager.

Section 4. Preceptors must complete the preceptor training program and maintain program competencies. It is understood that the preceptor training programs will be developed by the Department of Clinical Education and may be amended by the Department from time to time.

Section 5. It is understood that preceptor pay will be utilized for employees who assume the responsibility of supervising/teaching nursing students provided that the students do not have an instructor on site.

Section 6. Preceptors will be paid in accordance with Appendix D., Registered Nurse Salaries.

**Article 47**

**Training Program**

Section 1. The Union and the Employer recognize that a period of training is required for all newly hired employees, employees that transfer into a new position. This program applies to all Clerical, LPN, Maintenance, Professional, Service and Technical Bargaining units.

Section 2. Individuals assigned to train new or transferred employees will be designated Trainers. They must complete the Training Program and have their training competencies validated by their manager. The decision to develop an employee in the trainer role is one that is mutually agreed upon by the employee and the manager.

Section 3. The Employer will coordinate with the Clinical Education Department to ensure that the training programs scheduled frequently enough to accommodate the number of employees to be trained. Employees will be assigned to attend the Training Program within one year of the date they are first assigned to train another employee.

Section 4. It is understood that the current practice involving members of the Professional Bargaining Units who receive preceptor pay for assuming the responsibility of supervising/teaching baccalaureate/master and doctorate students provided the students do not have an instructor on site will continue.
Section 5. Trainers will be paid an hourly premium for all hours they are assigned the job responsibilities of training a new or transferred employee in accordance with the rates outlined in Appendix A, B, C, E, F and G, Salaries. It is agreed to and understood by the parties that employees will be paid for all hours they are assigned to train whether they have attended class or not.

Article 48
Travel

Section 1. Employees who are required to travel in their personal vehicle, in the performance of routing duties, will be fully reimbursed for:

a.) parking;

b.) tolls; and

c.) automobile mileage at the existing IRS rate.

Section 2. Employer owned vehicles that are provided to employees for use in the performance of their job, shall be properly maintained and on E-Z pass. The Employer shall provide access to a gasoline account for the purpose of refueling the Employer’s vehicles.

Section 3. Employees that do not own a personal vehicle and must use either a bus or the subway in the performance of their job, will be fully reimbursed for expenses incurred for use of such public transportation.

Article 49
Domestic Partner

Section 1. A domestic partner will be defined as a person over age 18 who shares living quarters (for a minimum of six [6] months) with another unrelated adult in an exclusive, committed relationship in which the partners are responsible for each other’s common welfare and are financially interdependent. To be eligible for the benefits outlined in other provisions of this Agreement, a domestic partner must be specifically listed in the Article and must be registered with the Human Resources Department on a form provided by the Employer.

Article 50
Seniority

Section 1. The term “corporate seniority” shall mean the length of unbroken service of an employee covered by this Agreement beginning with their most recent date of hire by the Employer in any job classification whether or not it is or was in a covered bargaining unit.
Section 2. In addition to corporate seniority, the following employees shall also carry “master agreement seniority” which shall mean the length of unbroken service beginning with their most recent date of transfer into a covered bargaining unit as specified in a.) through e.) below.

a.) an employee who holds a management position and who enters a covered bargaining unit;
b.) an employee from a union bargaining unit not covered by the Master Agreement who enters a covered bargaining unit;
c.) an employee from a non-union position who enters a covered bargaining unit;
d.) an employee from the IUOE/DeGraff maintenance bargaining unit who moves to another covered bargaining unit for reasons other than a Kaleida Action;
e.) any employee, whether or not from a covered bargaining unit, who moves to the IUOE/DeGraff maintenance unit for reasons other than a Kaleida Action.

Regardless of whether the term corporate seniority or seniority is used in this Agreement, employees with both corporate seniority and master agreement seniority shall use their corporate seniority to determine benefits where length of service is a factor and master agreement seniority when competing with other employees (e.g., layoffs, recall, job bidding, time off requests, etc.).

Section 3. Both corporate and master agreement seniority shall be lost and an employee shall be terminated when he/she:

a.) resigns or quits;
b.) is discharged for cause;
c.) retires, with or without qualifying for benefits under the Employer’s retirement plan or Social Security;
d.) refuses to recall from layoff or fails to report from a recall within fourteen (14) calendar days;
e.) fails to report to work on the date agreed upon for return from a leave of absence;
f.) is absent for three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled shifts without notification to the Employer unless the employee can prove complete inability to notify the Employer;
g.) is laid off for a period equal to their length of service, or a maximum of five (5) years;
h.) is absent due to illness or injury for more than fifty-two (52) consecutive weeks or is absent due to Employer connected illness or injury covered by workers’ compensation for more than seventy-eight (78) consecutive weeks. The Employer will provide an employee on workers’ compensation or disability, four (4) weeks’ written notice by certified mail to the employee’s last address of record, that the above periods are due to expire.

Section 4. The Employer shall maintain, at each site that has a Human Resources office, an updated seniority list, which shall be available for inspection by members of the bargaining unit.

Section 5. An employee with at least twelve (12) months of corporate seniority who terminates his or her employment for reasons other than those constituting just cause and is rehired within one (1) year from the date of termination of service shall, after completing twelve (12) months of service, receive his or her original seniority date(s), adjusted for the period of separation; provided that the employee was covered under this Master Agreement prior to termination. An employee who was not covered under this Master Agreement at the time of termination but who had a least twelve (12) months of corporate seniority and who is rehired into a position within this master bargaining unit will be eligible to receive his or her original corporate seniority date as described above but their “master agreement seniority” date will be effective the date that they are re-hired and will not change.

Section 6. In any instance where seniority is used in this Agreement and two (2) or more employees share the same date the following procedure will be followed:

   a.) The last four (4) digits of each employee’s Social Security number will be considered as a whole number; the lowest number is the most senior. For example; Employee A – SSN = 711-04-1501, Employee B – SSN = 325-67-2738 Employee A is senior.

   b.) In the event that the last four (4) digits are equal; add all nine (9) of the number in the SSN and the total lowest number will be most senior.

For Example:
Employee A – SSN = 711-04-1501
Employee B – SSN = 325-67-1501

Then:
Employee A – 7+1+1+0+4+1+5+0+1=20
Employee B – 3+2+5+6+7+1+5+0+1=30
Employee A is senior.

Section 7. When an employee covered by this Agreement leaves a covered bargaining unit and takes a non-management, non-union position and returns to a bargaining unit position within
one (1) year from the date he/she left, shall after completing twelve (12) months of service, receive his or her original seniority date.

Article 51
Layoff and Recall

IUOE

Section 1. The Employer agrees to give the Union advance notice of its intention to layoff or to eliminate a filled position and afford the Union the reasonable opportunity to discuss the layoff or elimination.

Section 2. An employee affected by a reduction in hours will be considered subject to layoff for the purposes of this Article.

Section 3. The Employer will give the employees at least seven (7) calendar days notice of the date of the initial layoff.

Section 4. A list of employees targeted for layoff will be provided to the Union along with a list of available job vacancies. Once the layoff procedure is completed, the Employer will provide the Union with a list of positions offered, final placement, subsequently bumped employees and their movement, and so on.

Section 5. It is understood that, whenever possible, temporary, probationary, Per Diem, Weekend, Flexible, Seasonal and least senior employees, in that order and by job title, will be subject to layoff first.

Section 6. If no vacancy exists in his/her job title, category, and shift, such an employee targeted for layoff may elect a layoff instead of bumping a less senior employee without jeopardizing unemployment benefits, subject to New York State regulations (and where the cost of unemployment to the Employer would not differ.)

Section 7. In the event it is necessary to eliminate, reduce, or layoff any employee covered by this Agreement, the Employer will determine:

a.) the specific shift and category in a job title and work location, or

b.) the unit closing or multiple reductions within a department, and

c.) the number of vacancies and temporary and probationary positions in the affected job titles.

Section 8. In instances where the employee is targeted for layoff, the procedure described below shall be followed sequentially.
a.) Assumes any vacancy in his/her job title, category, and shift. (The affected employee may also choose any other vacancy, if qualified.)

b.) Bumps any temporary or probationary employee in his/her job title, category, and shift.

c.) Bumps any less senior employee in his/her job title, category, and shift.

d.) May bump any less senior in his/her job title, or proceeds to step e.

e.) Assumes a vacancy in his/her category and shift in a job title in the same pay grade, unless he/she does not meet the required and preferred qualifications of the position.

f.) Bumps any temporary or probationary employee in his/her category and shift in a job title in the same pay grade, unless he/she does not meet the minimum requirements of the position.

g.) Bumps any less senior employee in a job title in his/her same pay grade, category and shift, unless he/she does not meet the minimum requirements of the position.

h.) May bump any less senior employee in a job title in his/her same pay grade, unless he/she does not meet the minimum requirements for the position; or proceeds to step i.

i.) If no position exists in the same pay grade, the employee targeted for layoff may follow the same sequence in (e) - (h) in successively lower pay grades.

j.) If no such position exists in the above sequence, the employee targeted for layoff will be laid off.

Section 9. It is agreed and understood that employees shall serve a sixty (60) working day trial period if for any reason under this Article they are placed in a position which requires substantive variations in techniques and procedures utilized in the performance of their job. Failure to complete the trial period (voluntary or involuntary) shall result in that employee being laid off.

Section 10. Any employee bumped out of his/her position as a result of the layoff procedures will then be considered targeted for layoff and follow the sequence outlined in Section 8.

Section 11. Vacancies filled by employee subject to layoff will not be posted and posted positions for which no employee has been selected and officially informed of the selection may be used by the Employer as a vacant position under this Article.
Section 12. Prior to layoff, an employee must complete a written recall request form, as provided by the Employer, to indicate:

a.) the employee's current address,
b.) the employee’s current phone number,
c.) job titles where the employee is qualified to work and will accept recall,
d.) whether he/she would accept recall for full-time, flexible, part-time,
e.) whether he/she would be willing to work on a per diem basis, and
f.) which shifts he/she would be willing to work.

An employee may change such written recall request form prior to any recall.

Section 13. For purposes of this Article, downgraded shall mean a reduction in pay, a change in shift, or a drop in category, including a permanent reduction in regularly scheduled hours. These employees will have a recall period of twenty – four (24) months as detailed in Section 14 of this Article.

Section 14. Employees laid off or downgraded during the stated recall period shall be recalled to fill vacancies in order of seniority, starting with the most senior laid off or downgraded employee. Any vacant position in the same or lower grades within the bargaining unit that would bring the affected employee closer to his/her original position (including category, grade, shift and hours of work) shall be offered, unless such employee does not meet the required and preferred qualifications of the position.

Section 15. If an employee either accepts or refuses a recall outside of his/her job title, category and shift, the employee will be maintained on the recall list in order of seniority during the stated recall period.

Section 16. Any employee subjected to any step in Section 8 shall have the right to bid on posted positions as per Master Agreement Article 41, Job Bidding and Transfers.

Section 17. An employee recalled to a temporary position will be maintained on the recall list by seniority, should a permanent position become available.

An employee recalled to a temporary position will be returned to the previously held downgraded permanent position or returned to layoff, whichever is applicable when the temporary assignments ends. The recall to a temporary position will not affect the stated recall period, as defined in Section 15, when the temporary assignment ends.
Section 18. Regular full-time and part-time employees who indicate a willingness to work on a per diem basis will be placed on the appropriate list and will be called into work in order of their seniority.

Full-time and part-time employees' recall rights into permanent vacancies will not be affected by their working on a per diem basis.

Section 19. Recalls from layoff will be given through direct telephone contact with the employee, or if the employee is unavailable, by certified mail to the employee's last known address. Such notice will give the employee at least 14 calendar days to report to work.

CWA BGMC/RN

Section 1. In the event it is necessary to layoff employees covered by this Agreement, or to eliminate a filled position covered by this Agreement, such layoffs or eliminations will be done as follows:

a.) by providing the Union with the complete plan for staff reduction within the bargaining unit and by complying with the notification and information requirement outlined in Article 74, Job Security/Committee (inclusive of seniority lists by full bargaining unit and cost center);

b.) before beginning layoff, verify any recent changes with the applicable managers, prior to affecting the bump;

c.) by subjecting to layoff the least senior employee or employees in the job title, unit/cost center, category of employment and shift;

d.) all temporary and then probationary employees in the job title, unit/cost center and shift in which a layoff is to occur will be terminated prior to any regular employee in that job title, cost center and shift being subject to layoff.

e.) an employee with seniority who is subject to layoff will have the option of a bump or vacancy within his/her unit/cost center within the same job title, but to a different category of employment and/or to a different shift (Exception: per diem employees may only have options to other per diem positions);

f.) vacancies that may be filled by employees who are subject to layoff will be limited to those that exist on the day that the layoff options are given to the first affected employee in the job title or grade level in the bargaining unit;

g.) all positions which become vacant during the layoff procedure will be posted and filled as per Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers;
part-time employees with seniority who are subject to layoff will have the option to bump the least senior part-time employee who was hired to work the equivalent number of hours. For example: a part-time employee who is hired to work thirty (30) hours per week may bump the least senior employee who is hired to work thirty (30) hours per week; in accordance with the Section 1.e. above – followed by the steps in Section 2. below;

i.) when it is necessary to permanently change the number of employees on a shift within a unit/cost center, such a change will be made first by requesting volunteers, in seniority order, from within the unit/cost center. If there are no volunteers, the least senior employee on the shift to be reduced may choose to be subject to layoff as per Section 1.e. above followed by the steps in Section 2. below or be transferred to the shift on which additional staffing is needed;

j.) it is agreed and understood that employees shall serve a sixty (60) working day trial period if for any reason under this Article they are placed in a position which requires substantive variations in techniques and procedures utilized in the performance of their job. Failure to complete the trial period (voluntary or involuntary) shall result in that employee being laid off with recall rights but no bumping rights;

k.) employees may volunteer to be subjected to layoff, by seniority, in the job title, unit/cost center, category of employment and shift;

l.) for the purposes of this Article, the parties acknowledge there are day, evening and night shifts; specifically eight (8) hour day, evening and night shifts; ten (10) hour day, evening and night shifts; twelve and one-half (12½) and thirteen (13) hour day, evening and night shifts. Employees subject to layoff will be given their options based on their specified length of shift. If their specific hours of work are not available they will be given their options according to the appropriate shift; day, evening or night shift;

m.) an employee subject to layoff may select a vacancy in another bargaining unit covered by this Agreement and if qualified, be awarded such position before any external candidate is offered such position at any Step of this process.

Section 2. When an employee with seniority is subject to layoff, or has their position eliminated under Section 1. above, such affected employee shall be placed in a position in the bargaining unit in the following sequence:

Step 1: They shall be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit which is in their category of employment, job title and shift. The employee subject to layoff may also choose job vacancies within their grade level, category of employment
and/or shift. Temporary positions are not included in this process unless the employee chooses a temporary position. It is understood that an employee who chooses a temporary position at this step shall be placed as if they were originally subject to layoff, once the temporary position has ended. If the employee opts to drop shift as a requirement for placement, they may do so at any step. If there is a vacancy in another category of employment with lesser hours which has not been filled by an employee in that category during Step 1 of this procedure, an employee may opt to fill that vacancy.

**Step 2:** If no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment, job title and shift.

**Step 3:** If there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employee subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, job title and shift.

**Step 4:** If the employee cannot be placed in their category of employment, job title and shift, they shall be offered the option to bump the least senior employee in their job title and shift. The word “offered” means the employee cannot be forced, but can opt to go to Step 5.

**Step 5:** If the employee cannot be placed within their job title, they shall be assigned to any vacant position in their category of employment, grade level and shift provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

**Step 6:** If no such vacancy exists, the employee would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment, grade level and shift provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

**Step 7:** If there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employee subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, grade level and shift, provided the employee has more seniority than the least senior employee and meets the requirements for hiring into the position.

**Step 8:** If the employee cannot be placed within a position in their category of employment, grade level and shift, they shall be assigned to any vacant position in their category of employment and grade level, provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

**Step 9:** If no vacancy exists, the employee shall bump any probationary employee in their category of employment and grade level provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

**Step 10:** If there are no probationary employees who may be bumped in Step Nine (9) above, then the employee may bump the least senior employee in their category of
employment and grade level, provided the employee has more seniority than the least senior employee and meets the requirements for hiring into the position.

**Step 11:** If the employee cannot be placed in their category of employment, grade level, they shall be offered to bump the least senior employee in any category of employment, grade level, provided they meet the requirements for hiring into that position. The laid off employee may bump the least senior employee in any job title within his/her grade level provided he/she are qualified. If the laid off employee does not have the qualification for that job he/she may move up and bump the next least senior employee until he/she meets that job qualification regardless of job title within his/her grade level. The word “offered” means the employee can’t be forced but can opt to go to Step 12.

**Step 12:** If the employee cannot be placed within a position in their grade level by Step Eleven (11) above, then the above Steps five (5) through Eleven (11) shall be repeated in the next lower grade level and then to subsequent lower grade levels until placed into a position or laid off.

The Employer will decide in all cases whether there is a vacancy.

Section 3. When an employee is bumped, they shall have all rights of this Article, as if they were originally subject to layoff.

Section 4. At other than Step one (1), the employee may elect a layoff. A refusal to accept a position for which the employee meets the requirements will result in the employee being laid off at that point.

Section 5. It is understood that the employee response must be provided to the appropriate Human Resources personnel within twenty-four (24) hours of the time they were informed of their option(s) if their vacancy or bump option is to a position that is the same job title, category of employment, shift and shift duration. In the event the employee’s option is to a vacancy or bump that is not their job title, category of employment, shift and shift duration, a response must be provided to the appropriate Human Resources personnel within forty-eight (48) hours of the time the employee was informed of their option(s). Failure to timely respond shall be considered as a waiver of the option(s) and the employee will be laid off.

Section 6. The Employer shall give a minimum of seven (7) days notice of layoff.

Section 7. When questions arise regarding the ability to perform the work, the burden of proof shall rest with the Union.

Section 8. **Recall Process:**

a.) Employees will be recalled from layoff in order of seniority to any open job within the bargaining unit provided they have the ability to perform the
work available. If the opening is in a different job title, category of employment or shift, they will have the option to refuse such offer up to two (2) times during the layoff period.

b.) Following refusal of the two (2) offers referenced in a.) above, the employee will continue to have recall rights to a position in his/her job title, category of employment and shift (exact match).

c.) Once an employee has refused an exact match offer (category of employment, job title and shift) that employee will have voluntarily severed ties with the Employer and be terminated.

Section 9. Recalls from layoff will be by certified mail to the employee’s last known address, and will give the employee a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days to report for work after such notification.

CWA BGMC/PROF

Section 1. In the event it is necessary to layoff employees covered by this Agreement, or to eliminate a filled position covered by this Agreement, such layoffs or eliminations will be done as follows:

a.) by providing the Union with the complete plan for staff reduction within the bargaining unit and by complying with the notification and information requirement outlined in Article 74, Job Security (inclusive of seniority lists by full bargaining unit and cost center);

b.) before beginning layoff, verify any recent changes with the appropriate managers, prior to effecting the bump;

c.) by subjecting to layoff the least senior employee or employees in the job title unit/cost center, category of employment and shift.

d.) all temporary and then probationary employees in the job title, category unit/cost center and shift in which a layoff is to occur will be terminated prior to any regular employee in that job title, cost center and shift, being subject to layoff;

e.) an employee with seniority who is subject to layoff will have the option of a bump or vacancy within his/her unit/cost center within the same job title, but to a different category of employment and/or to a different shift, (exception: per diem employees will only have options to other per diem positions);
f.) vacancies that may be filled by employees who are subject to layoff will be limited to those that exist on the day that the layoff options are given to the first affected employee in the job title or grade level in the bargaining unit;

g.) all positions which become vacant during the layoff procedure will be posted and filled as per Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers;

h.) part-time employees with seniority who are subject to layoff will have the option to bump the least senior part-time employee who is hired to work the equivalent number of hours. For example: a part-time employee who is hired to work thirty (30) hours per week may bump the least senior employee who is hired to work thirty (30) hours per week; in accordance with Section 1.e. above, followed by the steps in Section 2. below;

i.) when it is necessary to permanently change the number of employees on a shift within a unit/cost center, such a change will be made first by requesting volunteers in seniority order from within the unit/cost center. If there are no volunteers, the least senior employee on the shift to be reduced may choose to be subject to layoff as per Section 1.e. above, followed by the steps in Section 2. below or be transferred to the shift on which additional staffing is needed;

j.) it is agreed and understood that employees shall serve a sixty (60) working day trial period if for any reason under this Article they are placed in a position which requires substantive variations in techniques and procedures utilized in the performance of their job. Failure to complete the trial period (voluntary or involuntary) shall result in that employee being laid-off with recall rights but no bumping rights;

k.) an employee may volunteer to be subjected to layoff by seniority, in the job title, unit/cost center, category of employment and shift;

l.) for the purposes of this Article, the parties acknowledge there are day, evening and night shifts; specifically eight (8) hour day, evening and night shifts; ten (10) hour day, evening and night shifts; twelve and one-half (12½) and thirteen (13) hour day, evening and night shifts. Employees subject to layoff will be given their options based on their specified length of shift. If their specific hours of work are not available they will be given their options according to the appropriate shift, day, evening or night shift.

m.) an employee subject to layoff may select a vacancy in another bargaining unit covered by this Agreement and if qualified, be awarded such position before any external candidate if offered such a position at any Step of this process.
Section 2. When an employee with seniority is subject to layoff, or has position eliminated under Section 1. above, such affected employee will be placed in a position in the bargaining unit in the following sequence:

Step 1: They shall be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit which is in their category of employment, job title and shift. The employee subject to layoff may also choose job vacancies within their grade level, category of employment and/or shift. Temporary positions are not included in this process unless the employee chooses a temporary position. It is understood that an employee who chooses a temporary position at this step shall be placed as if they were originally subject to layoff, once the temporary position has ended. If the employee opts to drop shift as a requirement for placement, they may do so at any step. If there is a vacancy in another category of employment with lesser hours which has not been filled by an employee in that category during Step 1. of this procedure, an employee may opt to fill that vacancy.

Step 2: If no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment, job title and shift.

Step 3: If there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employee subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, job title and shift, provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 4: If the employee cannot be placed in their category of employment, job title and shift, they shall be offered the option to bump the least senior employee in their job title and shift. The word “offered” means the employee cannot be forced, but can opt to go to Step 5.

Step 5: If the employee cannot be placed within their category of employment, job title and shift they shall be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit which is in their category of employment, job title and shift.

Step 6: If no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment, in the same job title in the bargaining unit and in the same shift.

Step 7: If there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employees subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, job title in the bargaining unit and the same shift.

Step 8: If the employee cannot be placed within their job title, then they will be assigned to any vacant position in their category of employment, grade level and shift provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.
Step 9: If no vacancy exists, the employee will bump any probationary employee in their category of employment and grade level provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 10: If there are no probationary employees who may be bumped in Step Nine (9) above, then the employee may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment and grade level provided the employee has more seniority than the least senior employee and meets the requirements for hiring into the position.

Step 11: If the employee cannot be placed in their category of employment and grade level, they will be offered to bump the least senior employee in any category of employment in their grade level, provided they meet the requirements for hiring into that position. The word “offered” means the employee cannot be forced, but can opt to go to Step 12.

Step 12: If the employee cannot be placed within a position in their category of employment and grade level by Step Eleven (11) above, then the above steps five (5) through eleven (11) will be repeated in the next lower grade level and then to subsequent lower grade levels until placed into a position or laid-off.

Once an employee in the title of “Lead or Senior” reaches the point in the layoff procedure where placement in a position cannot be accomplished in the same “job title”, or “job title” is no longer a requirement in the available options, said employee shall have the option to move down to the job title in which they were a Lead or Senior in accordance with the steps above and provided their seniority is higher than the least senior employee, if a bump is to occur.

The Employer will decide in all cases whether there is vacancy.

Section 3. When an employee is bumped, they will have all the rights of this Article as if they were originally subject to layoff.

Section 4. At other than Step One (1), the employee may elect a layoff. A refusal to accept a position for which the employee meets the requirements will result in the employee being laid-off at that point.

Section 5. It is understood that the employee response must be provided to the appropriate Human Resource personnel within twenty-four (24) hours of the time they were informed of their option(s) if their vacancy or bump option is to a position that is the same job title, category of employment, shift and shift duration. In the event the employee’s option is to a vacancy or bump that is not their job title, category of employment, shift, and shift duration, a response must be provided to the appropriate Human Resources personnel within forty-eight (48) hours of the time the employee was informed of their option(s). Failure to timely respond shall be considered as a waiver of the option(s) and the employee will be laid off.

Section 6. The Employee shall be given a minimum of seven (7) days notice of layoff.
Section 7. When questions arise regarding the ability to perform the work, the burden of proof will rest with the Union.

Section 8. Recall Process:
   a.) Employees will be recalled from layoff in order of seniority to any open job within the bargaining unit provided they have the ability to perform the work available. If the opening is in a different job title, category of employment or shift, they will have the option to refuse such offer up to two (2) times during the layoff period.

   b.) Following refusal of the two (2) offers referenced in a.) above, the employee will continue to have recall rights to a position in their job title, category of employment and shift. (exact match).

   c.) Once an employee has refused an exact match offer (category of employment, job title and shift) that employee will have voluntarily severed ties with the employer and be terminated.

Section 9. Recalls from layoff will be by certified mail to the employee’s last known address, and will give the employee a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days to report for work after such notification.

CWA BGMC/TCC

Section 1. In the event it is necessary to layoff employees covered by this Agreement, or to eliminate a filled position covered by this Agreement, such layoffs or eliminations will be done as follows:

   a.) by providing the Union with the complete plan for staff reduction within the bargaining unit and by complying with the notification and information requirement outlined in Article 74, Job Security (inclusive of seniority lists by full bargaining unit and cost center);

   b.) before beginning layoff, verify any recent changes with the applicable managers, prior to affecting the bump;

   c.) by subjecting to layoff the least senior employee or employees in the job title, unit/cost center, category of employment and shift;

   d.) all temporary and then probationary employees in the job title, unit/cost center and shift in which a layoff is to occur will be terminated prior to any regular employee in that job;
e.) an employee with seniority who is subject to layoff will have the option of a bump or vacancy within his/her unit/cost center within the same job title, but to a different category of employment and/or to a different shift; (Exception: per diem employees may only have options to other per diem positions.)

f.) vacancies that may be filled by employees who are subject to layoff will be limited to those that exist on the day that the layoff options are given to the first affected employee in the job title or grade level in the bargaining unit;

g.) all positions which become vacant during the layoff procedure will be posted and filled as per Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers;

h.) part-time employees with seniority who are subject to layoff will have the option to bump the least senior part-time employee who was hired to work the equivalent number of hours. For example: a part-time employee who is hired to work thirty (30) hours per week may bump the least senior employee who is hired to work thirty (30) hours per week; in accordance with the Section 1.e. above, followed by the steps in Section 2. below;

i.) when it is necessary to permanently change the number of employees on a shift within a unit/cost center, such a change will be made first by requesting volunteers in seniority order from within the unit/cost center. If there are no volunteers, the least senior employee on the shift to be reduced may choose to be subject to layoff as per Section 1.e. above followed by the steps in Section 2. below or be transferred to the shift on which additional staffing is needed;

j.) it is agreed and understood that employees shall serve a sixty (60) working day trial period if for any reason under this Article they are placed in a position which requires substantive variations in techniques and procedures utilized in the performance of their job. Failure to complete the trial period (voluntary or involuntary) shall result in that employee being laid off with recall rights but no bumping rights;

k.) employees may volunteer to be subjected to layoff, by seniority, in the job title, unit/cost center, category of employment and shift.

l.) for the purposes of this Article, the parties acknowledge there are day, evening and night shifts; specifically eight (8) hour day, evening and night shifts; ten (10) hour day, evening and night shifts; twelve (12), twelve and one-half (12 ½) and thirteen (13) hour day, evening and night shifts. Employees subject to layoff will be given their options based on their specified length of shift. If their specific hours of work are not available they will be given their options according to the appropriate shift, day, evening or night shift; and
m.) an employee subject to layoff may select a vacancy in another bargaining unit covered by this Agreement and if qualified, be awarded such position before any external candidate is offered such position at any Step of this process.

Section 2. When an employee with seniority is subject to layoff, or has their position eliminated under Section 1. above, such affected employee shall be placed in a position in the bargaining unit in the following sequence:

**Step 1:** They shall be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit which is in their category of employment, job title and shift. The employee subject to layoff may also choose job vacancies within their Grade Level, category of employment and/or shift. Temporary positions are not included in this process unless the employee chooses a temporary position. It is understood that an employee who chooses a temporary position at this step shall be placed as if they were originally subject to layoff once the temporary position has ended. If the employee opts to drop shift as a requirement for placement, they may do so at any step. If there is a vacancy in another category of employment with lesser hours which has not been filled by an employee in that category during Step 1 of this procedure, an employee may opt to fill that vacancy.

**Step 2:** If no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment, job title and shift.

**Step 3:** If there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employee subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, job title and shift.

**Step 4:** If the employee cannot be placed in their category of employment, job title and shift, they shall be offered the option to bump the least senior employee in their job title and shift. The word “offered” means the employee cannot be forced, but can opt to go to Step 5.

**Step 5:** If the employee cannot be placed within their category of employment, job title, and shift, they shall be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit which is in their category of employment, job title.

**Step 6:** If no such vacancy exists, the employee would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment, in the same job title in the bargaining unit.

**Step 7:** If there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employee subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, job title in the bargaining unit.
Step 8: If the employee cannot be placed within their job title, then they shall be assigned to any vacant position within their category of employment, grade level, and shift provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 9: If no vacancy exists, the employee shall bump any probationary employee within their category of employment and grade level provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 10: If there are no probationary employees who may be bumped in Step Nine (9) above, then the employee may bump the least senior employee within their category of employment and grade level provided the employee has more seniority than the least senior employee and has the ability to perform the work inclusive of the requirements for hiring into the position.

Step 11: If the employee cannot be placed within their category of employment and grade level, they shall be offered to bump the least senior employee within any category of employment in their grade level, provided they meet the requirements for hiring into that position. The laid off employee may bump the least senior employee in any job title within their grade level provided they are qualified. If the laid off employee does not have the qualification for that job he/she may move up and bump the next least senior employee until he/she meets that job qualification regardless of job title within their grade level. The word “offered” means the employee cannot be forced, but can opt to go to Step 12.

Step 12: If the employee cannot be placed within a position in their category of employment and grade level by Step Eleven (11) above, then the above Steps five (5) through eleven (11) shall be repeated in the next lower grade level and then to subsequent lower grade levels until placed into a position or laid-off.

* Once an employee in the title of “Lead” reaches the point in the layoff procedure where placement in a position cannot be accomplished in the same “job title”, or “job title” is no longer a requirement in the available options, said employee shall have the option to move down to the job title in which they were Lead in accordance with the steps above and provided their seniority is higher than the least senior employee, if a bump is to occur.

The Employer will decide in all cases whether there is a vacancy.

Section 3. When an employee is bumped, they shall have all rights of this Article, as if they were originally subject to layoff.

Section 4. At other than Step one (1), the employee may elect a layoff. A refusal to accept a position for which the employee meets the requirements will result in the employee being laid off at that point.
Section 5. The Master Agreement separates the technical and clerical employees into two (2) separate scales. The Clerical Employee Salaries schedule contains thirteen (13) Grades (C1 – C13) and the Technical Employee Salaries schedule contains twenty-three (23) Grades (T1 – T23). The hourly rates for C1 through C12, are exactly the same as the hourly rates for T1 through T23. Therefore, the options provided to an employee in Steps 8 through Step 12 in Section 2. above, will interpret the term “grade level” to include both the clerical and technical titles in the single grouping.

Section 6. It is understood that the employee’s response must be provide to the appropriate Human Resources personnel within twenty-four (24) hours of the time they were informed of their option(s) if their vacancy or bump option is to a position that is the same job title, category of employment, shift, and shift duration. In the event the employee’s option is to a vacancy or bump that is not their job title, category of employment, shift, and shift duration, a response must be provided to the appropriate Human Resources personnel within forty-eight (48) hours of time the employee was informed of their option(s). Failure to timely respond shall be considered as a waiver of the option(s) and the employee will be laid off.

Section 7. The Employer shall give a minimum of seven (7) days notice of layoff.

Section 8. When questions arise regarding the ability to perform the work, the burden of proof shall rest with the Union.

Section 9. Recall Process:

a.) Employees will be recalled from layoff in order of seniority to any open job within the bargaining unit provided they have the ability to perform the work available. If the opening is in a different job title, category of employment or shift, they will have the option to refuse such offer up to two (2) times during the layoff period.

b.) Following refusal of the two (2) offers referenced in a.) above, the employee will continue to have recall rights to a position in his/her job title, category of employment and shift (exact match).

c.) Once an employee has refused an exact match offer (category of employment, job title and shift) that employee will have voluntarily severed ties with the Employer and be terminated.

Section 10. Recalls from layoff will be by certified mail to the employee’s last known address, and will give the employee a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days to report for work after such notification.
CWA DMH/RN

Section 1. The Employer agrees to give the Union advance notice of its intention to layoff or to eliminate a filled position and afford the Union the reasonable opportunity to discuss the layoff or elimination.

Section 2. An employee affected by a reduction in hours will be considered subject to layoff for the purposes of this Article.

Section 3. The Employer will give the employees at least seven (7) calendar days notice of the date of the initial layoff.

Section 4. A list of employees targeted for layoff will be provided to the Union along with a list of available job vacancies and a seniority list by full bargaining unit and cost center. Once the layoff procedure is completed, the Employer will provide the Union with a list of positions offered, final placement, subsequently bumped employees and their movement, and so on.

Section 5. Employees may volunteer to be subjected to layoff, by seniority, in the job title, unit/cost center, category of employment and shift.

Section 6. It is understood that, whenever possible, temporary, probationary, and least senior employees, in that order and by job title, will be subject to layoff first.

Section 7. An employee subject to layoff may select a vacancy in another bargaining unit covered by this Agreement and if qualified, be awarded such position before any external candidate is offered such position at any Step of this process.

Section 8. If no vacancy exists in his/her job title, category, and shift, such an employee targeted for layoff may elect a layoff instead of bumping the least senior employee without jeopardizing unemployment benefits, subject to New York State regulations (and where the cost of unemployment to the Employer would not differ).

Section 9. In the event it is necessary to eliminate, reduce, or layoff any employee covered by this Agreement, the Employer will determine:

   a.) the specific shift and category in a job title and work location; or

   b.) the unit closing or multiple reductions within a department; and

   c.) the number of vacancies, temporary and probationary positions in the affected job titles.

Section 10. In instances where the employee is targeted for layoff, the procedure described below shall be followed sequentially. The affected employee must possess both the required
 qualifies listed on the job description before being allowed to bump another employee. However, a more senior employee who does not possess these skills may, by mutual agreement by both the Employer and Union, bump a skilled, less senior employee providing that the remaining staff’s level of expertise can support this.

In no circumstances shall a part-time employee be mandated to accept another part-time position that would result in a reduction in regularly scheduled hours, provided there are less senior employees with equivalent scheduled hours.

Additionally, any employee possessing qualifications not presently required under current job description shall not be forced to make any of the selections that follow based on such qualifications. (i.e., an RN who possesses ACLS certification).

Section 11. The affected employee may use his/her layoff options in a higher pay grade provided his/her recent experience (defined as within three [3] years) in that higher pay grade was with the Employer and he/she still meets the required qualifications for the position. Such employee shall follow steps b.) through f.) sequentially, substituting “his/her job title” with the higher pay grade job title.

a.) An employee who is subject to layoff will have the option to bump the least senior employee within his/her cost center within the same job title but to a different category and/or to a different shift. It is understood that before a part-time employee can bump a full-time or flex employee, he/she must eliminate all part-time options on the other shifts.

b.) Assumes any vacancy in his/her job title, category, and shift or the affected employee may also choose any other vacancy, if he/she meets the required qualifications for the position.

c.) Bumps any temporary or probationary employee in his/her job title, category, and shift.

d.) Bumps the least senior employee in his/her job title, category, and shift.

e.) May bump the least senior employee in his/her job title, or proceeds to step f).

f.) Assumes a vacancy in his/her category and shift in a job title in the same pay grade, unless he/she does not meet the required qualifications of the position.

g.) Bumps any temporary or probationary employee in his/her category and shift in a job title in the same pay grade, unless he/she does not meet the required qualifications of the position.

h.) Bumps the least senior employee in his/her same pay grade, category and shift, unless he/she does not meet the required qualifications of the position.
i.) May bump the least senior employee in a job title in his/her same pay grade, unless he/she does not meet the required qualifications for the position; or proceeds to step j.

j.) If no position exists in the same pay grade, the employee targeted for layoff may follow the same sequence in f.) through i.) in successively lower pay grades.

k.) If no such position exists in the above sequence, the employee targeted for layoff will be laid off.

Section 12. It is understood that the employee’s response must be provided to the appropriate Human Resources personnel within twenty-four (24) hours of the time he/she was informed of his/her option(s) if his/her vacancy or bump option is to a position that is the same job title, category of employment, shift, and shift duration. In the event the employee’s option is to a vacancy or bump that is not their job title, category of employment, shift, and shift duration, a response must be provided to the appropriate Human Resources personnel within forty-eight (48) hours of the time the employee was informed of his/her option(s).

Section 13. It is agreed and understood that employees shall serve a sixty (60) working day trial period if for any reason under this article they are placed in a position that requires substantive variations in techniques and procedures utilized in the performance of their job. Failure to complete the trial period (voluntary or involuntary) results in the employee being laid off.

Section 14. In instances of a unit closing or multiple reductions within a department, the sequence outlined in Section 9. will be followed in order of greatest seniority.

Section 15. Any employee bumped out of his/her position as a result of the layoff procedures will then be considered targeted for layoff and follow the sequences outlined in Section 10.

Section 16. Vacancies filled by an employee subject to layoff will not be posted. These and other posted positions for which no employee has been selected and officially informed of the selection may be used by the Employer as a vacant position under this Article.

Section 17. Prior to layoff, an employee must complete a written Recall Request form, as provided by the Employer, to indicate:

a.) the employer’s current address;

b.) the employee’s current phone number and/or cell number;

c.) job titles where the employee is qualified to work and will accept recall;

d.) whether he/she would accept recall for full-time, flex or part-time positions;
Section 18. For purposes of this Article, downgraded shall mean a reduction in pay, a change in shift, or a drop in category, including a permanent reduction in regularly scheduled hours. These employees shall have a recall period of twenty-four (24) months as detailed in Section 18 of this Article.

Section 19. Employees laid off or downgraded during the stated recall period, shall be recalled to fill vacancies in order of seniority, starting with the most senior laid off or downgraded employee. Any vacant position in the same or lower grades within the bargaining unit that would bring the affected employee closer to his/her original position (including category, grade, shift and hours of work) shall be offered, unless such employee does not meet the required qualifications of the position.

Section 20. If an employee either accepts or refuses a recall outside of his/her job title, category and shift, the employee will be maintained on the recall list in order of seniority during the stated recall period.

Section 21. Any employee subjected to any step in Section 8. shall have the right to bid on posted positions per Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers, of the Master Agreement.

Section 22. An employee recalled to a temporary position will be maintained on the recall list by seniority, should a permanent position become available.

An employee recalled to a temporary position will be returned to the previously held downgraded permanent position or returned to layoff, whichever is applicable when the temporary assignment ends. The recall to a temporary position will not affect the stated recall period, as defined in Sections 10 and 18 when the temporary assignment ends.

Section 23. Full-time, flex and part-time employees who indicate a willingness to work on an as needed basis will be placed on the appropriate list and will be called into work in order of their seniority.

Section 24. Recalls from layoff will be given through direct telephone contact with the employee, or if the employee is unavailable, by certified mail to the employee’s last known address. Such notice will give the employee at least fourteen (14) calendar days to report to work.

CWA DMH/PROF
Section 1. In the event it is necessary to layoff employees covered by this Agreement, or to eliminate a filled position covered by this Agreement, such layoffs or eliminations will be done as follows:

a.) by providing the Union with the complete plan for staff reduction within the bargaining unit and by complying with the notification and information requirement outlined in Article 74, Job Security/Committee (inclusive of seniority lists by full bargaining unit and cost center);

b.) before beginning layoff, verify any recent changes with the appropriate managers, prior to effecting the bump;

c.) by subjecting to layoff the least senior employee or employees in the job title unit/cost center, category of employment and shift;

d.) all temporary and then probationary employees in the job title, category unit/cost center and shift in which a layoff is to occur will be terminated prior to any regular employee in that job title, cost center and shift, being subject to layoff;

e.) an employee with seniority who is subject to layoff will have the option of a bump within his/her unit/cost center within the same job title, but to a different category of employment and/or to a different shift except per diem employees who will only have options to other per diem positions;

f.) vacancies that may be filled by employees who are subject to layoff will be limited to those that exist on the day that the layoff options are given to the first affected employee in the job title or grade level in the bargaining unit;

g.) all positions which become vacant during the layoff procedure will be posted and filled as per Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers;

h.) part-time employees with seniority who are subject to layoff will have the option to bump the least senior part-time employee who is hired to work the equivalent number of hours. For example: a part-time employee who is hired to work thirty (30) hours per week may bump the least senior employee who is hired to work thirty (30) hours per week; in accordance with Section 1.e. above, followed by the steps in Section 2. below;

i.) when it is necessary to permanently change the number of employees on a shift within a unit/cost center, such a change will be made first by requesting volunteers, in seniority order, from within the unit/cost center. If there are no volunteers, the least senior employee on the shift to be reduced may choose to be subject to layoff as per Section 1.e. above, followed by the steps in Section 2. below or be transferred to the shift on which additional staffing is needed;
j.) it is agreed and understood that employees shall serve a sixty (60) working day trial period if for any reason under this Article they are placed in a position which requires substantive variations in techniques and procedures utilized in the performance of their job. Failure to complete the trial period (voluntary or involuntary) shall result in that employee being laid-off with recall rights but no bumping rights;

k.) an employee may volunteer to be subjected to layoff by seniority, in the job title, unit/cost center, category of employment and shift;

l.) an employee subject to layoff may select a vacancy in another bargaining unit covered by this Agreement and if qualified, be awarded such position before any external candidate is offered such position at any Step of this process.

Section 2. When an employee with seniority is subject to layoff, or has position eliminated under Section 1. above, such affected employee will be placed in a position in the bargaining unit in the following sequence:

Step 1: They shall be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit which is in their category of employment, job title and shift. The employee subject to layoff may also choose job vacancies within their grade level, category of employment and/or shift. Temporary positions are not included in this process unless the employee chooses a temporary position. It is understood that an employee who chooses a temporary position at this step shall be placed as if they were originally subject to layoff, once the temporary position has ended. If the employee opts to drop shift as a requirement for placement, they may do so at any step. If there is a vacancy in another category of employment with lesser hours which has not been filled by an employee in that category during Step 1. of this procedure, an employee may opt to fill that vacancy.

Step 2: If no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment, job title and shift.

Step 3: If there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employee subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, job title and shift.

Step 4: If the employee cannot be placed in their category of employment, job title and shift, they shall be offered the option to bump the least senior employee in their job title and shift. The word “offered” means the employee cannot be forced, but can opt to go to Step 5.
**Step 5:** If the employee cannot be placed within their category of employment, job title and shift they shall be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit which is in their category of employment, job title and shift.

**Step 6:** If no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment, in the same job title in the bargaining unit and in the same shift.

**Step 7:** If there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employees subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, job title in the bargaining unit and the same shift.

**Step 8:** If the employee cannot be placed within their job title, then they will be assigned to any vacant position in their category of employment, grade level and shift provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position *.

**Step 9:** If no vacancy exists, the employee will bump any probationary employee in their category of employment and grade level provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

**Step 10:** If there are no probationary employees who may be bumped in Step Nine (9) above, then the employee may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment and grade level provided the employee has more seniority than the least senior employee and has the ability to perform the work inclusive of the requirements for hiring into the position.

**Step 11:** If the employee cannot be placed in their category of employment and grade level, they will be offered to bump the least senior employee in any category of employment in their grade level, provided they meet the requirements for hiring into that position. The word “offered” means the employee cannot be forced, but can opt to go to Step 12.

**Step 12:** If the employee cannot be placed within a position in their category of employment and grade level by Step Eleven (11) above, then the above steps five (5) through eleven (11) will be repeated in the next lower grade level and then to subsequent lower grade levels until placed into a position or laid-off.

* Once an employee in the title of “Lead or Senior” reached the point in the layoff procedure where placement in a position cannot be accomplished in the same “job title”, or “job title” is no longer a requirement in the available options, said employee shall have the option to move down to the job title in which they were a Lead or Senior in accordance with the steps above and provided their seniority is higher than the least senior employee, if a bump is to occur.

The Employer will decide in all cases whether there is a vacancy.
Section 3. When an employee is bumped, they will have all the rights of this Article as if they were originally subject to layoff.

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Section 8. Employees will be recalled from layoff in order of seniority to any open job within the bargaining unit provided they have the ability to perform the work available. If the opening is in a different job title, category of employment or shift, they will have the option to refuse such offer up to two (2) times during the layoff period. Following such refusal the employee will continue to have recall rights to a position in their job title, category of employment and shift.

Section 9. For purposes of this Article, downgraded shall mean a reduction in pay, a change in shift, or a drop in category, including a permanent reduction in regularly scheduled hours. These employees shall have a recall period of twenty four (24) months as detailed in Section 10. of this Article.

Section 10. Employees laid off or downgraded during the stated recall period, shall be recalled to fill vacancies in order of seniority, starting with the most senior laid off or downgraded employee. Any vacant position in the same or lower grades within the bargaining unit that would bring the affected employee closer to his/her original position (including category, grade, shift and hours of work) shall be offered, unless such employee does not meet the required qualifications of the position.

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CWA DMH/TCCS

Section 1. The Employer agrees to give the Union advance notice of its intention to layoff or to eliminate a filled position and afford the Union the reasonable opportunity to discuss the layoff or elimination.

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Section 5. Employees may volunteer to be subjected to layoff by seniority, in the job title, unit/cost center, category of employment and shift.

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Section 7. If no vacancy exists in his/her job title, category, and shift, such an employee targeted for layoff may elect a layoff instead of bumping a less senior employee without jeopardizing unemployment benefits, subject to New York State regulations (and where the cost of unemployment to the Employer would not differ).

Section 8. An employee subject to layoff may select a vacancy in another bargaining unit covered by this Agreement and if qualified, be awarded such position before any external candidate is offered such position at any Step of this process.

Section 9. In the event it is necessary to eliminate, reduce, or layoff any employee covered by this Agreement, the Employer will determine:

a.) the specific shift and category in a job title and work location; or

b.) the unit closing or multiple reductions within a department; and

c.) the number of vacancies, temporary and probationary positions in the affected job titles.

Section 10. In instances where the employee is targeted for layoff, the procedure described below shall be followed sequentially. In no circumstances shall a part-time employee be
mandated to accept another part-time position that would result in a reduction in regularly scheduled hours, provided there are less senior employees with equivalent scheduled hours.

Additionally, any employee possessing qualifications not presently required under current job description (i.e., a hospital based Nurses Assistant who possesses CNA certification) shall not be forced to make any of the selection that follow based on such qualifications.

The affected employee may use his/her layoff options in a higher pay grade provided his/her recent experience (defined as within three [3] years) in that higher pay grade was with the Employer and he/she still meets the required qualifications for the position. Such employee shall follow steps b.) through f.) sequentially, substituting “his/her job title” with the higher pay grade job title.

a.) An employee who is subject to layoff will have the option to bump any less senior employee within his/her department/unit and within the same job title but to a different category and/or to a different shift.

b.) Assumes any vacancy in his/her job title, category, and shift or the affected employee may also choose any other vacancy, if he/she meets the required qualifications for the position.

c.) Bumps any temporary or probationary employee in his/her job title, category, and shift.

d.) Bumps any less senior employee in his/her job title, category, and shift.

e.) May bump any less senior employee in his/her job title, or proceed to step f.).

f.) Assumes a vacancy in his/her category and shift in a job title in the same pay grade, unless he/she does not meet the required qualifications of the position.

g.) Bumps any temporary or probationary employee in his/her category and shift in a job title in the same pay grade, unless he/she does not meet the required qualifications of the position *.

h.) Bumps any less senior employee in his/her same pay grade, category and shift, unless he/she does not meet the required qualifications of the position.

i.) May bump any less senior employee in a job title in his/her same pay grade, unless he/she does not meet the required qualifications for the position; or proceeds to step j.).

j.) If no position exists in the same pay grade, the employee targeted for layoff may follow the same sequence in f.) through i.) in successively lower pay grades.

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k.) If no such position exists in the above sequence, the employee targeted for layoff will be laid off.

* Once any employee in the title of “Lead” reached the point in the layoff procedure where placement in a position cannot be accomplished in the same “job title”, or “job title” is no longer a requirement in the available options, said employee shall have the option to move down to the job title in which they were a Lead in accordance with the steps above and provided their seniority is higher than the least senior employee, if a bump is to occur.

Section 11. The Master Agreement separates the technical and clerical employees into two (2) separate scales. The Clerical Employee Salaries schedule contains thirteen (13) Grades (C1 - C13) and the Technical Employee Salaries schedule contains twenty-three (23) Grades (T1 – T23). The hourly rates for C1 through C12, are exactly the same as the hourly rates for T1 through T23. Therefore, the options provided to an employee in Steps 8 through Step 12 in Section 2. above, will interpret the term “grade level” to include both the clerical and technical titles in the single grouping.

Section 12. It is understood that the employee’s response must be provided to the appropriate Human Resources personnel within twenty-four (24) hours of the time he/she was informed of his/her option(s) if their vacancy or bump option is to a position that is the same job title, category of employment, shift, and shift duration. In the event the employee’s option is to a vacancy or bump that is not his/her job title, category of employment, shift and shift duration, a response must be provided to the appropriate Human Resources personnel within forty-eight (48) hours of the time the employee was informed of his/her option(s).

Section 13. It is agreed and understood that employees shall serve a sixty (60) working days trial period if for any reason under this article they are placed in a position which requires substantive variations in techniques and procedures utilized in the performance of their job. Failure to complete the trial period (voluntary or involuntary) results in the employee being laid off.

Section 14. In instances of a unit closing or multiple reductions within a department, the sequence outlined in Section 9. will be followed in order of greatest seniority.

Section 15. Any employee bumped out of his/her position as a result of the layoff procedures will then be considered targeted for layoff and follow the sequence outlined in Section 10.

Section 16. Vacancies filled by an employee subject to layoff will not be posted. These and other posted positions for which no employee has been selected and officially informed of the selection may be used by the Employer as a vacant position under this Article.

Section 17. Prior to layoff, an employee must complete a written Recall Request form, as provided by the Employer, to indicate:

a.) the employee’s current address;
b.) the employee’s current phone number and/or cell number;

c.) job titles where the employee is qualified to work and will accept recall;

d.) whether he/she would accept recall for full-time, flex or part-time positions;

e.) whether he/she would be willing to work on an “as needed basis”; and

f.) which shifts he/she would be willing to work.

An employee may change such written Recall Request form prior to any recall.

Section 18. For purposes of this Article, downgraded shall mean a reduction in pay, a change in shift, or a drop in category, including a permanent reduction in regularly scheduled hours. These employees shall have a recall period of twenty-four (24) months as detailed in Section 19. of this Article.

Section 19. Employees laid off or downgraded during the stated recall period, shall be recalled to fill vacancies in order of seniority, starting with the most senior laid off or downgraded employee. Any vacant position in the same or lower grades within the bargaining unit that would bring the affected employee closer to his/her original position (including category, grade, shift and hours of work) shall be offered, unless such employee does not meet the required qualifications of the position.

Section 20. If an employee either accepts or refuses a recall outside of his/her job title, category and shift, the employee will be maintained on the recall list in order of seniority during the stated recall period.

Section 21. Any employee subjected to any step in Section 10. shall have the right to bid on posted positions per Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers, of the Master Agreement.

Section 22. An employee recalled to a temporary position will be maintained on the recall list by seniority, should a permanent position become available.

An employee recalled to a temporary position will be returned to the previously held downgraded permanent position or returned to layoff, whichever is applicable when the temporary assignments ends. The recall to a temporary position will not affect the stated recall period, as defined in Sections 18 and 19, when the temporary assignment ends.

Section 23. Full-time, flex and part-time employees who indicate a willingness to work on an “as needed basis” will be placed on the appropriate list and will be called into work in order of their seniority.
Section 2. Recalls from layoff will be given through direct telephone contact with the employee, or if the employee is unavailable, by certified mail to the employee’s last known address. Such notice will give the employee at least fourteen (14) calendar days to report to work.

CWA MFH/RN

Section 1. In the event it is necessary to layoff employees covered by this Agreement, or to eliminate a filled position covered by this Agreement, such layoffs or eliminations will be done as follows:

a.) by providing the Union with the complete plan for staff reduction within the bargaining unit and by complying with the notification and information requirement outlined in Article 74, Job Security/Committee;

b.) by subjecting to layoff the least senior employee or employees in the job title, unit/cost center, category of employment and shift;

c.) all temporary and then probationary employees in the job title, unit/cost center and shift in which a layoff is to occur will be terminated prior to any regular employee in that job title, unit/cost center, and shift being subject to layoff;

d.) an employee with seniority who is subject to layoff will have the option of a bump within his/her unit/cost center within the same job title, but to a different category of employment and/or to a different shift;

e.) vacancies that may be filled by employees who are subject to layoff will be limited to those that exist on the day that the layoff options are given to the first affected employee in the job title or grade level in the bargaining unit;

f.) all positions which become vacant during the layoff procedure will be posted and filled as per Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers;

g.) part-time employees with seniority who are subject to layoff will have the option to bump the least senior part-time employee who is hired to work the equivalent number of hours. For example: a part-time employee who is hired to work thirty (30) hours per week may bump the least senior employee who is hired to work thirty (30) hours per week; in accordance with the steps in Section 2. below;

h.) when it is necessary to permanently change the number of employees on a shift within a unit/cost center, such a change will be made first by requesting volunteers from within the unit/cost center. If there are no volunteers, the least senior employee on the shift to be reduced may choose to be subject to layoff as
per Section 2. below, or be transferred to the shift on which additional staffing is needed;

i.) employees subject to layoff will have the option to job choices within their grade level and/or job title;

j.) it is agreed and understood that employees shall serve a sixty (60) working day trial period if for any reason under this Article they are placed in a position which requires substantive variations in techniques and procedures utilized in the performance of their job. Failure to complete the trial period (voluntary or involuntary) shall result in that employee being laid-off with recall but no bumping rights;

k.) for the purposes of this Article, the parties acknowledge there are day, evening and night shifts; specifically eight (8) hour day, evening and night shifts; ten (10) hour day, evening and night shifts; twelve and one-half (12½) or thirteen (13) hour day, evening and night shifts. Employees subject to layoff will be given their options based on their specified length of shifts;

If their specific hours of work are not available they will be given their options according to the appropriate shift; day, evening or night shift.

l.) employees may volunteer to be subjected to layoff, by seniority, in the job titles, unit/cost center, category of employment and shift.

m.) per diem employees subject to layoff may not bump a benefited employee.

n.) an employee subject to layoff may select a vacancy in another bargaining unit covered by this Agreement and if qualified, be awarded such position before any external candidate is offered such position at any Step of this process.

Section 2. When an employee with seniority is subject to layoff, or has their position eliminated under Section 1. above, such affected employee shall be placed in a position in the bargaining unit in the following sequence with union representation if available:

Step 1: First, they shall be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit which is their category of employment, job title and shift. Temporary positions are not included in this process unless the employee chooses a temporary position. It is understood that an employee who chooses a temporary position at this step shall be placed as if they were originally subject to layoff and will be given options once the temporary position expires. If the employee opts to drop shift as a requirement for placement, they may do so at any step. If there is a vacancy in another category of employment with lesser hours which has not been filled by an employee in that category during Step 1 of this procedure, an employee may opt to fill that vacancy.
Step 2: Second, if no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their unit/cost center, category of employment, job title and shift.

Step 3: Third, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employee subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, job title and shift.

Step 4: Fourth, if the employee cannot be placed in their category of employment, job title and shift, they shall be offered the option to bump the least senior employee in their job title and shift. The word “offered” means the employee cannot be forced but can opt to go to Step 5.

Step 5: Fifth, if the employee cannot be placed within their job title, they shall be assigned to any vacant position in their category of employment; grade level and shift provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 6: Sixth, if no such vacancy exists, the employee shall bump any probationary employee in their category of employment, grade level and shift provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 7: Seventh, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped in Step 6 above, then the employees may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, grade level and shift, provided the employee has more seniority than the least senior employee and meets the requirements for hiring into the position.

Step 8: Eighth, if the employee cannot be placed within a position in their category of employment, grade level and shift, they shall be assigned to any vacant position in their category of employment, grade level provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 9: Ninth, if no vacancy exists, the employee shall bump any probationary employee in their category of employment and grade level provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 10: Tenth, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped in Step 9 above, then the employee may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, grade level provided the employee has more seniority than the least senior employee and meets the requirements for hiring into the position.

Step 11: Eleventh, if the employee cannot be placed in their category of employment and grade level, they shall be offered to bump the least senior employee in any category of employment in their grade level, provided they meet the requirements
for hiring into that position. (The word “offered” means the employee cannot be forced but can opt to go to Step 12.)

**Step 12:** Twelfth, if the employee cannot be placed within a position in their grade level by Step 11 above, then the above Steps 5 through 11 shall be repeated in the next lower grade level and then to subsequent lower grade levels until placed into a position or laid-off.

The Employer will decide in all cases whether there is vacancy. When the least senior employee above is bumped, they shall be placed as if they were originally subject to layoff.

Section 3. When an employee is bumped, they shall have all the rights of this Article as if they were originally subject to layoff, beginning with Section 1. of this Article.

Section 4. At other than Step 1, the employee may elect a layoff. A refusal to accept a position for which the employee meets the requirements will result in the employee being laid off at that point.

Section 5. It is understood that the employee’s response must be provided to the appropriate Human Resources personnel within twenty-four (24) hours of the time they were informed of their option(s) if their vacancy or bump option is to a position that is the same job title, category of employment, shift, and shift duration. In the event the employee’s option is to a vacancy or bump that is not their job title, category of employment, shift, and shift duration, or at another site within the bargaining unit, a response must be provided to the appropriate Human Resources personnel within forty-eight (48) hours of the time the employee was informed of their option(s). Failure to timely respond shall be considered as a waiver of the option(s) and the employee will be laid off.

Section 6. The Employer shall give a minimum of seven (7) days notice of layoff.

Section 7. When questions arise regarding the ability to perform the work, the burden of proof shall rest with the Union.

Section 8. Recall Process:
  a.) Employees will be recalled from layoff in order of seniority to any open job within the bargaining unit provided they have the ability to perform the work available. If the opening is in a different job title, category of employment or shift, they will have the option to refuse such offer up to two (2) times during the layoff period.
  
  b.) Following refusal of the two (2) offers referenced in a.) above, the employee will continue to have recall rights to a position in his/her job title, category of employment and shift (exact match).
c.) Once an employee has refused an exact match offer (category of employment, job title and shift) that employee will have voluntarily severed ties with the Employer and be terminated.

Section 9. Recalls from layoff will be by certified mail to the employee’s last known address, and will give the employee a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days to report for work after such notification.

CWA MFH/PROF

Section 1. In the event it is necessary to layoff employees covered by this Agreement, or to eliminate a filled position covered by this Agreement, such layoffs or eliminations will be done as follows:

a.) by providing the Union with the complete plan for staff reduction within the bargaining unit and by complying with the notification and information requirement outlined in Article 74, Job Security/Committee;

b.) by subjecting to layoff the least senior employee or employees in the job title, cost center and/or laboratory section, category of employment and shift;

c.) an employee may volunteer to be subject to layoff by seniority, in the job title, cost center and/or laboratory section, category of employment and shift;

d.) all temporary and then probationary employees in the job title, cost center and/or laboratory section and shift in which a layoff is to occur will be terminated prior to any regular employee in that job title, cost center and/or laboratory section and shift, being subject to layoff;

e.) an employee with seniority who is subject to layoff will have the option of a bump or vacancy within his/her cost center and/or laboratory section within the same job title, but to a different category of employment and/or to a different shift; except per diem employees who will only have options to other per diem positions;

f.) vacancies that may be filled by employees who are subject to layoff will be limited to those that exist on the day that the layoff options are given to the first affected employee in the job title or grade level in the bargaining unit;

g.) all positions which become vacant during the layoff procedure will be posted and filled as per Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers;

h.) part-time employees with seniority who are subject to layoff will have the option to bump the least senior part-time employee who is hired to work the equivalent number of hours. For example: a part-time employee who is hired to work thirty
(30) hours per week may bump the least senior employee who is hired to work thirty (30) hours per week; in accordance with the steps in Section 2. below;

i.) when it is necessary to permanently change the number of employees on a shift within a cost center and/or laboratory section, such a change will be made first by requesting volunteers in seniority order from within the cost center and/or laboratory section. If there are no volunteers, the least senior employee on the shift to be reduced may choose to be subject to layoff as per Section 2. below or be transferred to the shift on which additional staffing is needed;

j.) it is agreed and understood that employees shall serve a sixty (60) working day trial period if for any reason under this Article they are placed in a position which requires substantive variations in techniques and procedures utilized in the performance of their job. Failure to complete the trial period (voluntary or involuntary) will result in that employee being laid-off with recall rights not bumping rights;

k.) for the purposes of this Article, the parties acknowledge there are day, evening and night shifts: specifically eight (8) hour day, evening and night shifts; ten (10) hour day, evening and night shifts; twelve and one-half (12½) and thirteen (13) hour day, evening and night shifts. Employees subject to layoff will be given their options based on their specified length of shift. If their specific hours of work are not available they will be given their options according to the appropriate shift; day, evening or night shift;

l.) an employee subject to layoff may select a vacancy in another bargaining unit covered by this Agreement and if qualified, be awarded such position before any external candidate is offered such position at any Step of this process.

Section 2. When an employee with seniority is subject to layoff, or has their position an employee may volunteer to be subjected to layoff by seniority, in the job title, cost center and/or laboratory section, category of employment eliminated under Section 1. above, such affected employee will be placed in a position in the bargaining unit in the following sequence:

Step 1: First, they will be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit which is in their category of employment, job title and shift. The employee subject to layoff may also choose job vacancies within their category of employment and/or shift. Temporary positions are not included in this process unless the employee chooses a temporary position. It is understood that an employee who chooses a temporary position at this step will be placed as if they were originally subject to layoff once the temporary position expires. If the employee opts to drop shift as a requirement for placement, they may do so at any step. If there is a vacancy in another category of employment with lesser hours which has not been filled by an employee in that category during Step 1 of this procedure, an employee may opt to fill that vacancy.
Step 2: Second, if no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their laboratory, category of employment, job title and shift.

Step 3: Third, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employee subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their laboratory, category of employment, job title and shift, provided the employee meets the requirements for that position.

Step 4: Fourth, if the employee cannot be placed in their laboratory, category of employment, job title and shift, they will be offered the option to bump the least senior employee in their job title and shift. The word “offered” means the employee cannot be forced, but can opt to go to Step 5.

Step 5: Fifth, if the employee cannot be placed within their laboratory, category of employment, job title and shift they will be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit which is in their category of employment, job title and shift.

Step 6: Sixth, if no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment, in the same job title in the bargaining unit and in the same shift.

Step 7: Seventh, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employees subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, job title in the bargaining unit and the same shift.

Step 8: Eighth, if the employee cannot be placed within their job title, then they will be assigned to any vacant position in their category of employment, grade level and shift provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.*

Step 9: Ninth, if no vacancy exists, the employee will bump any probationary employee in their category of employment and grade level provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 10: Tenth, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped in Step Nine (9) above, then the employee may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment and grade level provided the employee has more seniority than the least senior employee and has the ability to perform the work inclusive of the requirements for hiring into the position.

Step 11: Eleventh, if the employee cannot be placed in their category of employment and grade level, they may bump the least senior employee in any category of employment in their grade level, provided they meet the requirements for hiring
into that position. The word “may” means the employee cannot be forced, but can opt to go to Step 12.

**Step 12:** Twelfth, if the employee cannot be placed within a position in their category of employment and grade level by Step Eleven (11) above, then the above steps five (5) through eleven (11) will be repeated in the next lower grade level and then to subsequent lower grade levels until placed into a position or laid-off.

* Once an employee in the title of “Lead or Senior” reached the point in the layoff procedure where placement in a position cannot be accomplished in the same “job title”, or “job title” is no longer a requirement in the available options, said employee shall have the option to move down to the job title in which they were a Lead or Senior in accordance with the steps above and provided their seniority is higher than the least senior employee, if a bump is to occur.

The Employer will decide in all cases whether there is vacancy.

Section 3. It is understood, that at each step in the layoff procedure outlined in Section 2. above, employees must meet the requirements for hiring into the position that is under consideration as either a “vacancy” or a “bump”.

Section 4. When an employee is bumped, they will have all the rights of this Article as if they were originally subject to layoff.

Section 5. At other than Step One (1), the employee may elect a layoff. A refusal to accept a position for which the employee meets the requirements will result in the employee being laid-off at that point.

Section 6. It is understood that the employee’s response must be provided to the appropriate Human Resource personnel within twenty-four (24) hours of the time the employee was informed of their option(s) if the vacancy or bump option is to a position that is the same job title, category of employment, shift and shift duration. In the event the employee’s option is to a vacancy or bump that is not in their job title, category of employment, shift or shift duration, a response must be provided to the appropriate Human Resource personnel within forty-eight hours of the time the employee was informed of their option(s). Failure to timely respond shall be considered as a waiver of the option(s) and the employee will be laid off.

Section 7. The Employer will give a minimum of seven (7) days notice of layoff.

Section 8. When questions arise regarding the ability to perform the work, the burden of proof will rest with the Union.

Section 9. Recall Process:

a.) Employees will be recalled from layoff in order of seniority to any open job within the bargaining unit provided they have the ability to perform the
work available. If the opening is in a different job title, category of employment or shift, they will have the option to refuse such offer up to two (2) times during the layoff period.

b.) Following refusal of the two (2) offers referenced in a.) above, the employee will continue to have recall rights to a position in his/her job title, category of employment and shift (exact match).

c.) Once an employee has refused an exact match offer (category of employment, job title and shift) that employee will have voluntarily severed ties with the Employer and be terminated.

Section 10. Recalls from layoff will be by certified mail to the employee’s last known address, and will give the employee a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days to report for work after such notification.

CWA MFH/TCC

Section 1. In the event it is necessary to layoff employees covered by this Agreement, or to eliminate a filled position covered by this Agreement, such layoffs or eliminations will be done as follows:

a.) by providing the Union with the complete plan for staff reduction within the bargaining unit and by complying with the notification and information requirement outlined in Article 74, Job Security/Committee (inclusive of seniority lists by full bargaining unit and cost center);

b.) by subjecting to layoff the least senior employee or employees in the job title, unit/cost center and category of employment and shift;

c.) all temporary and then probationary employees in the job title, unit/cost center and shift in which a layoff is to occur will be terminated prior to any regular employee in that job title, unit/cost center and shift, being subject to layoff;

d.) an employee with seniority who is subject to layoff will have the option of a bump or vacancy within his/her unit/cost center within the same job title, but to a different category of employment and/or to a different shift;

e.) vacancies that may be filled by employees who are subject to layoff will be limited to those that exist on the day that the layoff options are given to the first affected employee in the job title or grade level in the bargaining unit;

f.) all positions which become vacant during the layoff procedure will be posted and filled as per Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers;
g.) part-time employees with seniority who are subject to layoff will have the option to bump the least senior part-time employee who is hired to work the equivalent number of hours. For example: a part-time employee who is hired to work thirty (30) hours per week may bump the least senior employee who is hired to work thirty (30) hours per week; in accordance with the steps in Section 2. below;

h.) when it is necessary to permanently change the number of employees on a shift within a unit/cost center, such a change will be made first by requesting volunteers from within the unit/cost center. If there are no volunteers, the least senior employee on the shift to be reduced may choose to be subject to layoff as per Section 2. below or be transferred to the shift on which additional staffing is needed;

i.) employees subject to layoff will have the option to job choices within their grade level and/or job title;

j.) it is agreed and understood that employees shall serve a sixty (60) working day trial period, if for any reason under this Article they are placed in a position which requires substantive variations in techniques and procedures utilized in the performance of their job. Failure to complete the trial period (voluntary or involuntary) shall result in that employee being laid-off with recall rights but no bumping rights;

k.) for the purposes of this Article, the parties acknowledge there are day, evening and night shifts; specifically eight (8) hour day, evening and night shifts; ten (10) hour day, evening and night shifts; twelve (12), and twelve and one-half (12½) and thirteen (13) hour day, evening and night shifts. Employees subject to layoff may choose to be given their options based on their specified shifts. If their specific hours of work are not available they will be given their options according to the appropriate shift; day, evening or night shift.

l.) employees may volunteer to be subjected to layoff, by seniority, in the job titles, unit/department/cost center, category of employment and shift;

m.) per diem employees subject to layoff may not bump a benefited employee;

n.) an employee subject to layoff may select a vacancy in another bargaining unit covered by this Agreement and if qualified, be awarded such position before any external candidate is offered such position at any Step of this process.

Section 2. When an employee with seniority is subject to layoff, or has their position eliminated under Section 1. above, such affected employee shall be placed in a position in the bargaining unit in the following sequence with union representation:
Step 1: First, they shall be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit which is their category of employment, job title and shift. Temporary positions are not included in this process unless the employee chooses a temporary position. It is understood that an employee who chooses a temporary position at this step shall be placed as if they were originally subject to layoff once the temporary position expires. If the employee opts to drop shift as a requirement for placement, they may do so at any step. If there is a vacancy in another category of employment with lesser hours which has not been filled by an employee in that category during Step 1 of this procedure, an employee may opt to fill that vacancy.

Step 2: Second, if no such vacancy exist, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their unit/department/cost center, category of employment, job title and shift.

Step 3: Third, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employee subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, job title and shift.

Step 4: Fourth, if the employee cannot be placed in their category of employment, job title and shift, they shall be offered the option to bump the least senior employee in their job title and shift. The word “offered” means the employee can’t be forced but can opt to go to Step 5.

Step 5: Fifth, if the employee cannot be placed within their job title, they shall be assigned to any vacant position in their category of employment, grade level and shift provided they meet the requirements for hiring into the position.

Step 6: Sixth, if no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment, grade level and shift provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into the position.

Step 7: Seventh, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped in Step Six (6) above, then the employees may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, grade level and shift, provided the employee has more seniority than the least senior employee and meets the requirements for hiring into the position.

Step 8: Eighth, if the employee cannot be placed within their category or employment, grade level and shift, then they shall be assigned to any vacant position in their category of employment, grade level provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 9: Ninth, if no vacancy exists, the employee shall bump any probationary employee in their category of employment and grade level provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.
Step 10: Tenth, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped in Step Nine (9) above, then the employee may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment and grade level provided the employee has more seniority than the least senior employee and meets the requirements for hiring into the position.

Step 11: Eleventh, if the employee cannot be placed in their category of employment and grade level, they shall be offered to bump the least senior employee in any category of employment in their grade level, provided they meet the requirements for hiring into that position. The laid off employee may bump the least senior employee in any job title within his/her grade level provided he/she are qualified. If the laid off employee does not have the qualification for that job he/she may move up and bump the next least senior employee until he/she meet that job qualification regardless of job title within his /her grade level. (The word “offered” means the employee cannot be forced, but may opt to go to Step 12).

Step 12: Twelfth, if the employee cannot be placed within a position in their grade level by Step Eleven (11) above, then the above Steps Five (5) through Eleven (11) shall be repeated in the next lower grade level and then to subsequent lower grade levels until placed into a position or laid-off.

* Once an employee in the title of “Lead” reaches the point in the layoff procedure where placement in a position cannot be accomplished in the same “job title”, or “job title” is no longer a requirement in the available options, said employee shall have the option to move down to the job title in which they were Lead in accordance with the steps above and provided their seniority is higher than the least senior employee, if a bump is to occur.

The Employer will decide in all cases whether there is a vacancy. When the least senior employee above is bumped, they shall be placed as if they were originally subject to layoff.

Section 3. When an employee is bumped, they shall have all the rights of this Article, as if they were originally subject to layoff, beginning the Section 1. of this Article.

Section 4. At other than Step One (1), the employee may elect a layoff. A refusal to accept a position for which the employee meets the requirements will result in the employee being laid-off at that point.

Section 5. The Master Agreement separates the technical and clerical employees into two (2) separate scales. The Clerical Employee Salaries schedule contains thirteen (13) Grades (C 1 - C13) and the Technical Employee Salaries schedule contains twenty-three (23) Grades (T1 – T23). The hourly rates for C1 through C12, are exactly the same as the hourly rates for T1 through T23. Therefore, the options provided to an employee in Steps 8 through Step 12 in Section 2. above, will interpret the term “grade level” to include both the clerical and technical titles in the single grouping.
Section 6. It is understood, that the employee response must be provided to the appropriate Human Resource personnel within twenty-four (24) hours of the time they were informed of their option(s) if their vacancy or bump option is to a position that is the same job title, category of employment, shift, and shift duration. In the event the employee’s option is to a vacancy or bump that is not their job title, category of employment, shift and shift duration, or at another site within the bargaining unit, a response must be provided to the appropriate Human Resources personnel within forty-eight (48) hours of the time the employee was informed of their option(s). Failure to timely respond shall be considered a waiver of the option(s) and the employee will be laid off.

Section 7. The Employer shall give a minimum of seven (7) days notice of layoff.

Section 8. When questions arise regarding the ability to perform the work, the burden of proof shall rest with the Union.

Section 9. Recall Process:

a.) Employees will be recalled from layoff in order of seniority to any open job within the bargaining unit provided they have the ability to perform the work available. If the opening is in a different job title, category of employment or shift, they will have the option to refuse such offer up to two (2) times during the layoff period.

b.) Following refusal of the two (2) offers referenced in a.) above, the employee will continue to have recall rights to a position in his/her job title, category of employment and shift (exact match).

c.) Once an employee has refused an exact match offer (category of employment, job title and shift) that employee will have voluntarily severed ties with the Employer and be terminated.

Section 10. Recalls from layoff will be by certified mail to the employee’s last known address, and will give the employee a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days to report for work after such notification.

Section 11. Employees on layoff status shall be permitted to continue participation in the Employers health insurance plan so long as he/she pays the full premium expenses and the same shall apply to participants in other group life insurance plans, additionally the time spent while on layoff shall not constitute “a break in service for the retirement plan.”
SEIU BUSINESS OFFICE CLERICAL

Section 1. In the event it is necessary to layoff employees covered by this Agreement, or to eliminate a filled position covered by this Agreement, such layoffs or eliminations will be done as follows:

a.) by providing the Union with the complete plan for staff reduction within the bargaining unit and by complying with the notification and information requirement outlined in Article 74, Job Security;

b.) by subjecting to layoff the least senior employee or employees in the job title, cost center, category of employment and shift;

c.) all temporary and then probationary employees in the job title, category, cost center and shift in which a layoff is to occur will be terminated prior to any regular employee in that job title, cost center, category of employment and shift, being subject to layoff;

d.) an employee with seniority who is subject to layoff will have the option of a bump within his/her cost center within the same job title, but to a different category of employment and/or to a different shift;

e.) vacancies that may be filled by employees who are subject to layoff will be limited to those that exist on the day that the lay-off options are given to the first affected employee in the job title or grade level in the bargaining unit;

f.) all positions which become vacant during the lay-off procedure will be posted and filled as per Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers;

g.) part-time employees with seniority who are subject to layoff will have the option to bump the least senior part-time employee who is hired to work the equivalent number of hours. For example: a part-time employee who is hired to work thirty (30) hours per week may bump the least senior employee who is hired to work thirty (30) hours per week; in accordance with the steps in Section 2 below;

h.) when it is necessary to permanently change the number of employees on a shift within a cost center, such a change will be made first by requesting volunteers from within the cost center. If there are no volunteers, the least senior employee on the shift to be reduced may choose to be subject to layoff as per Section 2 below or be transferred to the shift on which additional staffing is needed;
(i.) it is agreed and understood that the percentage of flexible employees will not be increased in relation to the number of full time employees in any cost center as a result of a layoff;

(j.) it is agreed and understood that employees shall serve a sixty (60) working day trial period if for any reason under this Article they are placed in a position which requires substantive variations in techniques and procedures utilized in the performance of their job. Failure to complete the trial period (voluntary or involuntary) shall result in that employee being laid off;

(k.) an employee subject to layoff may select a vacancy in another bargaining unit covered by this Agreement and if qualified, be awarded such position before any external candidate is offered such position at any step;

(l.) no employee shall gain in category/status as a result of a layoff.

Section 2. When an employee with seniority is subject to layoff, or has their position eliminated under Section 1 above, such affected employee shall be placed in a position in the bargaining unit in the following sequence:

Step 1: First, they shall be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit, which is in their category of employment, job title and shift. If the employee opts to drop shift as a requirement for placement, they may do so at any step. If there is a vacancy in another category of employment with lesser hours which has not been filled by an employee in that category during Step 1 of this procedure, an employee may opt to fill that vacancy.

Step 2: Second, if no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment, job title and shift.

Step 3: Third, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employee subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, job title and shift.

Step 4: Fourth if the employee cannot be placed within their category of employment, job title and shift, they shall be offered the option to bump the least senior employee in their job title and shift.

Step 5: Fifth if the employee cannot be placed within their category of employment, job title and shift, they shall be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit which is in their category of employment and job title.

Step 6: Sixth if no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment and in the same job title in the bargaining unit.
Step 7: Seventh, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employees subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment and job title in the bargaining unit.

Step 8: Eighth if the employee cannot be placed within their job title, then they shall be assigned to any vacant position in their category of employment and grade level provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 9: Ninth, if no such vacancy exists, the employee shall bump any probationary employee in their category of employment and grade level provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 10: Tenth, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped in Step 9 above, then the employee may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment and grade level, provided the employee has more seniority than the least senior employee and has the ability to perform the work inclusive of the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 11: Eleventh, if the employee cannot be placed in their category of employment and grade level, they may bump the least senior employee in any category of employment in their grade level, provided they meet the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 12: Twelfth, if the employee cannot be placed in a position in their category of employment and grade level by Step 11 above, the above Step 5 through Step 11 shall be repeated in the next lower grade level and then to subsequent lower grade levels until placed into a position or laid off.

The Employer will decide in all cases whether there is a vacancy. When the least senior employee above is bumped, they shall be placed as if they were originally subject to layoff.

Section 3. When the employee is bumped, they shall be moved through the steps in Section 2 above, as if they were originally subject to layoff.

Section 4. The employee may elect a layoff at any Step except Step 1. A refusal to accept a position for which the employee meets the requirements will result in the employee being laid off at that point.

Section 5. It is understood that the employee response must be provided to the appropriate Human Resource personnel within forty-eight (48) hours of the time the employee was informed of their option(s). Failure to respond within forty-eight (48) hours shall be considered as a waiver of the option(s) and the employee shall be laid off.

Section 6. The Employer shall give a minimum of seven (7) days notice of layoff.
Section 7. When questions arise regarding the ability to perform the work, the burden of proof shall rest with the Union.

Section 8. Recall Process:
   a.) Employees will be recalled from layoff in order of seniority to any open job within the bargaining unit provided they have the ability to perform the work available. If the opening is in a different job title, category of employment or shift, they will have the option to refuse such offer up to two (2) times during the layoff period.
   b.) Following refusal of the two (2) offers referenced in a.) above, the employee will continue to have recall rights to a position in his/her job title, category of employment and shift (exact match).
   c.) Once an employee has refused an exact match offer (category of employment, job title and shift) that employee will have voluntarily severed ties with the Employer and be terminated.

Section 9. Recalls from layoff will be by certified mail to the employee's last known address and will give the employee a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days to report for work after such notification.

SEIU BGMC SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE

Section 1. In the event it is necessary to layoff employees covered by this Agreement, or to eliminate a filled position covered by this Agreement, such layoffs or eliminations will be done as follows:
   a.) by providing the Union with the complete plan for staff reduction within the bargaining unit and by complying with the notification and information requirement outlined in Article 74, Job Security;
   b.) by subjecting to layoff the least senior employee or employees in the job title, category of employment, site and shift;
   c.) all temporary and then probationary employees in the job title, category, cost center and shift in which a layoff is to occur will be terminated prior to any regular employee in that job title, cost center, category of employment, site and shift, being subject to layoff;
d.) an employee with seniority who is subject to layoff will have the option of a bump within his/her cost center within the same job title, but to a different category of employment, site and/or to a different shift;

e.) vacancies that may be filled by employees who are subject to layoff will be limited to those that exist on the day that the layoff options are given to the first affected employee in the job title or grade level in the bargaining unit;

f.) all positions which become vacant during the layoff procedure will be posted and filled as per Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers;

g.) part-time employees with seniority who are subject to layoff will have the option to bump the least senior part-time employee who is hired to work the equivalent number of hours. For example: a part-time employee who is hired to work thirty (30) hours per week may bump the least senior employee who is hired to work thirty (30) hours per week; in accordance with the steps in Section 2 below;

h.) when it is necessary to permanently change the number of employees on a shift within a cost center, such a change will be made first by requesting volunteers from within the cost center. If there are no volunteers, the least senior employee on the shift to be reduced may choose to be subject to layoff as per Section 2 below or be transferred to the shift on which additional staffing is needed;

i.) it is agreed and understood that employees shall serve a sixty (60) working day trial period if for any reason under this Article they are placed in a position which requires substantive variations in techniques and procedures utilized in the performance of their job. Failure to completed the trial period (voluntary or involuntary) shall result in that employee being laid off;

j.) an employee subject to layoff may select a vacancy in another bargaining unit covered by this Agreement and if qualified, be awarded such position before any external candidate is offered such position at any Step;

k.) no employee shall gain in category/status as a result of a layoff.

Section 2. When an employee with seniority is subject to layoff, or has position eliminated under Section 1. above, such affected employee will be placed in a position in the bargaining unit in the following sequence:

Step 1: First, they shall be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit, which is in their category of employment, job title and shift. If the employee opts to drop shift as a requirement for placement, they may do so at any step. If there is a vacancy in another category of employment with lesser hours which has not been filled by an employee in that category during Step 1 of this procedure, an employee may opt to fill that vacancy.
Step 2: Second, if no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment, job title, site and shift.

Step 3: Third, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employee subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, job title, site and shift.

Step 4: Fourth if the employee cannot be placed within their category of employment, job title and shift, they shall be offered the option to bump the least senior employee in their job title, site and shift.

Step 5: Fifth if the employee cannot be placed within their category of employment, job title and shift, they shall be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit which is in their category of employment, site and job title.

Step 6: Sixth if no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment and in the same job title in the bargaining unit.

Step 7: Seventh, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employees subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment and job title in the bargaining unit.

Step 8: Eighth if the employee cannot be placed within their job title, then they shall be assigned to any vacant position in their category of employment and grade level provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 9: Ninth, if no such vacancy exists, the employee shall bump any probationary employee in their category of employment and grade level provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 10: Tenth, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped in Step 9 above, then the employee may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment and grade level, provided the employee has more seniority than the least senior employee and has the ability to perform the work inclusive of the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 11: Eleventh, if the employee cannot be placed in their category of employment, site and grade level, they may bump the least senior employee in any category of employment in their grade level, provided they meet the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 12: Twelfth, if the employee cannot be placed in a position in their category of employment and grade level by Step 11 above, the above Step 5 through Step 11
shall be repeated in the next lower grade level and then to subsequent lower grade levels until placed into a position or laid off.

The Employer will decide in all cases whether there is a vacancy. When the least senior employee above is bumped, they shall be placed as if they were originally subject to layoff.

Section 3. When the employee is bumped, they shall be moved through the steps in Section 2 above, as if they were originally subject to layoff.

Section 4. The employee may elect a layoff at any Step except Step 1. A refusal to accept a position for which the employee meets the requirements will result in the employee being laid off at that point.

Section 5. It is understood that the employee response must be provided to the appropriate Human Resource personnel within forty-eight (48) hours of the time the employee was informed of their option(s). Failure to respond within forty-eight (48) hours shall be considered as a waiver of the option(s) and the employee shall be laid off.

Section 6. The Employer shall give a minimum of seven (7) days notice of layoff.

Section 7. When questions arise regarding the ability to perform the work, the burden of proof shall rest with the Union.

Section 8. Recall Process:
   a.) Employees will be recalled from layoff in order of seniority to any open job within the bargaining unit provided they have the ability to perform the work available. If the opening is in a different job title, category of employment or shift, they will have the option to refuse such offer up to two (2) times during the layoff period.

   b.) Following refusal of the two (2) offers referenced in a.) above, the employee will continue to have recall rights to a position in his/her job title, category of employment and shift (exact match).

   c.) Once an employee has refused an exact match offer (category of employment, job title and shift) that employee will have voluntarily severed ties with the Employer and be terminated.

Section 9. Recalls from layoff will be by certified mail to the employee's last known address and will give the employee a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days to report for work after such notification.

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SEIU MFH SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE

Section 1. In the event it is necessary to layoff employees covered by this Agreement, or to eliminate a filled position covered by this Agreement, such layoffs or eliminations will be done as follows:

a.) by providing the Union with the complete plan for staff reduction within the bargaining unit and by complying with the notification and information requirement outlined in Article 74, Job Security;

b.) by subjecting to layoff the least senior employee or employees in the job title, cost center, category of employment and shift;

c.) all temporary and then probationary employees in the job title, category, cost center and shift in which a layoff is to occur will be terminated prior to any regular employee in that job title, cost center, category of employment and shift, being subject to layoff;

d.) vacancies that may be filled by employees who are subject to layoff will be limited to those that exist on the day that the layoff options are given to the first affected employee in the job title or grade level in the bargaining unit;

e.) employee with seniority who is subject to layoff will have the option of a bump within his/her cost center within the same job title, but to a different category of employment and/or to a different shift;

f.) all positions which become vacant during the layoff procedure will be posted and filled as per Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers;

g.) part-time employees with seniority who are subject to layoff will have the option to bump the least senior part-time employee:

h.) when it is necessary to permanently change the number of employees on a shift within a cost center, such a change will be made first by requesting volunteers from within the cost center. If there are no volunteers, the least senior employee on the shift to be reduced may choose to be subject to layoff as per Section 2 below or be transferred to the shift on which additional staffing is needed;

i.) it is agreed and understood that the percentage of flexible employees will not be increased in relation to the number of full time employees in any cost center as a result of a layoff;

j.) it is agreed and understood that employees shall serve a sixty (60) working day trial period if for any reason under this Article they are placed in a position which
requires substantive variations in techniques and procedures utilized in the performance of their job. Failure to completed the trial period (voluntary or involuntary) shall result in that employee being laid off;

k.) an employee subject to layoff may select a vacancy in another bargaining unit covered by this Agreement and if qualified, be awarded such position before any external candidate is offered such position at any step.

l.) no employee shall gain in category/status as a result of a layoff.

Section 2. When an employee with seniority is subject to layoff, or has position eliminated under Section 1. above, such affected employee will be placed in a position in the bargaining unit in the following sequence:

Step 1: First, they shall be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit, which is in their category of employment, job title, shift and facility. If no such vacancy exists, the employee may choose a vacancy in their category of employment or another category with lesser hours in their grad level or lower grade level provided they meet the requirements for hiring into that position. Temporary positions are not included in this process unless the employee chooses a temporary position. It is understood that an employee who chooses a temporary position at this step shall be placed as if they were originally subject to layoff and will be given options since the temporary position expires. If the employee opts to drop facility and/or shift as a requirement for placement, they may do so at any step. If there is a vacancy in another category of employment with lesser hours which has not been filled by an employee in that category during Step 1 of this procedure, an employee may opt to fill that vacancy.

Step 2: Second, if no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment, job title, shift and facility.

Step 3: Third, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employee subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, job title, shift and facility.

Step 4: Fourth if the employee cannot be placed within their category of employment, job title and shift, they shall be offered the option to bump the least senior employee in their job title, shift and facility. Part time employees may not change their category of employment, refer to Section 1 (g).
Step 5: Fifth if the employee cannot be placed within their category of employment, job title and shift, they shall be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit which is in their category of employment and job title and facility.

Step 6: Sixth if no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment and in the same job title and facility in the bargaining unit.

Step 7: Seventh, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employees subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, job title and facility in the bargaining unit.

Step 8: Eighth if the employee cannot be placed within their job title, then they shall be assigned to any vacant position in their category of employment, job title, and grade level and facility provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 9: Ninth, if no such vacancy exists, the employee shall bump any probationary employee in their category of employment, grade level and facility provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 10: Tenth, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped in Step 9 above, then the employee may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, grade level and facility, provided the employee has more seniority than the least senior employee and has the ability to perform the work inclusive of the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 11: Eleventh, if the employee cannot be placed in their category of employment and grade level, they may bump the least senior employee in any category of employment in their grade level, provided they meet the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 12: Twelfth, if the employee cannot be placed in a position in their category of employment and grade level by Step 11 above, the above Step 5 through Step 11 shall be repeated in the next lower grade level and then to subsequent lower grade levels until placed into a position or laid off.

The Employer will decide in all cases whether there is a vacancy. When the least senior employee above is bumped, they shall be placed as if they were originally subject to layoff.

Section 3. When the employee is bumped, they shall be moved through the steps in Section 2 above, as if they were originally subject to layoff.
Section 4. The employee may elect a layoff at any Step except Step 1. A refusal to accept a position for which the employee meets the requirements will result in the employee being laid off at that point.

Section 5. It is understood that the employee response must be provided to the appropriate Human Resource personnel within forty-eight (48) hours of the time the employee was informed of their option(s). Failure to respond within forty-eight (48) hours shall be considered as a waiver of the option(s) and the employee shall be laid off.

Section 6. The Employer shall give a minimum of seven (7) days notice of layoff.

Section 7. When questions arise regarding the ability to perform the work, the burden of proof shall rest with the Union.

Section 8. Recall Process:
   a.) Employees will be recalled from layoff in order of seniority to any open job within the bargaining unit provided they have the ability to perform the work available. If the opening is in a different job title, category of employment or shift, they will have the option to refuse such offer up to two (2) times during the layoff period.

   b.) Following refusal of the two (2) offers referenced in a.) above, the employee will continue to have recall rights to a position in his/her job title, category of employment and shift (exact match).

   c.) Once an employee has refused an exact match offer (category of employment, job title and shift) that employee will have voluntarily severed ties with the Employer and be terminated.

Section 9. Recalls from layoff will be by certified mail to the employee's last known address and will give the employee a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days to report for work after such notification.

SEIU WCHOB RN/LPN

Section 1. Order

In the event it is necessary to layoff employees or to eliminate a filled position covered by this Agreement, the following will occur.

   a.) The Union will be notified in accordance with the Master Agreement Article 74, Job Security/Committee.
b.) Identify the least senior employee(s) by job title, unit/department and shift, which is/are affected as described in the Job Security notification.

c.) Employees in the clinical unit in the identified job title and shift will be offered the opportunity to reduce their FTE status by descending seniority. The reduced FTE's will be accepted if they would address the identified need.

d.) An employee in the identified job title and shift with in the clinical unit may volunteer to be laid off by descending seniority. The voluntary lay off will be accepted if it would address the identified need. Such volunteers will not participate in the lay off process and will immediately be placed on the recall list.

e.) If the above actions do not reach the identified reduction, external temporary employees and probationary employees in the unit/department Job title and shift will be laid off in ascending seniority order.

f.) Employees working in temporary benefited positions in the affected unit will revert back to their original unit and status.

g.) Per Diem employees in the identified job title and unit/department will be laid off in ascending seniority order prior to any benefited employees in the clinical unit.

h.) Benefited employees in the identified job title in the unit/department and shift will be laid off in ascending seniority order.

i.) An employee subject to layoff may select a vacancy in another bargaining unit covered by this Agreement and if qualified, be awarded such position before any external candidate is offered such position at any step.

j.) No employee shall gain in category/status as a result of a layoff.

Section 2. Notification

a.) The Employer will give a minimum of a one week notice of layoff or equivalent compensation to the identified employees.

b.) Included in the notification will be:

1.) list of meeting dates and times to review options;
2.) list of available vacancies within the job title;
3.) Individual option sheets.

Section 3. Process
a.) Job selection for affected benefited employees will be made in order of descending seniority.

b.) All positions of the affected job title(s) that exist on the day that the list is copied for notification may be offered and filled by the affected employee after the internal bidding process been completed. Employees must meet the minimum qualifications of the vacant position. All position which become vacant during the layoff procedure will be posted and filled according to Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers.

c.) All affected employees will be required to make their selection in the appointed meeting time.

d.) For those employees whose revised options require a change in current status or shift, additional time up to a maximum of 24 hours if necessary, will be allowed.

e.) Employees subject to layoff may choose to be given their options based on their specified shift, rotator vs. non-rotator and length of their primary shift. If their specified shift of work is not available, they will be given their options according to the appropriate primary shift: day, evening or night, shift.

Section 4. Employees displaced by the bumping process will then follow the same process at subsequent meetings.

Section 5. Full Time Employees

a.) Unit Options:

1.) Bump least senior full time, same unit, different shift, same job title; or
2.) Bump least senior part time or flexible same unit, different shift, same job title.

OR

b.) Division Options:

1.) Bump the least senior full time within the division, same shift, same job title.

If neither Unit or Divisional options protect shift and status then:

1.) Bump the least senior part time, or flexible within the division, same shift, same job title; or
2.) Bump the least senior full time within the division, different shift, same job title; or
3.) Bump the least senior part time, or flexible within the division, different shift, same job title

If the above does not provide a benefited position then:

   c.) Hospital-Wide Options:

         1.) Bump the least senior full time, same shift, same job title;
         2.) If this does not protect status and shift then;
         3.) If this does not result in an option the employee may bump within their job grade;
             Bump the least senior Full time, different shift, same job title.
             OR

         1.) Bump the least senior Flexible or Part time, same shift, same job grade;
         2.) If the above does not provide a position, then;
             Bump the least senior Flexible or Part time, different shift, same job grade.
             OR

         1.) Bump the least senior per diem same division; if no division
         2.) Bump the least senior per diem same grade in hospital.

Section 6. Flexible Employees

   a.) Unit Options:

         1.) Bump least senior flexible, same unit, different shift, same job title; or
         2.) Bump least senior part time, same unit, same shift, same job title; or
         3.) Bump least senior part time, same unit, different shift, same job title.
             OR

   b.) Division Options:

         1.) Bump the least senior flexible within the division, same shift, same job title.

If neither Unit or Divisional options protect shift and status then:

         1.) Bump the least senior part time, within the division, same shift, same job title;
             or
         2.) Bump the least senior part time or flexible within the division, different shift, same job title.
If the above does not provide a benefited position then:

c.) Hospital-Wide Options:

Bump the least senior flexible, same shift, same job grade.

If the above does not protect status and shift then:

1.) Bump the least senior part time, same job title, same shift; or
2.) Bump the least senior flexible or part time, different shift, same job title.
3.) If this does not result in an option the employee may bump within their job grade;

OR

1.) Bump the least senior per diem same division, if no division;  
2.) Bump the least senior per diem same grade in hospital.

Section 7. Part-Time Employees:

a.) Unit Options:

1.) Bump least senior part time or flexible same unit, same title, different shift

OR

b.) Divisional Options:

1.) Bump least senior part time or flexible within the division, same title, same shift.

If neither Unit or Divisional options protect shift and status then:

2.) Bump least senior part time or flexible within the division same title, different shift.

If the above does not provide a benefited position then:

c.) Hospital - Wide Options:

1.) Bump the least senior part-time or flexible hospital wide, same job title, same shift.

If the above does not protect status and shift, then:
1.) Bump the least senior part time or flexible Hospital Wide, same job title, different shift.
2.) If this does not result in an option the employee may bump within their job grade;

OR

1.) Bump the least senior per diem, same division.

If no division option, bump least senior per diem same grade in hospital:

Section 8. Weekend Employees:

a.) Unit Options:

1.) Bump least senior weekend, same unit, different shift, same job title; or
2.) Bump least senior part time or flexible same unit, same shift, same job title; or
3.) Bump least senior part time or flexible same unit, different shift, same job title

OR

b.) Division Options:

1.) Bump the least senior weekend within the division, same shift, same job title.

If neither Unit or Divisional options protect shift and status then:

1.) Bump the least senior part time or flexible within the division, same shift, same job title; or
2.) Bump the least senior weekend within the division same shift, same job title; or
3.) Bump the least senior weekend within the division different shift, same job title; or
4.) Bump the least senior part time or flexible within the division, different shift, same job title.

If the above does not provide a benefited position then:

c.) Hospital-Wide Options:

1.) Bump the least senior weekend, same shift, same job title;
2.) Bump the least senior part time or flexible same job title.
3.) If this does not result in an option the employee may bump within their job grade.
OR

1.) Bump the least senior per diem same division; if no division
2.) Bump the least senior per diem same grade in hospital.

Section 9.  Per Diem

Per Diem may bump least senior per diem in division. If no divisional option, then bump least senior per diem in same grade in the hospital.

Section 10.  When necessary, the Employer will provide appropriate training and job orientation to their position.

Section 11.  The bumping process shall not compromise patient care. In the event that an RN1 is subject to layoff and that nurse floats to an RN2 position, he/she will be given the option to fill a vacancy or bump the least senior employee in the RN-1 or RN-2 for which they are qualified. It is understood that he/she will have demonstrated competency in the level 2 area.

Section 12.  A full time, flexible, part time, weekend or per diem employee who exercises the above options and is unsuccessful in obtaining a position may select a vacancy in their own bargaining unit and if qualified be awarded such position before any external candidate is considered for such position.

Section 13.  Placement of new clinics/units on Bumping/Floating Grid will be by mutual agreement.

Section 14.  As a result of the significant training required to reach a minimum competency level, employees in the ERN Unit and Neonatal Transport Team STAT and ECMO Teams will be exempt from displacement due to bumping by employees from other units. An ERN displaced from his/her position may displace the junior ERN in the same ERN clinical unit. The junior ERN who is displaced may displace the junior RN in the Hospital using RN seniority.

Section 15.  An RN/LPN will be declared "in a position" when he/she is placed on the schedule for the new unit.

Section 16.  This article will not apply to School Health Services employees who are laid off during scheduled School calendar breaks.

Section 17.  "Laid off " refers to the status of an employee who has been displaced from his/her position and is not working in a bargaining unit position. "Displaced," refers to the status of an employee who has been displaced from his/her position but is working in a bargaining unit
position. "Home Unit" refers to the clinical unit to which an employee held a position and from which the employee has been laid off or displaced.

Section 18. If an employee accepts a position through the bumping process in a different clinical unit, FTE status or shift, they will continue to have recall right to a position equal to the original position from which they were laid off.

Section 19. Any employee recalled within the time limits designated will:

a.) Maintain ESB accumulated prior to such lay off;
b.) Retain seniority as per Master Agreement;
c.) Displaced employees within their home division will retain their recall rights for a maximum of one (1) year.

Section 20. Laid off and displaced employees will be placed on the recall list in order of seniority. As benefited positions become available, they will be offered by seniority. Laid off employees will be recalled to any job title, shift or category. Displaced employees working in the "Home" division will only be recalled to original position. Displaced employees outside of their "home" division will be recalled to a position in any job title, shift or category in that division. It is understood that the employee must meet the minimum qualifications of the position to which they are being recalled. Per Diem employees will be recalled only to Per Diem positions.

Section 21. Recall notification to any displaced or laid off employee will be made by phone. If no contact is made, notice of recall will be sent by certified mail to the laid off employee at their last known address. An employee will have five (5) business days from the date of registered receipt in which to respond. A mutually agreed upon date of return to work will be determined and the employee will be added to the schedule. An employee not responding within five (5) business days or not reporting to work on the agreed upon date will be removed from the recall list.

Section 22. Laid off and displaced employees outside "Home Division" will have the option to refuse offered positions in a different job title, category of employment or shift two (2) times during the layoff and displaced period. Following such refusal, the employee will continue to have recall rights to a position equal to the original position from which they were laid off.

Section 23. An employee who voluntarily applies for and accepts a posted position will be removed from the recall list.

Section 24. Orientation and training appropriate to the position will be provided.

Section 25. A displaced or laid off employee who does not accept a recall to their home unit at their prior FTE status and shift will be removed from the recall list.
SEIU WCHOB NURSE PRACTITIONER

Section 1. Definition of Terms:

a.) Home Unit is the unit/location where services are provided and employee is regularly assigned.

b.) Program is an area of similar service provision, different location (i.e. School).

c.) WCHOB wide means the entire Nurse Practitioner bargaining unit for WHCOB.

Section 2. Order: In the event it is necessary to layoff employees covered by this Agreement or to eliminate a filled position covered by this Agreement, seniority within the affected job title will prevail provided remaining employees are qualified to perform services of that unit. The sequence listed below will be followed:

a.) Employees in the clinical Home unit will be offered the opportunity to reduce their FTE status.

b.) An employee within the clinical Home Unit may volunteer to be laid off. Such Volunteers will not participate in the displacement process and will immediately be placed on the recall list.

c.) Probationary employees in the clinical Home Unit will be laid off in ascending Seniority order.

d.) Employees working in temporary benefited positions in the affected Home Unit will revert back to their original Home Unit and status.

e.) Per Diem employees in the clinical Home Unit will be laid off in ascending seniority prior to any benefited employee in the clinical Home Unit

f.) Benefited employees in the clinical Home Unit will be laid off in ascending seniority order.

g.) It is agreed and understood that the percentage of flexible employees will not be increased in relation to the number of full time employees in any cost center as a result of a layoff,

h.) An employee subject to layoff may select a vacancy in another bargaining unit covered by this Agreement and if qualified, be awarded such position before any external candidate is offered such position at any step.

Section 3. Notification
a.) The Union will be notified in accordance with Article 74, Job Security.

b.) The Employer will give a minimum of two (2) week written notice of layoff or equivalent compensation. A list of available opportunities, vacancies and bumping options will be distributed within five (5) days of the official layoff notice.

c.) When necessary, the Employer will provide appropriate orientation and job training to the employee in their new position in accordance with displacement/bumping grid.

Section 4. Process

a.) Job selection for displaced benefited employees will be made in order of descending seniority beginning within seventy-two (72) hours of receipt of open and pool positions. All affected employees will be required to make their selection in a fifteen-minute time slot, which will be allotted each displaced employee. For those employees whose options have changed from the original list by 50, additional time up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours if necessary, will be allowed.

b.) Employees displaced from the pool will follow the same bumping procedure as above at a subsequent meeting. Employees who are unable to attend this meeting or do not make a selection within the fifteen minute time slot provided to them for the purpose of making their selection will be placed at the bottom of the list of employees.

c.) If an employee calls in by telephone or attends the meeting but at a time later than the employee's time slot, the employee may make a selection at that point in the process, as if the employee was immediately junior to the last employee who made a selection.

Section 5. In the event two or more employees share a common seniority date, an objective process agreed to by both the Employer and the Union will determine seniority. All involved employees will be invited to this selection process.

Section 6. Employees displaced by the bumping process will then follow the same bumping procedure at subsequent meetings.

Section 7. All displaced by the bumping process will then follow the same bumping procedure at subsequent meetings.

Section 8. All displaced benefited employees, if qualified, may select a vacancy in their own bargaining unit and if qualified be awarded such position before any external candidate is
considered for such position in accordance with Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers or which were not filled internally through the job posting process.

Section 9. Bumping Options for Full Time Employee

a.) Home Unit Options: Bump least senior full time, same unit, different shift, same job title; or
b.) Bump least senior part-time or flexible same unit different shift, same job title.

OR

c.) Program Options: Program defined in grid. Bump the least senior full time within the program, same shift, same job title.

If neither Home Unit or Program options protect shift and status then:

a.) Bump the least senior part-time or flexible within the program, same shift, same job title; or
b.) Bump the least senior full time within the program different shift, same job title.

If the above does not provide a benefited position then:

Hospital Wide Options:

a.) Bump the least senior full time, same shift, same job title;
b.) Bump the least senior full time, same job title; or
c.) Bump the least senior part-time or flexible same job title;
d.) Bump the least senior per diem same program, if no program Bump the least senior per diem in hospital.

Section 10. Bumping Options for Part-Time Employees:

a.) Home Unit Options: Bump the least senior part-time same or flexible Home Unit, same title, different shift;

OR

b.) Program Options: Program defined in grid. Bump the least senior part-time or flexible within the program same job title, same shift.

If neither Home Unit or Program options protect shift and status then:

a.) Bump the least senior part-time or flexible within the program same job title

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If the above does not provide a benefited position then:

b.) Hospital Options: Bump the least senior part-time or flexible hospital wide, same job title;

OR

If no program option, bump the least senior per diem in hospital.

Section 11. Per Diem Employees:

Per Diem employees may bump least senior per diem in program. If no program option, then bump least senior per diem in hospital.

Section 12. Program Options will be defined by mutual agreement between the Hospital and the Union.

Section 13. A full or part time employee who exercises the above options and is unsuccessful in obtaining a position will be laid off.

Section 14. A Nurse Practitioner will be declared “in a position” when she/he is placed on the schedule for the new unit.

Section 15. School based Nurse Practitioners are not eligible to bump during school vacation unless school grant is discontinued or the job is eliminated.

Section 16. “Laid off” means the status of an employee who has been displaced from her/his position and is not working in a bargaining unit position. “Displaced,” means the status of an employee who has been displaced from her/his position and is working in a bargaining unit position. “Home Unit means the clinical unit to which an employee is regularly assigned and from which the employee has been laid off or displaced. If a home unit closes, the employee’s home unit is equal to program and position in recall will be filled in seniority order.

Section 17. Employees will be recalled in order of descending seniority to any open position within their home unit and within their job classification within the bargaining unit. Positions in recall will be filled in seniority order. Orientation and proper training will be provided to maintain competency.

Section 18. When a clinical unit from which employees have been displaced or laid off decides to recall its staff the Hospital will recall benefited employees displaced from that unit by assigning them to that unit. The Hospital will also recall laid off employees to their “Home Unit” using the Hospital’s dedicated telephone line maintained by Human Resources.

Section 19. Recalls to home unit will be made to displaced employees by reassignment. Recalls to home unit will be made by certified mail to laid off employee to employees last
known address. An employee will have five (5) business days to accept recall after such notification.

Section 20. If the opening is in a different shift, or FTE status, the employee will have the option to refuse such offer any time twice during the layoff period. Following such refusal, the employee will continue to have recall rights to a position from which they were laid off.

Section 21. If the employee accepts a position through the bumping process in a different clinical unit, FTE status or shift, they will continue to have recall rights to a position equal to the original position from which they were laid off.

Section 22. An employee who is not available to report to work within fourteen (14) days of notification or does not respond to notification will be removed from the recall list.

Section 23. A displaced or laid off employee who does not accept a recall to their home unit at their prior FTE status and shift will be removed from the recall list.

Section 24. An employee who voluntarily applies for and accepts a posted position will be removed from the recall list.

Section 25. An employee will remain on recall for a period equal to their length of service or a minimum of 104 weeks.

Section 26. Other prohibitions available to employees will be on the Hospital’s dedicated phone line and changed every Wednesday.

Section 27. It is understood that any employee recalled within the time limits of recall will not lose sick leave accumulated but unused prior to such layoff and will retain their seniority as per Master Agreement.

Section 28. Once all displaced and laid off employees have been offered recall to their “home unit”, then any opening in that clinical unit will be posted and filled per Article 53- Job Bidding and Transfers.

Section 29. Positions in Recall will be offered to benefit employees prior to offering to per diem employees. It is understood that no per diem employee can be offered recall to the unit until all benefited employees have been offered recall to their original unit, shift and status.

### Bumping/Floating Grid

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* On a case by case basis, if the pediatric nurse practitioner is qualified within her credentialing and practice protocol.

**SEIU WCHOB PROFESSIONAL**

Section 1. Definition of Terms:

a.) Home Unit - The unit/location (e.g. cost center/department) where services are provided and employee is regularly assigned.

b.) Program - area of similar service provision, different location.

c.) WCHOB Wide - entire professional bargaining unit for WCHOB.

d.) An employee subject to layoff may select a vacancy in another bargaining unit covered by this Agreement and if qualified, be awarded such position before any external candidate is offered such position at any step.

Section 2. Order: In the event it is necessary to layoff employees covered by this Agreement or to eliminate a filled position covered by this Agreement, seniority of the employees who perform the work within the affected job title will prevail provided that remaining employees are qualified to perform services of that unit. The sequence listed below will be followed:

a.) employees in the Home Unit (cost center/department) will be offered the opportunity to reduce their FTE status;

b.) an employee within the Home Unit (cost center/department) may volunteer to be laid off. Such volunteers will not participate in the displacement process and will immediately be placed on the recall list;

c.) probationary employees in the Home Unit (cost center/department) will be laid off in ascending seniority order;

d.) employees working in temporary benefited positions in the affected Home Unit (cost center/department) will revert back to their original unit and status;

e.) per Diem employees in the Home Unit (cost center/department) will be laid off in ascending seniority prior to any benefited employee in the unit;

f.) benefited employees in the unit will be laid off in ascending seniority order;
g.) no employee shall gain in category/status as a result of a layoff.

Section 3. Notification:

a.) The Union will be notified in accordance with Article 55- Job Security;

b.) The Employer will give a minimum of one (1) week written notice of layoff or equivalent compensation. A list of available opportunities, vacancies and bumping options will be distributed within five (5) days of the official layoff notice;

c.) When necessary, the Employer will provide appropriate orientation and job training to the employee in their new position.

Section 4. Process:

a.) May select an external vacancy in their own bargaining unit and if qualified be awarded such position.

b.) Job selection for displaced benefited employees will be made in order of descending seniority beginning within seventy-two (72) hours of receipt of open positions. All affected employees will be required to make their selection in a fifteen-minute time slot, which will be allotted each displaced employee. For those employees whose options have changed from the original list by 50%, additional time up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours if necessary, will be allowed.

c.) Employees displaced will follow the same bumping procedure as above at a subsequent meeting. Employees who are unable to attend this meeting or do not make a selection within the fifteen-minute time slot provided to them for the purpose of making their selection will be placed at the bottom of the list of employees.

d.) If an employee calls in by telephone or attends the meeting but at a time later than the employee’s time slot, the employee may make a selection at that point in the process, as if the employee was immediately junior to the last employee who made a selection.

Section 5. In the event two or more employees share a common seniority date, an objective process agreed to by both the Employer and the Union will determine seniority. All involved employees will be invited to this selection process.
Section 6. Employees displaced by the bumping process will then follow the same bumping procedure at subsequent meetings.

Section 7. All displaced by the bumping process will then follow the same bumping procedure at subsequent meetings.

Section 8. All displaced benefited employees, if qualified, may bid on any vacancy in accordance with Master Agreement Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers or which were not filled internally through the job posting process.

Section 9. Bumping Options For Full Time Employees

a.) Home Unit (cost center/department) Options:

1.) Bump least senior full time, same Home Unit, different shift, same job title; or
2.) Bump least senior part-time or flexible same Home Unit different shift, same job title.

OR

b.) Program Options:

1.) Bump the least senior full time within the program, same shift, same job title.

If neither unit or program options protect shift and status then:

1.) Bump the least senior part-time or flexible within the program, same shift, same job title;

OR

2.) Bump the least senior full time within the program different shift, same job title.

If the above does not provide a benefited position then:

c.) Hospital Wide Options:

1.) Bump the least senior full time, same shift, and same job title;
2.) Bump the least senior full time, same job title;
3.) Bump the least senior part-time or flexible same job title.

d.) The employee may bump a FT employee in a lower grade in another job title for which they are qualified in accordance with a.) through c.) above.

f.) The employee may bump the least senior per diem same program, if no program option, bump the least senior per diem in hospital.

Section 10. Bumping Options for Part-Time and Weekend Employees:
a.) Home Unit Options:
   1.) Bump the least senior part-time or flexible same unit, same title, and different shift;
       OR

b.) Program Options:
   1.) Bump the least senior part-time or flexible within the program same job title, same shift.

   *If neither Unit or program options protect shift and status then:*

   1.) Bump the least senior part-time or flexible within the program same job title, different shift.

   *If the above does not provide a benefited position then:*

   OR

c.) Hospital Options:
   1.) Bump the least senior part-time or flexible hospital wide, same job title.

   d.) The employee may bump a part time or flexible or weekend employee in a lower grade for which they are qualified in accordance with a.) through c.) above.

   OR

e.) If no program option, bump the least senior per diem in hospital.

Section 11. Per Diem employees may bump the least senior per diem in program. If no program option, then bump least senior per diem in hospital.

Section 12. Program Options will be defined by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Union at the Labor Management Committee.

Section 13. A full or part-time or flexible employee who exercises the above options and is unsuccessful in obtaining a position will be laid off.

Section 14. A Professional will be declared "in a position" when she/he is placed on the schedule for the new unit.

Section 15. This article shall not apply to School Health Services employees who are laid off during school breaks.

Section 16. Definitions:
a.) "Laid off means the status of an employee who has been displaced from her/ his position and is not working in a bargaining unit position;
b.) "Displaced" means the status of an employee who has been displaced from her/his position and is working in a bargaining unit position;
c.) "Home Unit" means the unit (e.g. cost center/department) to which an employee is regularly assigned and from which the employee has been laid off or displaced.

Section 17. Employees will be recalled in order of descending seniority to any open position within their home unit and within their job classification within the bargaining unit. Positions in recall will be filled in seniority order. Orientation and proper training will be provided to maintain competency.

Section 18. When a unit from which employees have been displaced or laid off decides to recall its staff, the Hospital will recall benefited employees displaced from that unit by assigning them to that unit. The Hospital will also recall laid off employees to their "Home Unit".

Section 19. Recalls to home unit will be made to displaced employees by reassignment. Recalls to home unit will be made by certified mail to laid off employee to employees last known address. An employee will have five (5) calendar days to accept recall after such notification.

Section 20. If the opening is in a different shift, or FTE status, the employee will have the option to twice refuse such offer any time during the layoff period. Following such refusal, the employee will continue to have recall rights to a position from which they were laid off.

Section 21. If the employee accepts a position through the bumping process in a different clinical unit, FTE status or shift, they will continue to have recall rights to a position equal to the original position from which they were laid off.

Section 22. An employee who is not available to report to work within fourteen (14) days of notification or does not respond to notification will be removed from the recall list.

Section 23. A displaced or laid off employee who does not accept a recall to their home unit at their prior FTE status and shift will be removed from the recall list.

Section 24. An employee who voluntarily applies for and accepts a posted position will be removed from the recall list.

Section 25. An employee will remain on recall for a period equal to their length of
service or a minimum of 104 weeks.

Section 26. Other positions available to employees will be listed as per the Job Bidding and Transfer Article.

Section 27. It is understood that any employee recalled within the time limits of recall will not lose sick leave accumulated but unused prior to such layoff and will retain then-seniority as per Master Agreement.

Section 28. Once all displaced and laid off employees have been offered "home unit" then any opening in that clinical unit will be, posted and filled per Article 53 Job Bidding and Transfers.

Section 29. Positions in Recall will be offered to benefit employees prior to offering to per diem employees. It is understood that no per diem employee can be offered recall to the unit until all benefited employees have been offered recall to the position.

SEIU WCHOB TECHNICAL

Section 1. In the event it is necessary to layoff employees covered by this Agreement, or to eliminate a filled position covered by this Agreement, such layoffs or eliminations will be done as follows:

a.) by providing the Union with the complete plan for staff reduction within the bargaining unit and by complying with the notification and information requirement outlined in Article 74 Job Security;

b.) all temporary and then probationary employees in the job title, category, cost center and shift in which a layoff is to occur will be terminated prior to any regular employee in that job title, cost center, category of employment and shift, being subject to layoff;

c.) ask for volunteers to reduce FTE status. After volunteers have submitted their reductions, management will determine which if any to accept. Management will then determine what reductions, if any still are needed;

d.) ask for volunteers to accept layoff equal to the needed reductions;

e.) by subjecting to layoff the least senior employee or employees in the job titles, cost center, category of employment and shift;

f.) an employee subject to layoff will have the option to bump;
g) an employee with seniority who is subject to layoff will have the option of a bump within his/her cost center within the same job title, but to a different category of employment and/or to a different shift;

h) an employee subject to layoff may select a vacancy in another bargaining unit covered by this Agreement and if qualified, be awarded such position before any external candidate is offered such position at any step;

i) no employee shall gain in category/status as a result of a layoff.

Section 2.

a.) Vacancies that may be filled by employees who are subject to layoff will be limited to those that exist on the day that the layoff options are given to the first affected employee in the job title or grade level in the bargaining unit.

b.) All positions which become vacant during the layoff procedure will be posted and filled as per Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers.

c.) When it is necessary to permanently change the number of employees on a shift within a cost center, such a change will be made first by requesting volunteers from within the cost center. If there are no volunteers, the least senior employee on the shift to be reduced may choose to be subject to layoff as per Section 2 below or be transferred to the shift on which additional staffing is needed.

d.) It is agreed and understood that employees shall serve a sixty (60) working day trial period if for any reason under this Article they are placed in a position which requires substantive variation in techniques and procedures utilized in the performance of their job. Failure to complete the trial period (voluntary or involuntary) shall result in that employee being laid off.

Section 3. When an employee with seniority is subject to layoff, or has their position eliminated under Section 1 above, such affected employee shall be placed in a position in the bargaining unit in the following sequence:

Step 1: First, they shall be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit, which is in their category of employment, job title and shift. If the employee opts to drop shift as a requirement for placement, they may do so at any step. If there is a vacancy in another category of employment with lesser hours which has not been filled by an employee in that category during Step 1 of this procedure, an employee may opt to fill that vacancy.

Step 2: Second, if no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment, job title and shift.
Step 3: Third, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employee subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, job title and shift.

Step 4: Fourth if the employee cannot be placed within their category of employment, job title and shift, they shall be offered the option to bump the least senior employee in their job title and shift.

Step 5: Fifth if the employee cannot be placed within their category of employment, job title and shift, they shall be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit which is in their category of employment and job title.

Step 6: Sixth if no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment and in the same job title in the bargaining unit.

Step 7: Seventh, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employees subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment and job title in the bargaining unit.

Step 8: Eighth if the employee cannot be placed within their job title, then they shall be assigned to any vacant position in their category of employment and grade level provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 9: Ninth, if no such vacancy exists, the employee shall bump any probationary employee in their category of employment and grade level provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 10: Tenth, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped in Step 9 above, then the employee may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment and grade level, provided the employee has more seniority than the least senior employee and has the ability to perform the work inclusive of the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 11: Eleventh, if the employee cannot be placed in their category of employment and grade level, they may bump the least senior employee in any category of employment in their grade level, provided they meet the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 12: Twelfth, if the employee cannot be placed in a position in their category of employment and grade level by Step 11 above, the above Step 5 through Step 11 shall be repeated in the next lower grade level and then to subsequent lower grade levels until placed into a position or laid off.
1.) The Employer will decide in all cases whether there is a vacancy. When the least senior employee above is bumped, they shall be placed as if they were originally subject to layoff.

2.) The employee may elect a layoff at any Step except Step 1. A refusal to accept a position for which the employee meets the requirements will result in the employee being laid off at that point.

3.) It is understood that the employee response must be provided to the appropriate Human Resource personnel within forty-eight (48) hours of the time the employee was informed of their option(s). Failure to respond within forty-eight (48) hours shall be considered as a waiver of the option(s) and the employee shall be laid off.

4.) The Employer shall give a minimum of seven (7) days notice of layoff.

5.) When questions arise regarding the ability to perform the work, the burden of proof shall rest with the Union.

6.) Recall Process:
   a.) Employees will be recalled from layoff in order of seniority to any open job within the bargaining unit provided they have the ability to perform the work available. If the opening is in a different job title, category of employment or shift, they will have the option to refuse such offer up to two (2) times during the layoff period.

   b.) Following refusal of the two (2) offers referenced in a.) above, the employee will continue to have recall rights to a position in his/her job title, category of employment and shift (exact match).

   c.) Once an employee has refused an exact match offer (category of employment, job title and shift) that employee will have voluntarily severed ties with the Employer and be terminated.

7.) Recalls from layoff will be by certified mail to the employee's last known address and will give the employee a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days to report for work after such notification.

8.) Employee will have recall rights as defined in the Master Agreement Article Seniority Section h.3.

9.) This article shall not apply to School Health Services employees who are laid off during school breaks.

SEIU WCHOB CLERICAL
Section 1. In the event it is necessary to layoff employees covered by this Agreement, or to eliminate a filled position covered by this Agreement, such layoffs or eliminations will be done as follows:

a.) by providing the Union with the complete plan for staff reduction within the bargaining unit and by complying with the notification and information requirement outlined in Article 74, Job Security;

b.) by subjecting to layoff the least senior employee or employees in the job title, cost center, category of employment and shift;

c.) all temporary and then probationary employees in the job title, category, cost center and shift in which a layoff is to occur will be terminated prior to any regular employee in that job title, cost center, category of employment and shift, being subject to layoff;

d.) an employee with seniority who is subject to layoff will have the option of a bump within his/her cost center within the same job title, but to a different category of employment and/or to a different shift;

e.) vacancies that may be filled by employees who are subject to layoff will be limited to those that exist on the day that the lay-off options are given to the first affected employee in the job title or grade level in the bargaining unit;

f.) all positions which become vacant during the lay-off procedure will be posted and filled as per Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers;

g.) part-time employees with seniority who are subject to layoff will have the option to bump the least senior part-time employee who is hired to work the equivalent number of hours. For example: a part-time employee who is hired to work thirty (30) hours per week may bump the least senior employee who is hired to work thirty (30) hours per week; in accordance with the steps in Section 2 below;

h.) when it is necessary to permanently change the number of employees on a shift within a cost center, such a change will be made first by requesting volunteers from within the cost center. If there are no volunteers, the least senior employee on the shift to be reduced may choose to be subject to layoff as per Section 2 below or be transferred to the shift on which additional staffing is needed;

i.) it is agreed and understood that employees shall serve a sixty (60) working day trial period if for any reason under this Article they are placed in a position which requires substantive variations in techniques and procedures utilized in the performance of their job. Failure to complete the trial period (voluntary or involuntary) shall result in that employee being laid off;
j.) an employee subject to layoff may select a vacancy in another bargaining unit covered by this Agreement and if qualified, be awarded such position before any external candidate is offered such position at any step;

k.) no employee shall gain in category/status as a result of a layoff.

Section 2. When an employee with seniority is subject to layoff, or has their position eliminated under Section 1 above, such affected employee shall be placed in a position in the bargaining unit in the following sequence:

Step 1: First, they shall be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit, which is in their category of employment, job title and shift. If the employee opts to drop shift as a requirement for placement, they may do so at any step. If there is a vacancy in another category of employment with lesser hours which has not been filled by an employee in that category during Step 1 of this procedure, an employee may opt to fill that vacancy.

Step 2: Second, if no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment, job title and shift.

Step 3: Third, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employee subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, job title and shift.

Step 4: Fourth if the employee cannot be placed within their category of employment, job title and shift, they shall be offered the option to bump the least senior employee in their job title and shift.

Step 5: Fifth if the employee cannot be placed within their category of employment, job title and shift, they shall be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit which is in their category of employment and job title.

Step 6: Sixth if no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment and in the same job title in the bargaining unit.

Step 7: Seventh, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employees subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment and job title in the bargaining unit.

Step 8: Eighth if the employee cannot be placed within their job title, then they shall be assigned to any vacant position in their category of employment and grade level provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.
Step 9: Ninth, if no such vacancy exists, the employee shall bump any probationary employee in their category of employment and grade level provided the employee meets the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 10: Tenth, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped in Step 9 above, then the employee may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment and grade level, provided the employee has more seniority than the least senior employee and has the ability to perform the work inclusive of the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 11: Eleventh, if the employee cannot be placed in their category of employment and grade level, they may bump the least senior employee in any category of employment in their grade level, provided they meet the requirements for hiring into that position.

Step 12: Twelfth, if the employee cannot be placed in a position in their category of employment and grade level by Step 11 above, the above Step 5 through Step 11 shall be repeated in the next lower grade level and then to subsequent lower grade levels until placed into a position or laid off.

The Employer will decide in all cases whether there is a vacancy. When the least senior employee above is bumped, they shall be placed as if they were originally subject to layoff.

Section 3. When the employee is bumped, they shall be moved through the steps in Section 2 above, as if they were originally subject to layoff.

Section 4. The employee may elect a layoff at any Step except Step 1. A refusal to accept a position for which the employee meets the requirements will result in the employee being laid off at that point.

Section 5. It is understood that the employee response must be provided to the appropriate Human Resource personnel within forty-eight (48) hours of the time the employee was informed of their option(s). Failure to respond within forty-eight (48) hours shall be considered as a waiver of the option(s) and the employee shall be laid off.

Section 6. The Employer shall give a minimum of seven (7) days notice of layoff.

Section 7. When questions arise regarding the ability to perform the work, the burden of proof shall rest with the Union.

Section 8. Recall Process:
a.) Employees will be recalled from layoff in order of seniority to any open job within the bargaining unit provided they have the ability to perform the work available. If the opening is in a different job title, category of employment or shift, they will have the option to refuse such offer up to two (2) times during the layoff period.

b.) Following refusal of the two (2) offers referenced in a.) above, the employee will continue to have recall rights to a position in their job title, category of employment and shift (exact match).

c.) Once an employee has refused an exact match offer (category of employment, job title and shift) that employee will have voluntarily severed ties with the employer and be terminated.

Section 9. Recalls from layoff will be by certified mail to the employee's last known address and will give the employee a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days to report for work after such notification.

Section 10. This article shall not apply to School Health Services employees who are laid off during school breaks.

SEIU WCHOB SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE

Section 1. In the event it is necessary to layoff employees covered by this Agreement, or to eliminate a filled position covered by this Agreement, such layoffs or eliminations will be done as follows:

a.) by providing the Union with the complete plan for staff reduction within the bargaining unit and by complying with the notification and information requirement outlined in Article 74, Job Security;

b.) by subjecting to layoff the least senior employee or employees in the job title unit/cost center, category of employment and shift;

c.) all temporary and then probationary employees in the job title, category unit/cost center and shift in which a layoff is to occur will be terminated prior to any regular employee in that job title, cost center and shift, being subject to layoff;

d.) an employee with seniority who is subject to layoff will have the option of a bump within his/her cost center within the same job title, but to a different category of employment and/or to a different shift;
e.) vacancies that may be filled by employees who are subject to layoff will be limited to those that exist on the day that the layoff options are given to the first affected employee in the job title or grade level in the bargaining unit;

f.) all positions which become vacant during the layoff procedure will be posted and filled as per Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers;

g.) part-time employees with seniority who are subject to layoff will have the option to bump the least senior part-time employee who is hired to work the equivalent number of hours. For example: a part-time employee who is hired to work thirty (30) hours per week may bump the least senior employee who is hired to work thirty (30) hours per week; in accordance with the steps in Section 2 below;

h.) when it is necessary to permanently change the number of employees on a shift within a cost center, such a change will be made first by requesting volunteers from within the cost center. If there are no volunteers, the least senior employee on the shift to be reduced may choose to be subject to layoff as per Section 2 below or be transferred to the shift on which additional staffing is needed;

i.) it is agreed and understood that the percentage of flexible employees will not be increased in relation to the number of full time employees in any cost center as a result of a layoff;

j.) it is agreed and understood that employees shall serve a sixty (60) working day trial period if for any reason under this Article they are placed in a position which requires substantive variations in techniques and procedures utilized in the performance of their job. Failure to completed the trial period (voluntary or involuntary) shall result in that employee being laid off;

k.) an employee subject to layoff may select a vacancy in another bargaining unit covered by this Agreement and if qualified, be awarded such position before any external candidate is offered such position at any Step;

l.) no employee shall gain in category/status as a result of a layoff.

Section 2. When an employee with seniority is subject to layoff, or has position eliminated under Section 1. above, such affected employee will be placed in a position in the bargaining unit in the following sequence:

Step 1: First, they shall be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit, which is in their category of employment, job title and shift. If the employee opts to drop shift as a requirement for placement, they may do so at any step. If there is a vacancy in another category of employment with lesser hours which has not been
filled by an employee in that category during Step 1 of this procedure, an employee may opt to fill that vacancy.

Step 2: Second, if no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment, job title and shift.

Step 3: Third, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employee subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment, job title and shift.

Step 4: Fourth if the employee cannot be placed within their category of employment, job title and shift, they shall be offered the option to bump the least senior employee in their job title and shift.

Step 5: Fifth if the employee cannot be placed within their category of employment, job title and shift, they shall be assigned to any vacant position in the bargaining unit which is in their category of employment and job title.

Step 6: Sixth if no such vacancy exists, they would be permitted to bump any probationary employee in their category of employment and in the same job title in the bargaining unit.

Step 7: Seventh, if there are no probationary employees who may be bumped, then the employees subject to layoff may bump the least senior employee in their category of employment and job title in the bargaining unit.

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**Article 52**

**Multi-Site Float Pool**

Section 1. Multi-site float pools may be established between the sites covered by this Master Agreement, for the purpose of providing flexible, competent staff to cover hard-to-fill positions, leaves of absence, census fluctuations and unscheduled absences and to reduce the utilization of external agency personnel. If a determination is made to establish a multi-site float pool, the Employer will provide the Unions with notice and the parties will meet to negotiate the terms.

Section 2. Multi-site float pool positions will be new FTEs and will not be counted as, nor will they replace the regular staff in any department. Multi-site float pool employees will not be hired as flexible employees.

Section 3. When the need to implement a float pool has been determined and the sites the pool employees will float to has been established, the positions will be posted as per Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers. The positions will be assigned at the appropriate bargaining unit and pool members will be covered by the contractual provisions of this Master Agreement and that bargaining unit agreement.

Section 4. All Kaleida Health employees will be considered as internal applicants for bidding purposes in this float pool.

Section 5. The multi-site float pool employees will be compensated as per the negotiated salary scales included in Appendices A-F and will receive the following differential in addition to his/her base rate:

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Float pool employees will not receive shift differential in addition to the differentials listed in this Section 5. above.

Section 6. Employees will be afforded the opportunity to indicate their top two (2) site preferences for assignment and every effort will be made to accommodate these preferences; however, employees will be assigned based on competencies and staffing needs. Multi-site float pool employees will not be required to float to more than one (1) site per shift.
Section 7. All employees will receive a full competency based orientation. When the level of care is more acute at one of the sites, employees will serve their clinical orientation at that site.

Section 8. Individual schedules will be completed per Article 15, Hours of Work and Work Schedules, with a base staff for each shift according to average daily census or workload. Each multi-site float pool will be considered its own “unit” for the purpose of scheduling PTO requests/approvals.

Section 9. This provision will not apply to the DeGraff Memorial Hospital Maintenance bargaining unit.

Article 53
Job Bidding and Transfers

Section 1. All job vacancies will be posted as follows:

a.) When a vacancy occurs in a bargaining unit position in any unit covered by the Master Agreement, the position will be posted in a prominent place at all sites, where members of the bargaining unit work and will be posted on the Kaleidascoppe, for seven (7) calendar days. All Kaleida Health employees regardless of whether they are in the bargaining unit or not will be required to bid on posted jobs during the seven (7) day posting period.

b.) The posting shall include the bargaining unit, position (job title), posting dates, department/unit, cost center, requisition number, status, hours per pay period, shift (day, evening, night), starting and ending times, any weekend, holiday or shift rotation required, pay grade and the qualifications for the position as defined in the job description for the position. A copy of all job postings will be sent to the Union.

c.) On-line access is available at Kaleidascoppe, Kaleida’s internal web site at http://Kaleidascoppe.com on the Human Resources page. On-line job posting will include the information referred to in b.) above.

d.) Application shall be made for a posted position utilizing the existing electronic recruiting application and a confirmation documenting receipt of the application will be provided if the employee has included an accurate e-mail address on his/her application.

e.) Employees may not be accepted for posted positions until they have completed twelve (12) months of employment, except for a position which is at a higher pay grade to which they may be accepted after ninety (90) days of employment. In addition, an employee who has transferred to a position must remain in that position for twelve (12) months before applying for another posted position.
Except that an employee may apply for a posted position which is at a higher pay grade without regard to the twelve (12) month limits above. This paragraph shall not apply to intra cost center shift change or intra cost center status changes.

f.) All job vacancies shall be maintained on Kaleidascopc.

Section 2. Posted positions shall be filled in the following order:

a.) First, by the most senior, qualified applicant from within the bargaining unit in which the vacancy occurs.

b.) Next, if the position cannot be filled from within the bargaining unit, it will then be filled by the most senior, qualified applicant from another bargaining unit covered by this Master Agreement as outlined in Article 50, Seniority.

c.) Any employee who applies for a position within the bargaining unit after the seven (7) day posting period, but within thirty (30) days of the position posting and provided the position has not been offered, will be awarded the position before an external applicant, provided the internal candidate meets all of the qualifications for hiring into that position.

d.) Any temporary employee who applies for a position within a bargaining unit covered by this Agreement, that the employee is performing on a temporary basis, will be interviewed and considered for a position before the position is offered to an external applicant.

e.) If the position cannot be filled from within the bargaining units covered by this Master Agreement, the Employer may fill the position from any source available to the Employer, provided the candidate meets all of the qualifications for hiring into that position.

f.) The IUOE bargaining unit at DeGraff Memorial Hospital is not covered by subsection b.) above. Therefore, employees from that bargaining unit, who bid into another bargaining unit, carry over corporate seniority for benefits only. Employees who bid into the IUOE bargaining unit at DeGraff Memorial Hospital shall carry over corporate seniority for benefits only.

g.) In all instances, the appropriate manager is responsible for the interview and selection of applicants within fourteen (14) days of the end of the posting.

h.) The transfer date for any transfer made pursuant to a.) or b.) above will be within four (4) weeks (twenty-eight [28] calendar days) of the date of the selection.

1.) If an employee accepts an offer to transfer to a new position, he/she is not eligible to continue bidding on other positions. In the event that
circumstances arise whereby the employee chooses to decline the position they have accepted, they must do so within seven (7) days of being offered the position or they will be ineligible to bid on any other positions for six (6) months from the date of acceptance. A successful bidder who exercises his/her rights to return to their original job within thirty (30) day trial period will not be eligible to bid on another position for twelve (12) months from the date of the original transfer.

2.) If a position was filled by a successful bidder and for some reason becomes vacant, i.e., due to unsuccessful trial period, the Employer may offer the job to the next eligible bidder provided that it has been no more than sixty (60) days since the position was originally posted.

Section 3. A qualified applicant shall be defined as an employee who possesses the entry level qualifications in the job description and is able to do the work when required. Ability to do the work and documented performance, inclusive of disciplinary record, may be considered when awarding a position. The Employer will notify all applicants of the result of their bid in a timely manner not to exceed two (2) weeks from the date the position is awarded.

Section 4. A successful bidder shall be required to serve a thirty (30) calendar day trial period exclusive of any classroom training required. At the midpoint of the trial period the employee shall be evaluated and given written notification if a problem exists. During the trial period, the employee will be returned to his/her original position if the employee elects to be returned or the Employer finds the employee is unsatisfactory in the new position.

Section 5. The decision as to whether any vacancy in any job classification exists, and if it will be filled, is reserved to the Employer.

Section 6. It is agreed to and understood by the parties that the Employer will post all temporary vacancies and temporary assignments (including those positions designated as a special project assignment) and any employee may apply for and be accepted into a position which is labeled and posted as a temporary vacancy or temporary assignment. Only employees who already have the competencies to fill the position and who can fill the position without training will be considered. Employees filling temporary vacancies will receive benefits of that position while in the temporary vacancy and will return to his/her permanent position when the temporary vacancy has been filled permanently or deleted. Any special project positions will be put on the agenda of the Oversight Committee for review and discussion prior to posting.

The following exception shall apply to those CWA bargaining units at DeGraff Memorial Hospital only until May 31, 2013: If the Employer desires to permanently fill a position that has been filled by a permanent employee on a temporary basis, that employee will have the right of first refusal for the position. If the temporary employee refuses the position, the job will be posted and filled as per Sections 1. and 2. above.
Section 7. All employee hired into the HighPointe Long Term Care facility after the effective date of this Agreement may not be accepted for any posted positions, including promotional positions, until they have completed twenty-four (24) months of employment. This paragraph shall not apply to intra-facility shift changes or intra-facility status changes.

Article 54
Temporary Transfers Between Kaleida Health Sites

Section 1. Should a posted vacancy remain unfilled after all of the provisions of Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers have been exhausted, temporary transfers between sites will be permitted. Employees who are covered by this Master Agreement and who are permanently assigned to work at a site within the Kaleida Health system, may elect to work hours above and beyond their normal work schedule under the following conditions:

a.) the additional hours do not cause the displacement of any employee at the site to which the employee is temporarily assigned;

b.) all provisions under this Agreement for assigning extra hours to employees (Article 15, Hours of Work and Work Schedules), have been exhausted;

c.) normal recruiting efforts at the site will be ongoing to fill the position permanently;

d.) the employee will remain a member of his/her bargaining unit and will be covered by the terms and conditions of his/her collective bargaining agreement;

e.) if more than one (1) qualified employee volunteers to work additional hours, the most senior qualified employee will be assigned to work;

f.) when the position filled by volunteers pursuant to this subdivision, is filled or expires, the employee who temporarily filled the position will no longer be scheduled at that site, but will continue to be scheduled as per their category of employment at their permanent site; and

g.) every employee transferred pursuant to this Section 1. shall receive his/her current hourly rate of pay or the rate for the position at the receiving facility, whichever is higher.

Section 2. Employees who are permanently assigned to work at a site within the Kaleida Health system, and who are downsized at their site as per the bargaining unit agreement on downsizing, or where downsizing is occurring, may volunteer to be temporarily assigned to work at a different site under the following conditions:
a.) there is a decrease in volume or census at a site(s) and an increase in volume or census at another site;

b.) the additional hours do not cause the displacement of any employee at the site to which the employee is temporarily assigned;

c.) volunteers from the downsized site(s) where the Employer has determined that volume and/or census permits, shall be solicited;

d.) volunteers must meet the basic core competencies for the work to be performed at the receiving site and will be chosen on the basis of seniority;

e.) a transferred employee will remain a member of his/her bargaining unit and will be covered by the terms and conditions of his/her contract, subject to the following:

(1.) every employee transferred pursuant to this Section 2. shall receive his/her current hourly rate of pay or the rate of pay for the position at the receiving facility, whichever is higher;

(2.) each will receive a site specific orientation at the new site; and

(3.) each will be held harmless from any additional costs for parking;

f.) a temporary transfer as outlined above will be limited to an initial period not to exceed three (3) consecutive months and may be extended for an additional three (3) consecutive months for a maximum of six (6) consecutive months. The Employer may reverse a transfer at any time during the transfer period providing such action is not arbitrary or capricious. The employee will then return to his/her prior position and status. The transferring employee may return to his/her permanent site at any time during the transfer period by simply making a request to return to the Employer.

Section 3. Employees who are permanently assigned to work at a site within the Kaleida Health system may volunteer to be temporarily assigned to work at a different site to cover seasonal needs, emergencies, training or special projects under the following conditions:

a.) In the case of seasonal needs, training or special projects, the plan for temporary assignment will be presented to the next scheduled Oversight Committee prior to implementation.

b.) Volunteers from other sites where the Employer determines volume or workload permits, shall be solicited.
c.) Volunteers must meet the basic core competencies for the work to be performed at the receiving site and will be chosen on the basis of seniority.

d.) A transferred employee will remain a member of his/her bargaining unit and will be covered by the terms and conditions of his/her contract, subject to the following:

(1.) every employee transferred pursuant to this Section 3. shall receive his/her current hourly rate of pay or the rate of pay for the position at the receiving facility, whichever is higher;

(2.) each will receive a site specific orientation at the new site; and

(3.) each will be held harmless from any additional costs for parking.

e.) A temporary transfer as outlined above will be limited to an initial period not to exceed three (3) consecutive months and may be extended for an additional three (3) consecutive months for a maximum of six (6) consecutive months. The Employer may reverse a transfer at any time during the transfer period providing such action is not arbitrary or capricious. The employee will then return to their prior position and status. The transferring employee may return to his/her permanent site at any time during the transfer period by simply making a request to return to the Employer.

Article 55
Merger, Consolidation, Transfer or Establishment of Work within Kaleida Health

Section 1. In the event of establishment, merger, consolidation, or transfer of services and/or programs, in whole or in part, by Employer ("Kaleida Action")\(^1\), the provisions of this article shall be implemented.

Section 2. NOTICE TO THE UNIONS:

a.) Oversight Committee: A joint committee will oversee and monitor application of, and compliance with this article.

b.) The joint committee shall be composed of up to three (3) representatives from each of the Unions and up to an equal number of representatives from the Employer. Union employee committee members shall receive time and pay from

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\(^1\) Physician controlled practice patterns are excluded unless there is a need to increase personnel at the physician's new site.
work to attend committee meetings. In addition to the standing committee, union representatives from an area affected by a Kaleida Action will be permitted to participate on an unpaid basis, in oversight meetings that deal with said action.

c.) The members of the committee will have responsibilities which shall include, but will not be limited to the duty to:

1. review Employer plans/information relative to any proposed Kaleida Action;
2. meet and confer in good faith regarding the Employer's proposed plan and explore possible alternatives where appropriate;
3. review and assess the job titles affected by the Employer's proposed plan;
4. consider issues involving similar job titles;
5. consider qualification issues;
6. make recommendations regarding compliance with this article and how best to accomplish the objectives of the article; and
7. monitor wages and benefits in accordance with Section 3.

d.) Prior to Kaleida Action, the Employer shall, as soon as practicable, but in no event less than sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled Kaleida Action\(^2\), provide the Oversight Committee with notice and information regarding the Employer's plans. Such information shall include the following:

1. explanation of the proposed Kaleida Action and when it is proposed to take place;
2. identification of the jobs/positions and sites to be affected;
3. identification of the number of jobs, if any, that will remain at a site, including a breakdown of the number of full-time/part-time positions per shift;
4. identification of the number of jobs available at the new site, including a breakdown of the number of full-time/part-time positions per shift; and
5. single list of all affected employees at all affected sites, as well as all individuals on layoff with the right of recall, blended by corporate seniority as defined in Article 50, Seniority. The employee list shall include the employee’s wage rate, corporate seniority date, job title, shift, category of employment, actual work hours per week, paid time off accrual and health insurance option.

e.) If the Employer is not able to provide a complete set of the information outlined in items (1) - (5) above, additional days for review, equal to the length of the delay, will be provided to the Unions.

\(^2\) It is agreed and understood that procedures outlined in Section 4 may occur during the 60-day period, but in no event may they take effect before the period has expired.
f.) If a consolidation does not occur within ninety (90) days of the implementation date presented to the oversight committee, the consolidation will be considered to not have occurred. If it is intended that the consolidation will occur at a later date, the procedure outlined in d.) above, inclusive of the sixty (60) day notice must be followed.

g.) Notwithstanding any collective bargaining agreement for a covered bargaining unit, the Employer shall have the right to move employees to any of its sites as a result of Kaleida Action. The Employer shall have the discretion to decide whether and how to establish, merge, consolidate and transfer services or programs, in whole or in part, the number and types of jobs to be maintained or eliminated and the location of the work to be performed, except as limited by this Agreement.

h.) The Employer agrees and commits that it is not the intent of this Article to move personnel out of bargaining unit positions for the specific purpose of eroding the Unions.

Section 3. WAGE AND BENEFIT PROTECTION:

a.) An employee who relocates from one site to another in the same or equivalent job classification as a result of Kaleida Action will be paid either their rate at their former site or the rate at the new site, whichever is higher. If the employee’s rate prior to relocating is used, that rate will be ‘red circled’ at the new site.

b.) Accrued time off shall be recognized and appropriately credited by the new facility.

c.) An employee who relocates as a result of Kaleida action will continue his or her coverage under the former site pension plan until replaced by the parties.

d.) An employee who relocates, as set forth in a.) above, will be entitled to continue his or her present health benefits for a period of time not to exceed ninety (90) days after which time he or she will receive health benefits in accordance with the contract/rules of the new site. All other benefits will be in accordance with the contract/rules of the new site.

Section 4. PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE EVENT OF KALEIDA ACTION:

a.) Kaleida Action Affecting Entire Service or Program. Where a Kaleida Action will affect an entire service or program the following procedure will be adhered to:
1. Employer will provide notice to the Unions in accordance with the provisions of Section 2. of this Article; such notice shall include a single list, blended by corporate seniority, of all affected employees at all affected sites, as well as all individuals on layoff with the right of recall;

2. employees affected will be notified; and

3. employees affected will have the following options:

   A. follow the work if their corporate seniority places them in a position to do so (i.e., they make the cut on the blended seniority list);

   Positions at the new site will be filled in order of seniority as set forth on blended seniority list; however, no employee shall gain in category/status as a result of relocation due to Kaleida Action (e.g., part-time to full-time), unless vacancies remain; or

   B. exercise site options (i.e., bumping); Employee's seniority would remain as defined by site agreement; or

   C. layoff if no position available at new site and no site options available or by election: the only exception to (C.) will be, that if an employee is offered a position in his/her job title (area of specialty), category of employment, shift and wage rate at his/her existing site, lay-off will not be an option.

b.) Partial Kaleida Action. Where a Kaleida Action will affect only part of a service or program the following procedure will be adhered to:

1. Employer will provide notice to the Unions in accordance with the provisions of Section 2. of this Article; such notice shall include a single list, blended by corporate seniority, of all affected employees at all affected sites, as well as all individuals on layoff with the right of recall;

2. employees affected will be notified;

3. determine who stays in remaining positions at site by site/agreement/rules; and

4. Employees affected will have the following options:

   A. follow the work if their corporate seniority places them in a position to do so (i.e., they make the cut on the blended seniority list).

   Positions at the new site will be filled in order of seniority as set forth on blended seniority list; however, no employee shall gain in category/status as a result of relocation due to Kaleida Action (e.g., part-time to full-time), unless vacancies remain; or
(B.) exercise site options (i.e., bumping); Employee's seniority would remain as defined by site agreement; or

(C.) layoff if no position available at new site and no site options available or by election: the only exception to (C.) will be, that if an employee is offered a position in his/her job title (area of specialty), category of employment, shift and wage rate at his/her existing site, layoff will not be an option.

c.) Employees laid off due to Kaleida Action shall have the right of recall:
   (1.) to their former site under that site's contract/rules; and
   (2.) to the new site for five (5) years or the length of the employee’s corporate seniority, whichever is less.

d.) If an employee is laid off as a result of a Kaleida Action, and relinquishes any right of recall at the time of layoff, the employee shall be eligible for severance as set forth in Section 5.

e.) A relocated employee due to Kaleida Action shall be required to serve a sixty (60) working day trial period only where there are substantive variations in the techniques and procedures utilized in the performance of their job at their new site. Failure to complete the trial period (voluntary or involuntary) shall result in the employee returning to his/her former site and exercising his/her site options as outlined in the site contract/rules.

f.) A final outcome analysis will be provided to the Oversight Committee within thirty (30) days, from the date a consolidation has been completed.

Section 5. SEVERANCE:

The following applies to eligible employees who are permanently laid off due to Kaleida Action:

a.) The employee shall receive 14 days’ notice.

b.) The employee shall receive one (1) week’s pay for each year of service up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks base pay. Said payment shall be paid in bi-weekly installments with normal payroll withholdings deducted.

c.) The Employer’s premium payment contribution towards the employee’s health benefits shall be continued until the end of the month in which the severance payment period expires.

d.) Employer will not contest the employee’s application for unemployment benefits.

Section 6. DISPUTES:
a.) Grievance shall be defined as a claimed violation of a specific provision of this Agreement.  
b.) Grievances shall be submitted in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days after the Union knew or should have known of the violation to Senior Vice-President of Human Resources.  
c.) Within seven (7) calendar days of submission of the written grievance, a meeting shall be held between the Senior Vice-President of Human Resources, or his designee, and the Union representative(s).  
d.) If the grievance remains unresolved, the Union may demand arbitration within fourteen (14) calendar days of submission of the grievance. A written demand for arbitration shall be submitted to the Senior Vice-President of Human Resources and a notice shall be simultaneously sent to FMCS requesting a panel of arbitrators.  
e.) Upon notice of receipt of a panel of arbitrators from FMCS, the parties shall select an arbitrator within seven (7) days therefrom by coin flip-alternate strike.  
f.) A hearing will be held within thirty (30) days of arbitrator selection (unless the parties mutually agree to an extension).  
g.) No individual employee may institute an arbitration proceeding.  
h.) The award of an arbitrator shall be final and binding on the Union, its members, the employee or employees involved and the Employer.  
i.) The arbitrators fee and expenses, if any, shall be shared equally by both parties.  
j.) Not more than a single grievance arising under this Agreement may be arbitrated in a single proceeding before an arbitrator unless by mutual agreement in writing signed by the parties.  
k.) Failure to timely submit the grievance or appeal to arbitration shall render the grievances as withdrawn.  
l.) The arbitrator shall have no authority to alter, amend, or change in any way the terms and conditions of this Article and shall confine his or her decision to a determination of the facts and interpretation, administration of, and compliance with the terms of this Article.

THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES REFLECT CLARIFICATIONS OF THE LANGUAGE OR AMPLIFICATIONS TO THE LANGUAGE INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE CAPTIONED CONTRACT ARTICLE.
Section 7. Categories of Employment. In a blending situation, there is no intention to open up a major selection process. Therefore, employees will be placed within their current employment status (full-time, part-time, [benefited employees] part-time or per diem) by most senior, using status first (i.e. a part-time person takes a part-time opening as close to their status as possible) then shift so if the employee was a .5 on third shift they move, to a .5 on third shift in the post consolidation staffing plan. An employee may go up or down in the same status i.e. a part-time employee at .5 could go up to a .6, .7 etc. or down to a .4, .3, etc. but in no event could a part-time employee take a full-time position. Employees options related to category of employment will be offered as follows:

a.) Full-time employee, same shift available:
   1.) full-time employee must take full-time position same shift on same unit, if available;
   2.) full-time employee must take full-time position same shift on different unit, if same unit not available; or
   3.) full-time employee may take full-time position on same shift on choice of units, if available if relocating.

b.) Full-time employee, shift not available may take:
   1.) full-time on another shift;
   2.) part-time on same shift;
   3.) part-time on another shift; or
   4.) may choose a different unit if available to protect shift or full-time hours.

c.) Full-time employee, full-time position not available may take:
   1.) part-time position on same shift; or
   2.) part-time position on another shift.

d.) Part-time employee must take part-time position same shift and same FTE (e.g., .6) if available:
   1.) part-time employee must take closest available FTE on same shift when exact FTE is not available, (i.e. if employee is .8 now and a .7 and a .5 are available, the employee must take the .7 position);
   2.) part-time employee must take closest FTE on same unit if employee from "home" site closest FTE on available units if relocating; or
   3.) part-time employee may take part-time position on any shift if same shift is not available.
e.) 12 hour shift employees moving to 8 hour shifts:
   1.) AM - PM shift will be considered a day shift employee;
   2.) PM - AM shift will be considered a night shift employee;
   3.) follow principles above regarding full-time and part-time selections; nights must take nights and days must take days. If shift is not available, may take either of remaining 2 shifts.

f.) 7.5 or 8 hour shift employees moving to 12 hour shifts:
   1.) Day (7 - 3) = 7 AM to 7 PM or similar hours;
   2.) Evening (3-11)= 10 AM to 11 PM if available, if not may choose day or night;
   3.) Night (11 - 7) = 7 PM to 7 AM or similar hours.

g.) Per Diem employees may fill Per Diem positions, they may not take a benefited position regardless of seniority.

Section 8. Severance Calculation:
  a.) If a laid off employee is eligible to be included on the blended seniority list at the time of a Kaleida Health Action, the employee is entitled to severance as outlined in the Article.
  b.) Per Diem employees who are entitled to severance will have their payment based on the average number of hours worked over the previous twelve (12) months.

Section 9. Wage and Benefit: When an employee elects relocation due to a Kaleida Action, wage and benefit information is recorded for completion of the appropriate transfer documents.
  a) Wage: Place at same hourly rate or rate consistent with new site - but not less than current rate. If placed at current hourly rate, red circle until rate is consistent with rates at new site.
  b.) Health and Dental Insurance: Record current plan and cost as well as dates for change to new plans.
  c ) Paid Time Off Intent: Employees should not lose any time earned nor should they be credited with time already used. Consideration must be given to the amount of time that can reasonably be scheduled in a calendar year - when calculating the carryover.
   1.) For BGH employees (and others in non-PTO type plans) record all unused time for the current year and transfer as PTO at new site.
   2.) For BGH employees (and others in non-PTO type plans) transferring to another site maximum of 2 weeks of accrued
vacation hours may be carried over for scheduling in the following calendar year. The hours in excess of 2 weeks will be paid at the time of transfer and any time which could not be scheduled by the end of the next calendar year will be paid at the end of that year (first pay period in new year).

3.) For employees transferring from a PTO plan to traditional type plan (BGH) convert PTO to holiday and sick time. Sick time will be calculated based on the amount of unscheduled time used prior to transfer and the amount allowed under BGH contract/policy.

4.) For PTO to PTO transfer hours.

d.) Long Term Sick (for DBL) supplement: Transfer all hours.

All other benefits will be in accordance with the contract/rules of the Master Agreement and the respective bargaining unit agreement which will cover the employee at the new site.

Section 10. Process for Employee Selection in a Consolidation: The Employer and the Union have agreed to the following process when meeting with employees, affected by a Kaleida Action, for the purpose of offering the employees their options.

a.) Assign one contact from Employer, each respective Union for the specific Kaleida Action.

b.) Sit down face to face if possible, telephone calls if necessary to each person in seniority order.

c.) Have an Employee Option Form (worksheet) available for the purpose of recording:
   1.) opportunities;
   2.) vacancies, and
   3.) bumping options at the site and where the bump will be.

d.) Have available for reference:
   1.) seniority list;
   2.) wage/benefit scale at the new site; and
   3.) general work rules/contract language for the new site.

e.) If the parties cannot reach the affected employee by telephone, the process must stop. The affected individual must be contacted before moving on.

f.) Meetings and telephone calls occur every other day giving an individual a day to make a decision and think about options. No more than 48 hours from time of notice will be given for an employee to make his/her decision. If employee fails to make a decision within 48 hours, they immediately move to layoff and the process continues with the next person.

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g.) Communication goes out instructing employees who will be on vacation/benefit time, etc. to call in and leave telephone number where he/she can be reached.

h.) Deal with vacancies as they come up in process. After process has been completed, use as recall for laid off employees in order of seniority.

i.) Once the above steps a.) - g.) have been completed, the Employee Option Form must be signed by the Employer and the employee, confirming the decision of the employee and will become part of the employee's personnel file.

Section 11. Recall From Lay-off:

a.) Recall to OB: BGH employees who chose to exercise their rights to stay at BGH do not have recall or displacement rights to OB at WCHOB. Their names will be retained on the original list of all effected employees for at least two years, for future reference.

b.) If an employee is on layoff or is subject to layoff as the result of a Kaleida Action, and that employee becomes the successful bidder for a posted Kaleida Health position, the employee shall retain all the recall rights of this Article. It is further understood that in such cases the site employer may retain the employee for up to six (6) weeks after recall. All remaining issues are outlined in the matrix entitled Impact on Employees Wages and Benefits following voluntary Transfer between Kaleida Health sites.

c.) If an employee is laid-off as the result of a "Kaleida Action", the employees' rights will be outlined as per this Article. If an employee is affected by a "Kaleida Action" and is then laid-off some months [two (2) or three (3)] in the future, as the result of a "non-Kaleida Action" the employee will be covered by the bargaining unit agreement or policies at the site. The only exception will be if the lay off came as the result of a bad assumption made in the plan when it was presented to the Oversight committee. In that case, the employee would be treated under this Article.

**Article 56**

**Selling and Closure of Business by Kaleida Health**

Section 1. Prior to the Employer closing, selling a business or discontinue a service line, the Employer shall, as soon as practicable, but in no event less than ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled action, provide the Union with notice and information regarding the Employer's plans. Such information shall include the following:

a.) An explanation of the proposed Employer Action and when it is proposed to take place;
b.) Identification of the jobs/positions and sites to be affected;

c.) If a closure or selling of business does not occur with ninety (90) days of the implementation date presented to the oversight committee, the employer shall apprise the union of the status of the transaction.

Section 2. NOTICE TO THE UNIONS:

a.) Oversight Committee: The information to be furnished in Section 1 of this Article shall be presented in the Oversight Committee.

b.) In addition to the standing members of the Oversight Committee, union representatives in a mutually agreed upon number, from an area affected by a closure, selling of a business or service line will be permitted to participate in oversight meetings that deal with said action.

c.) The members of the Committee will have responsibilities which shall include, but will not be limited to the duty to:

(1.) Review Employer plans/information relative to any proposed closure, selling of business or service line;

(2.) Meet and confer in good faith regarding the Employer's proposed plan and explore possible alternatives where appropriate;

(3.) Review and assess the job titles affected by the Employer’s proposed plan.

Section 3. Disputes

a.) Any disputes regarding interpretation of this Article shall be resolved pursuant to the provisions of Article 7, Grievance Procedure.

Section 4. The Employer will not sell or close any portion of their business nor will they discontinue a service line if such action will result in the loss of bargaining unit positions without providing written notice to the unions as details in this article. The parties further agree that the union(s) shall have the right to effects bargaining following the issuance of such notice.

Section 5. The Employer agrees that they will not sell HighPointe on Michigan without providing written notice to the unions as details in this article. The parties further agree that the union(s) shall have the right to effects bargaining following the issuance of such notice.
**Article 57**

**Personnel Files**

Section 1. Employees who have completed their probationary period shall have access to their own personnel file during reasonable working hours, provided they have their supervisor's permission to leave the workplace, and may be accompanied by a Union representative during an inspection of their file. Requests for such inspection shall be made to the Director of Human Resources and shall be reasonable as to frequency. All documents placed in the employee's file shall be initialed and dated by the employee at the time of examination. Employees may request copies of documents from their personnel file.

Section 2. Such initialing shall not constitute agreement with its content. The employee shall have the right to respond in writing to any document in the file. Such response shall become part of the employee's personnel file.

**Article 58**

**Job Descriptions**

Section 1. All job descriptions and the accompanying qualifications, for all job titles covered by this Agreement, will be available on Kaleidascope.

Section 2. All job descriptions and the accompanying qualifications, which are currently in place shall remain in effect unless the steps outlined in Section 3 below are implemented.

Section 3. Should it become necessary to change existing job descriptions, create new job descriptions or change existing job qualifications, the Employer will produce a suggested change in writing, thirty (30) days prior to the proposed implementation and present it to the Union at the Oversight Committee. The Union will be provided the opportunity to meet and discuss the proposed changes.

Section 4. If the Union believes that the qualifications for a current job have been modified to favor a particular employee or a particular group of employees; or to prohibit an employee or a particular group of employees from successfully bidding on a position or if the Union does not agree with the rate of pay as proposed by the Employer, the Union may file a grievance at Step 2 of the Grievance Procedure Article of this Agreement provided it does so within twenty (20) calendar days from the date on which the new job qualifications and the new rate of pay are implemented.

Section 5. It is agreed to and understood by the parties that job qualifications are not to be either created or changed for the purpose of excluding or favoring any individual or group of individuals.
Article 59
Scrub Apparel

Section 1. The Employer will provide scrub apparel for the employees working in the following units/departments:

a.) Operating Room (including Sterile Processing);
b.) Post Anesthesia Care Unit (including Surgical Care Unit)*;
c.) Cardiac Catheterization Lab;
d.) GI Unit**;
e.) Urology Procedure Unit;
f.) Interventional Radiology/Special Procedures Suites;
g.) Labor and Delivery;
h.) Anatomic Grossing Room; and
i.) Sterile IV Preparation Area in Pharmacy

* Post Anesthesia Care Units at BGMC and DMH currently have scrubs provided on a voluntary basis and the practice will continue. WCHOB post-anesthesia care unit employees provide their own apparel in keeping with WCHOB dress code policy.

** GI Units at BGMC, DMH and WCHOB currently have scrubs provided on a voluntary basis and the practice will continue.

Section 2. Employer provided scrub apparel will not be worn outside of the Hospital unless approved by a manager. Employees will change into scrub apparel at the beginning of the shift and out of the apparel at the end of the shift.

Article 60
Uniforms

Section 1. The Employer or the Sub-Contractor will continue the current practices with respect to wash-up time as well as the provision of uniforms, smocks, and inclement weather gear.

Section 2. In accordance with current practice, distribution of the uniforms referred to in Section 1. above for employees currently receiving uniforms will be completed each year on the
employee’s anniversary date. For the year 2013 employees will receive uniforms on their anniversary date or within nine (9) months of the anniversary date.

Section 3. In accordance with current practice for employees receiving uniforms, all full time employees currently receiving pants and shirts will receive five (5) pants and five (5) shirts. All part time employees will receive three (3) pants and three (3) shirts.

Section 4. In accordance with current practice for employees receiving uniforms, for the IUOE bargaining unit, the Employer shall provide and pay for up to ten (10) uniforms for full-time employees and up to five (5) uniforms for part-time employees. Employees required to wear 70E flame retardant uniforms shall be provided such uniforms. The uniforms will be maintained by the vendor and should only be worn at work.

Article 61
Lounge and Locker Facilities

The Employer will provide adequate dining facilities, locker space, lounge areas, and restroom facilities to meet employee needs as space permits and consistent with employee job duties.

Article 62
Progressive Discipline and Remediation

Section 1. The Employer commits to a policy of progressive discipline. Progressive disciplinary measures will include the following:

a.) verbal warning;
b.) written warning;
c.) suspension (not to exceed three [3] days);
d.) termination.

It is understood, however, that nothing in this Article shall prohibit the Employer from advancing the level of discipline in proportion to the seriousness of the offense. A copy of the disciplinary action shall be given to the employee and the Union.

Discipline for alleged HIPAA infractions shall not be limited by the provisions of Section 1. c above and the employer shall not be prohibited from advancing the level of discipline in proportion to the seriousness of the offense.

Section 2. Counseling shall not be considered as discipline and should precede any formal disciplinary action.

Section 3. An employee that receives a suspension will not have that period of suspension count as unscheduled paid time off under the time and attendance provisions of this Agreement.
An employee that receives a suspension pending investigation of an incident, will receive his/her pay for all scheduled working days where they were suspended from work if not returned after the first three (3) scheduled working days (including extra shifts scheduled prior to the issuance of the suspension), providing the employee is not discharged.

Section 4. No disciplinary action will be taken without just cause. The Employer will notify the Union, in writing, of a suspension or discharge within seventy-two (72) hours or as soon as reasonably possible, stating the reason for the discipline.

Section 5. Progressive Remediation:

a.) The Employer shall identify certain corrective actions which are needed to assist and support an employee when a problem occurs in the course of performing his/her job and will provide the employee with a written plan of correction at the written warning step or suspension step if the suspension step is where the discipline process begins.

b.) When the employee has demonstrated consistent improvement in performance as a result of the remedial program, the employee will be removed from the progressive discipline schedule as described below. Further, the documentation of the need for discipline will not be used as a basis for further progressive discipline pursuant to the following schedule. It is agreed that documentation of corrective disciplinary measures shall not remain in the employee’s personnel file for a period longer than the following providing the behavior in question does not recur:

i.) Verbal warning: six (6) months from the date discipline imposed;

ii.) Written warning: twelve (12) months from the date discipline imposed;

iii.) Suspension: eighteen (18) months from the date discipline imposed.

The time periods referred to above shall refer to actual time worked.

c.) The Union and the Employer agree that the written plan of correction shall not be required when there are non job performance problems.

d.) It is further agreed that this Article does not preclude the Employer from the initiation of disciplinary action for serious performance problems at a higher step despite the absence of a written plan of correction.

Section 6. It is agreed to and understood by the parties that employees must be notified of a disciplinary action in writing within thirty (30) calendar days (excluding periods the employee is in inactive status) of its occurrence or its discovery. If the Employer does not notify the employee within the thirty (30) calendar day time frame (excluding periods the employee is in inactive status), the employee will not be disciplined.
Article 63
Time and Attendance

Section 1. All employees are required to notify their department two (2) hours in advance of their scheduled shift if they are not going to report to work or if they know they will be reporting late.

Section 2. The following procedure will apply to employees who are absent from work. In applying the penalties set forth below, it is understood that every employee is allowed six (6) unscheduled absences per calendar year (January 1 through December 31) without penalty, unless the employee has already received a verbal warning for violation of this policy. Any use of these six (6) days per calendar year, shall not be counted as an absence for the purpose of moving to any level of discipline below:

   a.) After six (6) days of absence in any calendar year, his or her supervisor will counsel an employee. No record of this counseling will be placed in the employee’s personnel file, but may be maintained in the supervisor’s anecdotal file. (The counseling will be applied after day six [6] and before day seven [7].)

   b.) After seven (7) days of absence in any calendar year, an employee will receive a verbal warning. A copy of said verbal warning will be placed in the employee’s personnel file and remain there for a twelve (12) month period, from the date of the last absence. If there are no additional unscheduled absences in this twelve (12) month period, the employee will be allowed to utilize a pro-rated number of unscheduled absences for the remainder of that calendar year without penalty. (The verbal warning will be given after day seven [7] and before day eight [8].)

   c.) If an employee is absent for an eighth (8) day within any calendar year, he or she shall receive a written warning for excessive absenteeism. A copy of said warning will be placed in the employee’s personnel file and remain there for a twelve (12) month period, from the date of the last absence. If there are no additional unscheduled absences in this twelve (12) month period, the employee will be allowed to utilize a pro-rated number of unscheduled absences for the remainder of that calendar year without penalty.

   d.) Once an employee has received a written warning as set forth in paragraph “c” above, the next day of absence in the twelve (12) month period, from the date of the last absence, will result in a one (1) day suspension without pay. The day of the call in will be considered the day of suspension if no PTO hours have been paid. If there are no additional unscheduled absences in this twelve (12) month period, the employee will be allowed to utilize a pro-rated number of unscheduled absences for the remainder of that year without penalty.

   e.) Any employee who has received a suspension without pay pursuant to paragraph d.) above and is absent one (1) day more in the next twelve (12) month period will
be suspended pending administrative review of the employees complete attendance record. If after the administrative review has been completed, the Employer determines termination is warranted, the employee will be terminated.

f.) It is further understood that none of the aforementioned steps may be skipped and the failure of a supervisor to take action as set forth will advance the days, which trigger any particular level of action.

g.) Finally, an employee will be offered union representation (if applicable) at each step of the procedure outlined above.

Section 3. The following absences shall not be counted as occurrences of absence in applying discipline under this Article:

a.) pre-approved paid time off;

b.) approved leave of absence;

c.) excused absence with pay for bereavement, jury duty, military service and time off for union business;

d.) other excused absence approved in advance by departmental managers;

e.) absence caused by a certified work related illness or injury as defined by the NYS Workers’ Compensation Law and Board;

f.) absence for an illness or injury which qualifies for, and for which an employee receives New York State Disability benefits (including statutory waiting period of seven (7) calendar days for receipt of disability benefits);

g.) absences covered by the Family Medical Leave Act;

h.) any day for which ESB utilization is allowed;

i.) for absences as follows:

1.) employee is confined as an inpatient in a hospital;
2.) employee has outpatient surgery under anesthesia in hospital surgical suite, free standing surgical center, or in a physician or dental office (excluding routine tooth extractions or dental work); employee may be required to submit documentation in support of this exception.
3.) suffers an injury which requires treatment by a physician with a written statement verifying the injury and circumstances;
4.) Is banned or absent from working as a result of infection control such as, but not limited to instances which have been contracted at work such as pink eye, scabies, chicken pox, etc.

Section 4. Employees who do not report to work and who do not call in to their immediate supervisor to report the absence will be disciplined in accordance with Article 62, Progressive Discipline and Remediation.

Section 5. An employee will be considered tardy when he or she arrives for work after the employee’s regularly scheduled starting time. The following procedure will be utilized in cases of employee tardiness.

a.) an employee who is tardy for a period of five (5) minutes or less will not have that instance of tardiness held against them for the purpose of moving to any level of discipline procedure outlined below. Employees will not lose pay for a tardiness of seven (7) minutes or less;

b.) an employee who is tardy more than five (5) times in a three (3) month period will receive a counseling. No record of this counseling will be placed in the employee’s personnel file, but may be maintained in the supervisor’s anecdotal file;

c.) a second counseling will occur if an employee is tardy an additional two (2) times in the next sixty (60) calendar days;

d.) one (1) additional tardiness in the next sixty (60) days for any employee will result in a written warning being placed in the employee’s personnel file;

e.) an employee who is tardy again in the next sixty (60) days will be suspended for two (2) days without pay;

f.) another instance of tardiness in the ninety (90) days following the return of the employee from his or her two (2) days suspension without pay will result in termination;

g.) it is understood that an employee will be offered union representation (if applicable) at each step of this procedure;

h.) finally, none of the steps set forth in this Section 5, paragraphs a.) through e.) may be skipped.

i.) If an employee does not have another instance of tardiness during the time frames set forth above they will go back to the immediate prior step for the purpose of progressive discipline. (i.e.: Employee receives a written warning on July 1 and is not tardy again until October 1, the employee moves back to step c.). In the event
the employee is tardy again during the sixty (60) days following the employee’s return to step c.), the employee will receive a written warning consistent with step d.). If this employee is not tardy again within sixty (60) days following the employee’s return to step c.), the employee will return to step a.) of this section and continue through the steps.

Any written record of discipline for tardiness placed in an employee’s personnel file will be removed after the appropriate time frames as listed in steps c.) through f.) above providing there has been no further action taken against the employee.

**Article 64**

*Attendance Bonus*

Section 1. For the purpose of this Article, perfect attendance will be defined as having zero (0) hours of unscheduled time off and no discipline for tardiness as outlined in Article 63, Time and Attendance in each eligibility period. Unscheduled time off for jury duty, bereavement leave, military leave and union business will not count against reaching eligibility status. To be eligible to receive a perfect attendance payment as defined above, the employee must have been in an active status for the entire eligibility period.

Section 2. Evaluation of eligibility to receive a payment as defined in this Article will be twice a year.
   a.) The first (1st) eligibility period shall be January 1 through June 30;
   b.) The second (2nd) eligibility period shall be July 1 through December 31.

Section 3. A full-time or flex employee who maintains a perfect attendance record during an eligibility period shall receive two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00) payable in the third (3rd) paycheck following the eligibility period.

Section 4. A part-time employee who maintains a perfect attendance record during an eligibility period shall receive one hundred fifty dollars ($150.00) payable in the third (3rd) paycheck following the eligibility period.

Section 5. If the employee is found to be eligible for the perfect attendance as defined above, they will be paid the applicable amount based upon their status as of the last day of the last pay period of the eligibility period.

**Article 65**

*Resignations/Terminations*

Section 1. An employee wishing to resign shall give the Employer two (2) weeks notice of resignation. Resignation notices should be submitted in writing and specify the last day the employee is to be at work.
Section 2. The employee who resigns employment with the Employer and complies with the notice provisions of Section 1., or who is terminated by the Employer, will receive pay for all accrued, unused paid time off in accordance with the Paid Time Off Article included in the bargaining unit agreement.

**Article 66**

**Bargaining Unit Work**

Section 1. The Union recognizes that in the operation of the Employer’s facilities, certain practices exist in the assignment of bargaining unit employees. The Union further recognizes that overlapping duties exist, that is duties which are assigned across bargaining unit lines. That practice shall continue to the same extent it has occurred in the past. Given the above understanding, the parties agree that:

a.) non-bargaining unit personnel shall not perform work assigned to bargaining unit employees;

b.) the Employer will not convert any bargaining unit job title to a non-bargaining unit position where a current bargaining unit member is performing the work, a bargaining unit member can be hired to perform the same job, or the job is one that only a bargaining unit member has performed in the past.

Section 2. Exceptions to the language outlined in Section 1. above shall be cases of emergencies, to cover absences occasioned by sickness or other leaves, to provide appropriate supervision and instruction, to maintain clinical competencies, in a temporary transfer as per this Agreement, or in meeting patient care requirements where undue delay would jeopardize a patient’s life or compromise quality patient care.

**Article 67**

**Contracting Out Work**

Section 1. Contracting out of work that is normally and customarily performed by the bargaining unit, shall be subject to the following:

a.) Contracting out work is defined as the use of another employer to perform the work as described above;

b.) Employer will not contract out bargaining unit work if such contracting out will cause, currently and directly, layoffs from employment with the Employer, part-timing of present employees, or any reduction in regular hours of work; and
c.) Employer will not use independent contractors and/or agency employees, to permanently fill vacant positions in the bargaining unit. While such persons are in use the Employer will actively recruit to fill the position.

Section 2. In the event that the Employer wants to contract out work which is normally and customarily performed by the bargaining unit, but which will not result in layoffs, part-timing, or reduction of regular hours, Employer will:

a.) Notify the Union involved as soon as practicable;

b.) Provide information regarding the proposed plan, including its operational and financial objectives; and

c.) Meet and confer with the Union to discuss alternatives. If the alternative meets the stated operational and/or financial objectives of Employer’s original proposal it will be implemented. If it does not, the Union will receive 60 days notice prior to the proposed implementation date of the original proposal.

d.) Should the provisions of (a) (b) and (c) as stated above not be met, the Employers’ proposed plan shall not move forward until such provisions are met.

Article 68
Management Rights

Section 1. The Employer retains the sole right to manage its business and services and to direct the working force, including the right to decide the number and location of its business and service operations, the business and service operations to be conducted and rendered, the method, process and means used in operating its business and service, and to control buildings, real estate, materials, parts, tools, machinery, and all equipment which may be used in the operations of its business or in supplying its services; to determine whether and to what extent the work required in operating its business and supplying its services shall be performed by employees covered by this Agreement; to maintain order and efficiency in all its departments and operations, including the sole right to discipline, suspend, and discharge employees for just cause; to hire, layoff, assign, transfer, promote, and determine the qualifications of the employees; to determine the starting and quitting time and the number of hours to be worked; all of the foregoing subject only to such regulations governing the exercise of these rights as are expressly provided for in this Agreement.

Section 2. The foregoing rights are not all-inclusive, but indicate the types of matters or rights which are inherent to the Employer. The Employer retains all rights, powers, and authority enjoyed prior to entering this Agreement, except as expressly and specifically abridged, delegated, granted, or modified by this Agreement.
Article 69
Employer Policies

Section 1. Due to the complexity of the Employer's operations, it is understood by the parties that they have not covered every aspect of hours, wages and working conditions in this Agreement which may have an effect on employees in the bargaining unit. The parties hereby acknowledge that the Employer had policies in effect at the time of signing this Agreement. Those policies, to the extent they are not inconsistent with specific provisions of this Agreement, will continue to apply to bargaining unit employees unless and until changed, modified or revoked in writing by the Employer.

Section 2. The Employer may issue new policies provided they are not inconsistent with the specific provisions of this Agreement.

Section 3. Should it become necessary to change existing written Human Resources policies or issue new Human Resources policies, the Employer will inform the Unions in writing and provide a copy of both the current and the revised policy. If requested, the matter will be placed on the Agenda of the next Oversight Committee for discussion prior to the posting of the new or changed policies. Employer will make policies available to Union leaders thru Kaleidascope.

Section 4. After the Unions have had an opportunity to discuss the matter at the Oversight Committee, the Employer will post and circulate the new or revised policies among the employees in the affected bargaining unit(s) for a period of fourteen (14) calendar days prior to implementation and will forward a copy to the Unions.

Article 70
No Strike – No Lockout

Section 1. There will be no concerted failure to report to work, cessation or interruption of work, slowdown, strike, sympathy strike or lockout during the term of the Agreement.

Section 2. No officer or representative of the Union shall authorize, instigate, aid, or condone any such activity, nor shall any employee participate in such activity. In the event any employee or group of employees covered by this Agreement shall participate in any such unauthorized strike, slowdown, work stoppage, or sympathy strike, the Union agrees that immediately after being notified by the Employer, it will direct such employee or group of employees to resume work and will take effective means to terminate such unauthorized conduct including the issuance of a notice to the effect that such conduct is neither authorized nor approved by the Union or its officers.
Article 71
Successorship

The Employer agrees not to sell its business or any portion of its business at any of the Employers locations covered by this Agreement to a purchaser who would provide health care services without expressly providing in the contract of sale that the purchaser shall be bound by all of the contract rights of the employees under this collective bargaining agreement.

Article 72
Committees

Section 1. It is agreed to and understood that the Employer will recognize and include representatives from each of the affected Unions on all appropriate existing and future advisory work place committees excluding all Board and Medical Staff Committees.

Section 2. The affected Unions shall:
   a.) be notified of the purpose and structure of any such new committee;
   b.) be notified prior of the convening of any such new committee; and
   c.) select representatives to any Committees in a proportionate number as jointly determined with the employer.
   d.) employees who are union representatives on such committees shall be excused from work with pay and benefits to attend the committee meetings.

Section 3. It is agreed to and understood by the parties that the Employer will be required to pay committee time to union representatives for attendance at the following committees: Corporate Staffing, Job Security, Workforce Training and Retraining, Health and Safety, Parking Committee, Oversight Committee, Employee Assistance Plan, Retirement Awareness and Health Benefit Awareness committees. Attendance at any other committees must be deducted from available time pursuant to Article 6, Union Representation.

Article 73
Health and Safety Committee

Section 1. The Employer will observe and comply with all local, state and federal health and safety laws and regulations and will provide and maintain a safe and healthful workplace, free of recognized hazards. Kaleida Health will maintain a Health and Safety program. The objective of the program will be:
   a.) to identify, assess and eliminate hazards to which employees are exposed;
b.) reduce injuries and illness;

c.) to systematically achieve compliance with all applicable health and safety regulations; and

d.) to promote greater employee awareness of health and safety issues, inclusive of group safety department or unit meetings conducted as deemed necessary.

Section 2. Kaleida Health will provide employees with opportunities for participation in establishing, implementing and evaluating programs by:

a.) communicating regularly with employees about workplace safety and health matters;

b.) providing employees with access to information relevant to the program;

c.) providing ways for employees to become involved in hazard identification and assessment, prioritizing hazards, training and program evaluation;

d.) maintaining a process for employees to report job-related injuries, illnesses, incidents and hazards promptly and to make recommendations about appropriate ways to control those hazards;

e.) providing prompt responses to those reports and recommendations.

Section 3. Information and Training:

a.) Kaleida will provide employees with information and training in the safety and health program;

b.) Kaleida will ensure that employees potentially exposed to a hazard are provided with information and training in that hazard;

c.) Kaleida will update affected employees on what is being done to control these hazards and what protective measures the employee must follow to prevent and minimize exposure.

Section 4. The Employer will provide all necessary personal protective equipment at no cost to employees. The Employer will require all employees to wear necessary personal protective equipment.

Section 5. There shall be a joint Health and Safety Committee at each site as defined in subsection d. below). Each Union shall designate one (1) health and safety representative for each one hundred (100) represented members to a maximum of four (4) health and safety representatives, but no less than one (1) health and safety representative per Union. The
Employer will designate representatives which they deem necessary. It is understood that a Union representative will co-chair the joint meeting. The committee will meet monthly and as deemed necessary.

a.) The parties agree to jointly train employees on the responsibilities of serving as a health-safety representative.

b.) Members of the committee shall not suffer any loss of pay for attendance. Committee members attending a committee meeting which is not scheduled in their normal working time will be paid for their attendance. The Employer will make every reasonable effort to provide coverage or scheduling so that members may attend the meetings.

c.) Health and Safety union representatives and the Employer will investigate health and safety issues, conduct safety inspections, and conduct or attend training sessions, and shall be provided up to two (2) hours per month outside of their health and safety committee meeting time for these purposes.

d.) Site Health and Safety Committees will include: Buffalo General Hospital, Deaconess Skilled Nursing Facility, Millard Fillmore Gates, Millard Fillmore Suburban, DeGraff Memorial Hospital, and Center for Laboratory Medicine. Other site committees may be formed as deemed necessary.

Section 6. There shall be a corporate Health and Safety Committee, which will deal with system wide health and safety issues. Each Union will have two (2) representatives on the Corporate Health Safety Committee. The Employer will designate the number of representatives they deem necessary.

Section 7. Individuals will report recognized unsafe conditions to their immediate supervisor, departmental safety officer or corporate safety officer and to the Union. The Employer will then address the problem as soon as practicable. If these individuals do not respond and correct the unsafe condition, it is understood that the unsafe working condition shall be brought to the attention of the Site Committee. If the problem is not resolved there, it shall be added to the agenda of the Corporate Safety Committee.

Section 8. CWA’s designated Health and Safety Director shall receive one thousand one hundred and seventy (1,170) hours per year as an Employer paid excused absence for activities related to this position. SEIU’s designated Health and Safety Director shall receive eight hundred and thirty-two (832) hours per year as an Employer paid excused absence for activities related to this position. The Health and Safety Directors shall participate in any site committee and/or activities as deemed necessary.

Section 9. The Employer will establish and enforce policies and procedures for safe Laser use. These will include the recommendations of regulating organizations. This shall also include medical surveillance as per Section: 6 ANSI Z136.3-1988 to determine which health case
personnel using Class 1 through Class 111A shall have the recommended Medical Surveillance. This shall include that the Employer will provide for each employee required to work in areas that use lasers, an eye examination at the commencement of their assignment to laser surgery and upon completion of that assignment.

Section 10. It is the Employer’s and the Union’s objective to establish and maintain an effective ergonomics program in order to help control occupationally related cumulative trauma and/or musculoskeletal disorders. This shall be accomplished by establishing ergonomic sub-committees of the Joint Health and Safety Committee to review employee injuries and illnesses, to identify potential ergonomic problems in order to recommend improvements in the physical work environmental, work practices or work design. These improvements shall be documented as they are implemented. The committee will assess and recommend any training necessary for the committee to achieve its goal. The committee membership shall include the necessary members and management from appropriate departments such as physical therapy, employee health, purchasing, risk management or those persons deemed necessary to accomplish its goal of reducing workplace injuries.

Section 11. There will be union representation on any other departmental or unit specific Health and Safety Committee.

Section 12. In addition to the Laser Safety and Ergonomic sub-committees, the Employer agrees to form a multi disciplinary sub-committee to address Workplace Violence. The Employer and the Union agree that health care workers are at a greater risk to experience threats, physical assaults or muggings, than other workers. In an effort to minimize that risk and increase the well being of employees the sub-committee will investigate and report on:

a.) employees who are most at risk of violence;
b.) where in the hospital violence is most likely to occur;
c.) risks specific to those employees who provide home care services;
d.) the effects of violence on workers;
e.) the risk factors for violence;
f.) prevention strategies;
g.) the consequences of violence; and
h.) Kaleida Health’s existing programs and policies.

Once the report has been completed the committee will develop a comprehensive violence prevention program which will be implemented no later than May 31, 2012.

Section 13. The Employer and the Union recognize the importance of providing quality service to homebound clients whose environment or support system may pose a risk to the safety of the employees. In the event that an employee, who is required to provide services in a patient’s home, shall have a reasonable basis to believe that his/her safety is in jeopardy, the employee shall immediately bring this matter to the attention of the immediate supervisor. The supervisor will conduct a review of the circumstances. If escort service is deemed necessary by the Employer the employee will not be required to make the patient delivery until escort service
is provided. A request for escort service will not be denied before the supervisor and employee make a joint site visit.

Furthermore, full-time delivery technicians, employed at VNAHCS, will be provided with the use of a cell phone while performing their duties for the Employer. Such phones shall only be used for Employer business or emergencies. If cell phone usage exceeds the expected normal monthly usage of 500 minutes per month the Company maintains the right to audit cell phone usage and bill and/or discipline employees for excessive personal usage of Employer supplied cell phones. Additional phones will be available at the Wehrle Drive and Curtwright Drive sites for personnel who are called in.

**Article 74**

**Job Security/Committee**

The Unions and the Employer recognize the significant pressures affecting the health care delivery system and the need for a joint approach in providing long term stability for both the system and the employees. High quality health care provided in an efficient and orderly manner, as well as the preservation of jobs will be major objectives. Based on the above, the parties agree to the following:

Section 1. Committees will be formed at each site, hereafter referred to as the “Committee,” inclusive of one (1) to three (3) Union representatives from the bargaining unit and an equivalent number of Employer representatives. It is agreed that the Employer will provide to the unions an agenda for the committee meeting at least one (1) week prior to the meeting.

Section 2. The Employer shall inform the Union of its intent of layoff bargaining unit members as soon as possible, but in no event less than twenty (20) calendar days prior to the date of the layoffs’ implementation. In the event of any layoffs, the committee shall be convened for the following purposes:

a.) to review the proposed layoffs;

b.) to review the department/cost center budget in existence at the time of the layoff;

c.) to review the work performed by laid off employees and the proposed reassignment of work; and

d.) to review schedules for appropriate use of per diem and part-time resources.

The Union may present opportunities for cost savings to affect the layoff. Such opportunities shall be reviewed by the Employer and responded to prior to the effective date of layoff.

Section 3. The committee will also be convened to review any decrease in the length of an established shift. The committee will monitor job redesign which will be defined to include the
combination of existing jobs, the creation of new jobs, new job titles, or job restructuring. In addition, the committee will be informed of any decisions to affect a vacant position.

Article 75
Parking Committee

Section 1. A parking committee shall be formed at each site for the purpose of identifying available parking in the surrounding area as well as investigating other alternatives for providing parking opportunities for employees.

Section 2. Each Union shall have up to three (3) representatives on the Parking Committee and the Employer shall have an equal number of representatives. The committee shall meet quarterly, or more frequently if needed, at a mutually agreed upon time and place.

Article 76
Staffing and Productivity Committees

Section 1.

A. Quality and safe patient care and a healthy work environment for all employees are the mutual goals of the Employer and the Union. To that end, the parties agree to work together to achieve the goals of this Article by forming a System Staffing and Productivity Committee (“SSPC”) and subcommittees of the SSPC at each of the Employer’s sites.

B. Membership on the System Staffing and Productivity Committee shall include the Employer’s Chief Operating Officer, the Chief Nursing Executive of Kaleida Health and the Chief Nursing Officer of each of the Employer’s sites. A representative of the Employer’s Finance, Corporate Human Resource Departments and Director of Operations shall also sit on the SSPC. The Union shall have an equal number of representatives.

C. Membership on the site subcommittees shall consist of the Chief Nursing Officer or designee at such site, three (3) nursing department managers, three (3) non-nursing department managers and the site Human Resource Department representative. The Union shall have an equal number of representatives.

Section 2. The staffing plans for nursing and non-nursing units/departments cost centers will be developed with consideration given to the applicable criteria below:

a.) census;
b.) volume inclusive of admissions, discharges, transfers, add-ons and scheduling backlogs;
c.) patient acuity inclusive of patient needs for the specific unit/department/cost center;
d.) patient conditions, inclusive of age, communication skills, functional ability, cultural diversities and linguistic diversities;
e.) patient safety, inclusive of coordination of care, ability to provide continuity of care, patient education and proper discharge education;
f.) workload/productivity indices;
g.) competency and expertise of the staff;
h.) case mix indices;
i.) facility characteristics (geography of department/unit, square footage, etc.);
j.) standard approach to record keeping and information;
k.) staff mix;
l.) available support systems;
m.) patient satisfaction;
n.) patient care delivery models;
o.) internal and external benchmarks/standards;
p.) available financial resources;
q.) regulatory requirements and mandates;
r.) quality metrics;
s.) diagnostic related groupings.

Section 3. Staffing grids or fixed staffing schedules will be initially developed within six (6) months of the effective date of this Agreement and shall be reviewed at least on an every six (6) month basis by the SSPC. The SSPC shall also receive, on an ongoing basis, reports from the site subcommittees regarding the effectiveness of the grids for each of the Employer’s hospital sites on a unit/department/cost center basis and shall make changes in the staffing grids as appropriate. Such review of the effectiveness of the staffing grids shall use, among other criteria, the following:

a.) patient satisfaction;
b.) employee satisfaction;
c.) quality metrics;
d.) productivity metrics; and
e.) fiscal and budget measures.

Section 4. The SSPC site sub-committee shall consist of up to six (6) union representatives from all the bargaining units covered under this master Agreement and an equal number of Employer representatives. The committee will meet on a monthly or on an as needed basis. Additional representatives may be invited as the agenda dictates. The SSPC site sub-committee will:

a.) identify staffing issues;
b.) assess current staffing needs;
c.) develop criteria for the determination of current and projected staffing needs which can be identified;
d.) review staffing grievances and staffing committee forms;
e.) review restricted duty assignments; and
f.) recruitment and retention strategies.

Section 5. The SSPC shall meet, on a System level, once every calendar quarter and the Employer’s Chief Nursing Executive shall be responsible for preparing the agenda for such meetings and shall distribute such agenda, in a written format, at least one (1) week prior to each meeting. Union representatives may submit agenda items to the Employer’s Chief Nursing Executive for review and inclusion on the agenda. The SSPC will:

a.) address staffing concerns that cannot be resolved at the site committee;
b.) monitor the work of any site staffing committee;
c.) make recommendations concerning the utilization of consultants; and
d.) make proposals regarding the issues or criteria which arise under a.) and b.) above.

On a yearly basis, the Chief Financial Officer will meet with the SSPC to review the sections of the following years Kaleida Health budget, especially, those budget issues that will impact staffing and members covered by this Agreement.

Section 6. In order to improve both patient and employee satisfaction the following staffing related factors will also be reviewed and initiatives developed by the Site Staffing Committee:

a.) the number of work related illness and injury, disability or leaves of absence;
b.) the number of sick calls, tardiness;
c.) turnover and vacancy rates;
d.) use of per diem employees;
e.) use of part-time employees;
f.) use of agency staff;
g.) hours of work, workloads and shift assignments, on call utilization;
h.) staffing levels and its impact on patient care;
i.) amount of overtime utilized to cover staffing shortages and its impact on patient care;
j.) number of floats and flexible employees vs. regular personnel; and
k.) excessive shift rotation, floating and flexing.

Each unit/department/cost center will post the shift to shift staffing ratios, grids or fixed staffing schedules in a mutually agreed to location.

Section 7. Any employee questioning the staffing levels on his/her unit/department/cost center, shall initially verbally consult the employee’s supervisor or department manager to attempt to address the issue in question. If the employee believes his/her concern is still unresolved, he/she may indicate such concern on a staffing committee form and forward a copy of same to the employee’s manager/supervisor, the Chair of the site subcommittee and the Union representatives on such subcommittee. The respective manager or other appropriate
management representative will provide the employee a written response with seventy-two (72) hours or as soon as practical to any unresolved staffing concern. If the Union Representative for the subcommittee desires to have a review of such forms undertaken by the subcommittee, they should prepare a summary of the same and present such summary at the next subcommittee meeting.

Section 8. If over a four (4) month period a shortfall in budgeted staffing exists and results in hours paid over budget for a job title, and the shortfall is not a result of vacancies or unusual circumstances, the Employer shall, as soon as practical, increase the number of positions (FTE) in that title by an appropriate amount to offset said hours.

Section 9. Any disagreements between the parties regarding the interpretation or implementation of the Article shall be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure. However, it is agreed that should a grievance proceed to arbitration the arbitrator’s ruling shall be limited to the limitations of interpretation and implementation only and the arbitrator cannot be empowered to mandate the Employer to increase or modify staffing levels. A disagreement between the parties regarding staffing plan development, criteria to monitor staffing plans and solutions to any identified issues of deviation from plans that cannot be resolved mutually by the parties shall be subject to mediation before a mutually agreed upon mediator.

Article 77
Workforce Training and Retraining/Committee

Section 1. The Union(s) and the Employer shall establish a corporate Workforce Training & Retraining Committee(s). Committees will be comprised of an equal number of Employer and Union representatives, with up to three (3) members from each Union. The committee will meet monthly, and/or on an as needed basis, at a mutually agreed to time and place. The Unions shall select their respective representatives and union representatives on the committee shall receive time from work and pay to attend the committee meetings.

Section 2. The purpose of this committee will be as follows:

a.) to remain current on health care employment trends;
b.) to identify the job titles and job descriptions which are anticipated to be the foundation of the health care work force in the years ahead;
c.) to identify the job titles and employees most at risk for job loss;
d.) establish a comprehensive listing of available health care related training and educational programs, inclusive of entrance criteria;
e.) to determine the resources necessary to train current employees to work in future health care related jobs;
f.) to seek funding from Federal and/or State Agencies (including the Department of Health) for the purpose of training or retraining employees. These funds will assist the employee in meeting the educational qualifications necessary to enhance their job skills or fill another job title.
It is agreed to and understood by the parties, that the recommendations regarding a.) – f.) will be determined by a majority vote of the committee and then submitted to the appropriate Employer representative for approval. The committee will not vote on program recommendations unless notification of the vote is provided to the committee prior to the meeting. Such decision will be promptly forwarded to the Oversight Committee for review.

Section 3. The committee shall work with institutions of higher education to provide opportunities for clinical preceptorships in a Kaleida clinical setting for programs that would facilitate movement from school to the Employer.

Section 4. The work of the committee will be communicated to employees throughout the system using the most effective means as determined by the committee (e.g., tables, brochures, updates).

Article 78
Access to Technology

Section 1. During the life of this Agreement, the Employer will take steps towards meeting their objective of providing employees access to all Kaleida electronic services that provide information regarding their employment including websites, intranets, and internets. The information will include Kaleida Health policies, procedures, job postings, and newsletters.

Section 2. The Employer shall continue to develop programs for the proper training in computer usage and orientation to the Kaleida Access Request Security Policy, Internet Access Policy and Procedure and E-mail Policy and Procedure.

Article 79
Savings Clause

In the event a court of competent jurisdiction finds that a Federal or State law, rule, or regulation, or Executive order conflicts with the provisions of this Agreement, the provision or provisions so affected shall no longer be operative or binding upon the parties, but the remaining portion of the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect and the parties will meet to negotiate regarding that portion of the Agreement which has been held invalid.

Article 80
School Health Services Employees

Section 1. A school health services employee is one who is hired to work in one of the following programs:
a.) School-based health clinics at both elementary and high schools in the Buffalo Public School (BPS, hereafter) District and Charter Schools.

b.) School Nurse Program throughout the BPS district and designated non-public schools (District Nurse Program).

c.) Any future school-related programs supported by outside source funding.

Section 2. During periods when the school children are not in school, Full-time, Full Time Flex and Part-time School health services employees will be allowed to continue to participate in the Kaleida Health and dental insurance program and the employer will continue to contribute the employer portion of the premium.

Section 3. School Health Services employees assigned to float positions will get their daily assignments by 6:30 AM.

School health services employees shall receive travel expenses in accordance with Article 48 Travel.

Section 4. PTO Usage: all employees classified as School Health services employees will be required to allocate PTO for all Kaleida Health Holidays not occurring during periods of layoff or downsizing. During Buffalo Public School District and Non-Public School calendar designated days when the Children are not in school including incidental holidays the employee will not be required to use PTO and will have the option to work in the hospital without incurring OT or take an excused absence without accruing PTO. During winter and spring breaks, as per Buffalo Public and Non-Public School calendar, all employees will be required to use PTO, if an employee does not have PTO to cover those days the employee shall not be required to use negative PTO. The employees will be allowed to use either excused absences or PTO for superintendent conference days, unplanned days, and half days as well as the two weeks before and after the summer session if they re assigned to work the summer session. School health services employees will have an automatic carry over of up to 75 hours of unused PTO at the end of the PTO plan year. Those employees who do not have enough PTO to cover these days will be allowed to take negative PTO during the PTO year up to the maximum limit as set forth in Article 26, PTO of the Master Bargaining Agreement or take excused absences. Unallocated weeks and days of PTO may be requested four (4) weeks in advance of the time block. The employee will be notified of approval or disapproval of these requests and shall be included in the posted schedule as PTO hours allow. PTO/ESB will accrue as per Master Agreement.

It may be necessary to schedule staff when the children are not in school, as program needs warrant.

a.) Opportunities to work will be offered in order of seniority with respect to the appropriate skill mix.
b.) If the staffing requirement are still unmet after seeking volunteers, employees will be assigned to work in inverse order of seniority until all BPS needs are met.

Section 5. Temporary Downsizing will occur when number of staff exceeds departmental needs, as requested by the BPS and/or Non-Public Schools lack of student needs (i.e. regents examinations and other special circumstances). Should it become necessary to downsize staff the following steps will be followed.

   a.) Staff regularly assigned as float staff will be offered the opportunity to downsize first, based on seniority.

   b.) Volunteers requesting PTO, by seniority.

   c.) Volunteers requesting Excused absence.

   d.) Those wishing to work can call the staffing office at the Hospital(s) and attempt to find assignments in areas they are competent. This will be the responsibility of the employee and the Employer will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the employee’s request.

Section 6. Summer Session and Special Projects: In the event that the Board of Education requests summertime school health services or services for special projects (i.e. sports physicals) the following will occur:

   a.) Management will determine the number of full or part-time staff, NP/RN/LPN/MA needed to ensure adequate BPS coverage. Summer school has limited needs and it is likely that all assignments will be part-time, less than 7.5 hours per day as determined by the BPS but not less than 4 hours. Employees will be allowed to use PTO to make a full 7.5 hour day.

   b.) Opportunities to work will be offered in order of seniority with respect to the appropriate skill mix NP/RN/LPN/MA.

   c.) If the staffing requirements are still unmet after seeking volunteers, employees will be assigned to work starting from the least senior employee hired in a 12-month position, if needs are still not met after all 12-month employees have been assigned then employees hired in a 10-month position will be assigned to work with the least senior employee until needs are met.

Once the Board of Education contractual needs and/or NYSED Requirements are met, remaining staff will be laid off the summer period.

Summer staff will resume their normal FTE status once the new school year begins.
The staff that is temporarily laid off shall be recalled by descending seniority to their original FTE Status.

Section 7. If a School Health Services Employee is unable to report for work they must notify their supervisor no later than 6:00 AM the day of the shift.

Section 8. School Health Services positions are grant funded and subject to change due to changes in the grand funding on a year-to-year basis. Any position affected due to a change in funding will be subject to the layoff and recall language in the appropriate sites.

Section 9. There shall be a School Health Services Labor-Management committee which shall meet at least quarterly to discuss issues specific to the school health services program.

Article 81
Multi-Site On-Call Procedure

Section 1. The Employer and the Union(s) will form a committee to discuss a multi-site on-call procedure. It is understood that the intent of the process is to be voluntary. The committee will become active when there is the need to negotiate a multi-site on-call procedure. The purpose of the Committee will be to determine:

   a.) which departments will benefit from said procedure;
   b.) the number of sites to be involved;
   c.) the training/orientation period needed;
   d.) number of additional FTE’s, as required.

Section 2. Upon completion of the above, a trial period not to exceed six (6) months will be established. At culmination of the trial period the committee will reconvene for the purpose of:

   a.) reviewing all findings; and
   b.) making any necessary changes.

Section 3. Once the trial period and the review for necessary changes are complete, the procedure will become permanent. If there are not sufficient volunteers to cover On-Call, it will be assigned to trained personnel in reverse, seniority order. A meeting will be convened with Union representatives prior to implementing the assignments of non-volunteers to discuss implementation.

Section 4. If a multi-site on-call procedure is established, employees placed on-call under this procedure will be paid:

   a.) all pay as outlined in Article 21 of the Master Agreement; plus
   b.) ten percent (10%) over the employee’s base rate for all time worked at any site; and
a lump sum payment of fifty dollars ($50.00) for each call-in (to any site).

Article 82
Holidays

Section 1. Employees who work on New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day will be paid a premium of one and one-half (1½) times their hourly rate for all hours worked on the holiday and as outlined below.

a.) Greater Than Eight (8) Hour Shift Employees:

1.) When the majority of hours worked fall within the twenty-four (24) hour period, beginning at 6:00 am on the day of the holiday.

2.) Exception 1: The New Year’s Day holiday premium will be paid when the majority of hours worked falls within the twenty-four (24) hour period beginning at 6:00 pm on December 31st.

3.) Exception 2: Christmas Day holiday premium will be paid when the majority of hours worked falls within the twenty-four (24) hour period beginning at 6:00 pm on December 24th.

b.) Eight (8) Hour (or less) Shift Employees:

1.) When the majority of hours worked falls within the twenty-four (24) hour period beginning at 11:00 pm on the eve of the holiday.

2.) The only exception will be the New Year’s Day holiday. Premium will be paid when the majority of hours fall within the twenty-four (24) hour period beginning at 3:00 pm December 31.

Section 2. For departments that will close to celebrate a holiday, the following will apply for scheduling purposes only.

a.) If the major holiday falls on a Saturday, Friday will be considered the holiday.

b.) If the major holiday falls on a Sunday, Monday will be considered the holiday.

c.) Full time employees whose work schedules are eight (8) hours long and the department is only open five (5) days a week, it is understood by the parties that in this instance when the holiday falls within this time frame, the employee will be scheduled for PTO for the holiday.

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Section 3. When the department must remain open for the six (6) major holidays, employees scheduled eight (8) hours or less shall be required to work no more than one (1) holiday in each of the following groups of holidays:

a.) Memorial Day or Independence Day;
b.) Labor Day or Thanksgiving Day; and
c.) Christmas Day or New Year’s Day.

Section 4. When the department must remain open for the six (6) major holidays, employees scheduled to work greater than eight (8) hours including forty (40) hour weekend employees, shall be required to work no more than one (1) holiday in each of the following groups of holidays:

a.) Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day;
b.) Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day.

Section 5. Selection of the holiday:

a.) A preference list shall be posted in each department for the purpose of selecting the holiday to work. The preference list posting dates will be:

1.) by February 1 for the Summer holidays; and
2.) by June 1 for the Winter holidays.

The preference shall be posted for the month and holidays will be approved within thirty (30) days from the end of the posting. This thirty (30) day period will include the one (1) week period for posting referenced in b.) below.

b.) If the distribution of staff is uneven a notice will be posted for one (1) week for volunteers to change their preference.

1.) For eight (8) hours or less: If there are insufficient volunteers, then the employee who is least senior and had the holiday off the previous year shall be reassigned to another holiday in the group.

2.) For greater than eight (8) hours: If there are insufficient volunteers then the employee who is least senior and had the holiday off the previous two (2) years shall be assigned to another holiday in the group.

3.) If there are too many volunteers then the employee who is most senior will be offered to work or be taken off the holiday.

4.) Employees who volunteer to work more than one holiday, in that holiday group, will be awarded the extra holiday in order of seniority on a rotating basis.
5.) If no employees from their hired shift volunteers to work a holiday; other employees may volunteer to work that shift, as long as there is no need on that employee’s primary shift.

c.) In the event that staff is not provided in a.-b. above, then the staff will be asked to volunteer for an additional holiday. If staffing remains insufficient, it shall be provided from a seniority list of the employees who have not worked the holiday in the past two (2) years with the least senior being utilized first. However, any one (1) staff member shall not work more than one (1) additional holiday in a calendar year.

d.) If the unit/department’s census or patient acuity decreases, then any employee required to work more than one (1) holiday in that group shall be offered benefit time first. If there is more than one (1) employee in this category, benefit time will be offered by seniority. In the event there are no employees in this category, benefit time shall be offered to other staff members based on seniority.

e.) Employees who volunteer to work more than one (1) holiday in a group shall be considered last for benefit time off on the holiday they volunteered for.

f.) Holiday commitments which occur during approved PTO will be met.

g.) Switching of shifts or partial shifts between employees may occur after the schedule is posted and as per Article 15 Section 7 of the Master Agreement. Written requests must have signatures of the affected employees and must be approved by the appropriate manager. The initially scheduled holiday shall be considered the holiday commitment.

h.) An employee will not be scheduled to work the eve and the day of Christmas or New Year’s unless he or she volunteers to do so.

i.) If an employee successfully bids and transfers to a new position they will be required to meet their Holiday commitment. This may require the employee to reschedule their Holiday to meet the needs of the new unit; if their commitment was not already met inclusive of the process in Section 5b.) & c.) of this article. For an involuntary transfer, posted holiday commitments will be honored for that grouping.

j.) If an employee calls in on their scheduled Holiday, the employee will not have met their Holiday commitment.

Section 6. PTO will not be paid when the employees do not report to work for the last scheduled shift before a holiday or the first scheduled shift after a holiday, providing that either
of these days are within three (3) days of the holiday. PTO will also not be paid when an employee does not report for work on their scheduled shift on the holiday.

FOR WCHOB RN/LPN

Section 7. For the Licensed Practical Nurses and the Registered Nurses at Women and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo, the following language will apply:

a.) All employees holding rotating positions will bid and work their holiday requirement on their primary shift, except in areas where rotation is pre-assigned on a yearly basis.

b.) The Hospital will schedule enough staff to appropriately cover the normal staffing pattern of each clinical unit including float pools. In the event that the staffing on a holiday exceeds the normal requirement, an employee may be taken off the holiday in descending seniority order and rescheduled to adequately staff another day during the pay period if mutually agreed upon.

c.) An employee who calls in sick or reports off on a holiday listed in this Agreement will be required to make up such days on another holiday within the next twelve months unless the absence is due to the employee’s extended illness (three [3] or more days), hospitalization, bereavement leave, LOA, Workers’ Compensation, DBL or FMLA.

d.) Switching of shifts or partial shifts between employees may occur after the schedule is posted with the manager’s approval. Written request must have signatures of the affected employees. The initially scheduled holiday shall be considered the holiday commitment. Partial shifts must be a minimum of four (4) hours in length.

e.) Employees on DBL, Workers’ Compensation or other extended leave will be contacted by the Manager for their holiday time requests. All holiday bidding deadlines will be upheld.

f.) Holiday Requirements:

(1.) Employees working shifts of eight (8) hours or less will be scheduled to work one holiday from each of the following groups:

(a.) Memorial Day and July 4;
(b.) Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day.

(2.) Employees working extended shifts (ten [10] hours or greater) will be scheduled to work one of the following holidays:
(a.) Memorial Day;
(b.) July 4;
(c.) Labor Day;
(d.) Thanksgiving Day.

(3.) Per diem employees will be scheduled to work one holiday from the following group:

Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day or Thanksgiving.

Bidding for these holidays will be done at the same time as vacation bidding. An employee’s scheduled vacation week does not excuse the employee from the above holiday obligations.

(4.) Employees working shifts of eight (8) hours or less will be scheduled to work two (2) of the following:

(a.) Christmas Eve;
(b.) Christmas Day;
(c.) New Year’s Eve;
(d.) New Year’s Day.

(5.) Employees working extended shifts will be scheduled to work one of the following:

(a.) Christmas Eve;
(b.) Christmas Day;
(c.) New Year’s Eve;
(d.) New Year’s Day.

(6.) Per diem employees will be scheduled to work one holiday from the following group:

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve, New Year’s Day.

An employee’s scheduled vacation will not excuse an employee from a holiday obligation. However, an employee scheduled for vacation for only one of the Christmas/New Year’s weeks will be scheduled to fulfill their holiday obligation on the alternate holiday or holidays.

g.) In order to meet the staffing needs of the department, it may be necessary to schedule an additional holiday based on seniority. Employees who are required to schedule an extra holiday will be offered, in seniority order, a choice from the remaining holidays. Additional holidays will be designated as such on the schedules.
h.) In the event that the number of staff on a unit exceeds the required staff needed, those employees schedule to work the additional holiday will be downsized first. If there is more than one employee in this category, time off will be offered by seniority. If there is no employee in this category, downsizing will be completed based on seniority of all scheduled staff, inclusive of per diems. Float Pool seniority will be blended with the seniority of all employees within the Division that the Float Pool employee is assigned.

i.) Per Diem employees will be blended into the seniority of all employees within the unit for the purpose of bidding on holiday time. They will not be required to schedule an additional holiday unless they choose to do so.

j.) No employee will be required to work more than sixteen (16) hours over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (from 7:00 a.m. December 24 to 7:30 a.m. December 26) unless scheduled for a holiday make-up day. During this period, no employee will be scheduled for a length of shifts that varies from their regular shift.

k.) No extended shift employee will be scheduled to work more than two (2) consecutive shifts between December 23 and December 26.

l.) The preliminary draft of Christmas/New Year’s schedule will be posted two (2) weeks before the final schedule is posted. The schedule will not be considered final until two (2) weeks prior to the start of the time block.

**Article 83**

**Union Membership**

**FOR 1199 SEIU:**

Section 1. It shall be a condition of employment that each employee shall become and remain a member in good standing of the Union upon completion of thirty (30) days of employment.

Section 2. "Member in good standing" shall mean the employee has tendered the initiation fee and periodic dues uniformly required as a condition of union membership.

**FOR CWA:**

Section 1. All employees who are members of the Union on the effective date of this Agreement, shall, as a condition of employment, remain members for the term of this Agreement. All employees who wish to join the Union and do so after the effective date of this Agreement, shall, as a condition of employment, remain members of the Union for the term of this Agreement. The Employer will be given a current list of Union members
on request, but not more often than once a month.

Section 2. Employees who have not joined and do not wish to join the Union must, after they have completed thirty (30) calendar days of continued employment or on the execution date of this Agreement if on that date they have been employed for thirty (30) calendar days, pay to the Union an amount equal to the then current dues (but no other charges) applicable to members as a contribution toward the administration of this Agreement. Employees who choose not to join the Union may authorize the payment of the Agency fee on a form which is the same as that shown in this Agreement except it will substitute the words "service charge equal to the monthly dues" for the words "the monthly dues and one initiation fee" in such authorization.

FOR IUOE:

Section 1: Membership Requirements. All employees covered by this Agreement who are members of the Union on the effective date of this Agreement or who become members thereafter shall, as a condition of employment, maintain their membership in the Union to the extent of tendering the representation fee and periodic dues uniformly required as a condition of Union membership.

All employees hired on or after the effective date of this Agreement shall, upon completion of their probationary period, as a condition of employment, become and thereafter maintain their membership in the Union to the extent of tendering the representation fee and periodic dues as described above.

All employees transferred from a position not included in the bargaining unit to a position within the unit shall, upon completion of ninety (90) days continuous employment thereafter as a condition of employment, become and thereafter maintain their membership in the Union to the extent of tendering the representation fee and periodic dues as described above.

Section 2: Discharge of Employees. The employer, no later than seven (7) calendar days after receipt of written notice from the Union, shall discharge any employee who is not then in good standing in the Union as required in Section 1 of this Article.

Article 84
Pharmacy Shift Rotation at the Buffalo General Hospital

Section 1. Schedules will be prepared covering a four (4) week time block.

Section 2. Employees can volunteer to rotate to the evening and night shift without limitation. Volunteering will not count as rotation commitment.
Section 3. It is understood that total rotation to off shifts will be done so that no higher-seniority Pharmacist will rotate to a greater extent than a lower-seniority Pharmacist over the course of any time block. The following sections will detail how specific rotations will be accomplished.

Section 4. **Single Night Rotation**: Night rotation will use a three (3) tier system:

   a.) Full-time employees with less than twenty (20) years of seniority (non-probationary) as a pharmacist will initially rotate as needed up to four (4) times per calendar year. Part-time employees will rotate to an amount equal to their FTE times 4. E.g., a .5 FTE pharmacist will rotate initially two (2) times per year (.5 x 4 = 2).

   b.) If additional rotations are needed, employees with less than ten (10) years seniority will each rotate one (1) additional time (i.e., 5 times total), in inverse order of seniority.

   c.) If further night shift vacancies exist then Pharmacists with twenty (20) years experience or greater will rotate, beginning with least senior in this group, up to two times per year (prorated by their FTE).

   d.) If the above method is still insufficient to cover all open single night shifts then all pharmacists will rotate additional night shifts, in inverse order of seniority, until all single open shifts are covered. Greater needs will be met in the same fashion, with less senior employees first rotating an additional shift, then more senior employees rotating an additional shift.

Section 5. **Multiple Night Shift Rotation**: The same basic system of three (3) tiers as in Section 3. above will be used. For the purposes of this section one (1) occurrence will be considered one of the following:

   a.) 4 consecutive nights of the 7 on/7 off shift;

   b.) 3 consecutive nights of the 7 on/7 off shift plus one other 10-hour shift (day or evening);

   c.) the 4 x 10 hour night shift (Monday through Thursday);

   d.) the 5 x 7.5 hour night shift (Monday through Friday, 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.). Working this shift will count as both one (1) occurrence under Section 4. and one (1) night shift under Section 3.

If the rotating Pharmacist opts to work the full seven (7) days of the 7 on/7 off then this will be considered two (2) occurrences.
Section 6. It is understood that preference will be given to the Pharmacist who opts to work the full seven (7) days of the 7 on/7 off shift. In other words if the Pharmacist next on the list to cover 7 on/7 off shift declines to work the full week then the option passes to the next most senior Pharmacist in the group as listed below. If each Pharmacist in the seniority group declines the full week then the shift returns to those first two on the list and is split among them with most senior having the choice.

a.) Full-time employees with less than twenty (20) years seniority (non-probationary) as a Pharmacist will initially rotate as needed up to four (4) occurrences per calendar year. Part-time employees will rotate to an amount equal to the FTE x 4.

b.) If additional rotations are needed, employees with less than ten (10) years seniority will each rotate one (1) additional time (i.e., now a total of five [5] occurrences), in inverse order of seniority.

c.) If further rotations are needed then Pharmacists with twenty (20) years experience or greater will rotate, beginning with least senior in this group, up to one (1) occurrence per year (or as prorated by their FTE).

d.) If the above method is still insufficient to cover all open night shifts then all Pharmacists will rotate additional night shifts (occurrences), in inverse order of seniority, until all open shifts are covered. Greater needs will be met in the same fashion, with less senior employees first rotating an additional occurrence, then more senior employees rotating an additional occurrence.

Section 7. No employee will be assigned to work more than two (2) different shifts in any seven (7) day period.

**Article 85**

**Payroll Deduction of Union Dues**

**FOR 1199 SEIU:**

Section 1. Upon receipt of a written authorization from an Employee in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit A, or in any other form designated by the Union necessary to accommodate any changes in the 1199 dues or initiation fee structure, the Employer shall, pursuant to such authorization, deduct regular dues and/or initiation fees as established from time to time by the Union from the wages due said Employee. Such deduction shall start no later than the first pay period following the completion of the Employee's first thirty (30) days of employment.

The Employer shall remit to the Union all deductions for dues and/or initiation fees made from the wages of all Employees on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month.
following the month in which paycheck was dated from which those dues and initiation fees were deducted.

This remittance shall be accompanied by a list of all Employees on whose behalf dues and initiations fees are being paid. Such list shall include, for each Employee, the following information: Institution, Employee's name, social security number, job classification, amount of dues remitted, amount of initiation remitted, hours worked, gross pay, and total pay subject to dues deduction.

Section 2. At the written request of the Union made in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph 2, the Employer shall deduct from the wages due an affected employee an amount stated by the Union to be unpaid dues and/or initiation fees. Such a written request for unpaid dues shall be made by the Union no more frequently than twice a year on January 1 and/or July 1. The Request shall include the name, social security number, amount of dues and/or amount of initiation to be deducted from the employee's wages, and the number of installments by which the total shall be deducted.

With the written Request, the Union shall send the Employer a copy of a letter that has been sent to each listed employee advising them of the Union's dues and initiation fee policies, the amount of dues or initiation fees owed by the members, an explanation of the computation, and the procedure by which such unpaid dues and/or initiation fees shall be deducted by the Employer. The letter shall advise the employee to direct any question on this deduction to the Union. The Employer shall provide the Union with the name, title, and telephone number of the person to which Requests pursuant to this paragraph shall be submitted.

The Employer shall make the first deduction pursuant to the request no more than thirty (30) days after receipt of the Request, and shall remit the deductions on the same schedule as set forth in paragraph 1 above.

The Employer shall provide to the Union a separate list of all employees on whose behalf payments pursuant to this paragraph 2 are being made. Said list shall include name, social security number, and amount of dues and/or amount of initiation remitted.

The limitation of submission of requests on January 1 and July 1 shall not apply when an employee is a new hire from whom deductions of dues and/or initiation by the Employer shall commence immediately on the Employer receiving written authorization.

The Employer shall not be required to attempt to recover unpaid dues or initiation fees from employees who have terminated employment and received their last wages prior to the receipt of the Request.

Section 3. Employees who do not sign written authorizations for deductions must adhere to the same payment procedure by making payments directly to the Union.
Section 4. The Employer shall be relieved from making such 'check-off deductions upon (a) termination of employment, or (b) transfer to a job other than one covered by the bargaining unit, or (c) layoff from work, or (d) an agreed leave of absence, or (e) revocation of the check-off authorization in accordance with its terms or with applicable law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon the return of an Employee to work from any of the foregoing enumerated absences in section (b) - (d), the Employer will immediately resume the obligation of making said deductions, except that deductions for terminated Employees shall be governed by Paragraph 1 hereof. This provision, however, shall not relieve any Employee of the obligation to make the required dues and initiation payment pursuant to the Union constitution in order to remain in good standing of the Union.

Section 5. The Employer shall not be obliged to make dues deductions of any kind from any Employee who, during any dues month involved, shall have failed to receive sufficient wages to equal the dues deductions.

Section 6. The Employer agrees to furnish the Union each month within fifteen (15) days after the end of the month a listing in order of social security numbers of the names of all bargaining unit Employees paid at any time in the prior month, their addresses, social security numbers, classifications of work, their date of hire, and if terminated during the month, their date of termination; and names of bargaining unit Employees on leave of absence together with their beginning dates of leave of absence and type of leave.

Section 7. Any list required hereunder that contains in excess of twenty-five (25) names shall be transmitted to the Union in electronic form in the format annexed hereto as exhibit ( ). The Employer shall provide to the Union: the name, title, e-mail address, and telephone number of one person responsible for each separate dues/initiation and Political Action Fund remittance list to be submitted pursuant to this paragraph who can directly authorize and produce such electronic transmission.

FOR CWA:

Section 1. The Employer agrees that upon receipt of an individual written request in a form approved by the Employer and signed by an employee covered by this Agreement, the Employer will deduct twenty-six (26) times per year from such employee's wages union dues specified in such request, plus an initiation fee not to exceed $25.00 in a single deduction and forward the full amount thus deducted to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union or his/her authorized agent as directed. The request may be revoked by the employee at any time upon their written request to the Employer and such request should be directed to the appropriate Employer representative.

Section 2. In general, dues deductions will be made or revoked in designated pay periods in the current payroll for properly executed dues deductions authorizations or revocations received by the appropriate Employer representative on or before the last day of the previous payroll period. However, the Employer assumes no responsibility either
to the employee or to the Union for any failure to make or for any errors made in making such deductions, but will correct any errors made in making such deductions in the payroll period following notice of such errors. The Union further agrees to hold the Employer harmless for any and all claims arising out of claims under this Article.

Section 3. The Employer agrees to make payroll deductions of Union dues and one (1) initiation fee when authorized to do so by the employee on a form as set forth below in an amount as certified to the Employer by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union and to pay over to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union any amounts so deducted. Changes in the amount of monthly dues or the amount of the initiation fee will be certified to the Employer at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to the requested change.

FOR IUOE:

The Union shall furnish the Employer with Union membership applications and dues deduction authorization forms which shall be presented to new employees at the beginning of their employment. Each month, the completed membership applications and a copy of each dues deduction authorization form shall be mailed to the Union office. The Union shall be notified in writing of the names and places of employment for new employees.

Check-off. The employer shall deduct the Union representation fee and periodic dues regularly charged by the Union from the wages of those employees who are members or are becoming members of the Union provided such employees individually and voluntarily give the Employer written authorization to do so. The Employer shall forward such deductions to the Union before the end of each month.

Employer Protection. The Union agrees to indemnify and hold the Employer harmless against any and all claims, suits, or other forms of liability arising out of action taken or not taken pursuant to the provisions of this Article. The Union assumes full responsibility for the disposition of deductions once they have been turned over to the Union.

Article 86
Political Action Committee Deductions

FOR 1199 SEIU:

Section 1. Political Action Fund. Upon receipt of a written authorization from an employee in the form designated by the Union and necessary to accommodate political action deductions, the Employer shall, pursuant to such authorization, deduct from the wages due said employee every pay period the sum specified in said authorization and remit the funds to the 1199 Political Action Fund, in the same manner and at the same time as the Employer shall remit dues and initiation as described above. This remittance
shall be accompanied by a list of all employees on whose behalf deductions are being submitted. Such list shall include, for each employee, the following information: Institution, employee's name, social security number, and amount remitted.

Section 2. It is specifically agreed that the Employer assumes no obligation, financial or otherwise, arising out of compliance with the provisions of this Article, and the Union hereby agrees that it will indemnify and hold the Employer harmless from any claims, actions or proceedings by any Employee arising from deductions made by the Employer hereunder. The Union further indemnifies and holds the Employer harmless from any claims, actions or proceeding by any government agency or by any groups so long as such groups are not funded directly or indirectly by the Employer arising from deductions made by the Employer for the 1199 Political Action Fund

FOR CWA:

Section 1. The Employer agrees that, upon receipt of an individual written request in a form approved by the Employer and signed by an employee covered by this Agreement, the Employer will deduct twenty-six (26) times per year from such employee's wages the amount indicated by the employee on the COPE deduction form and forward the full amount thus deducted to the appropriate union's committee on political education. The request may be revoked by the employee at any time upon his/her written request to the Employer, and such request should be directed to the appropriate Employer representative.

Section 2. The Employer assumes no responsibility either to the employee or to the Union for any failure to make or for any errors made in making such deductions, but will correct any errors made in making such deductions in the payroll period following notice of such errors. The Union further agrees to hold the Employer harmless for any and all claims arising out of claims under this Article.

FOR IUOE:

Section 1. The Employer shall deduct political action committee contributions for any employee who voluntarily elects to have such contributions deducted from his/her pay. The contribution shall be at the rate of three cents ($0.03) per hour on all straight time hours paid, four and one-half cents ($0.045) per hour on all time and one-half hours paid, and six cents ($0.06) on all double time hours paid.

Section 2. The Union agrees to indemnify and hold the Employer harmless against any and all claims, suits, or other forms of liability arising out of action taken or not taken pursuant to the provisions of this Article. The Union assumes full responsibility for the disposition of deductions once they have been turned over to the Union.
Article 87

Labor-Management Committees

Section 1. The Union and the Employer, recognizing the importance of labor-management relations, agree to meet to discuss items of importance to either or both parties in a Labor Management Committee (LMC) format. To that end, a committee will be established and maintained for each bargaining unit. As a general rule, grievance issues and contract interpretation issues should be discussed in other forums. The work of such Committees shall not duplicate the work of other committees under the Master Bargaining Agreement.

Section 2. The committees shall meet monthly or as agreed by the parties at a mutually agreeable time and place. The meeting will be attended by the Hospital President, and/or designee, a Human Resource representative and the appropriate Union representatives.

Section 3. Employees who attend the meetings will be released during their regular shift. The Employer agrees to pay the committee for hours spent in committee meetings up to but no more than four (4) per bargaining unit as mutually agreed to by the Employer and the Union.

Section 4. All agenda items shall be exchanged at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

Section 5. In addition to the bargaining unit LMCs, the parties acknowledge that there are individual units and departments that utilize the LMC process and meet regularly to resolve workplace problems and that process will continue.

Article 88

Temporary Closure of Units/Departments

Section 1. It is understood by the Union, that the Employer may elect to temporarily close a unit due to fluctuations in the volume/census, in which case the following process for staffing will occur.

   a.) The Employer will notify all affected employees and the Union of unit closures and unit reopening.

   b.) When it is known in advance that an employee's unit will be closed the affected employees will be reassigned as needed within their site, as per Article 19, Floating (excluding Section 2.). The affected employees' approved schedule will be maintained.

Section 2. In the event that all staff are not needed, the affected employees will be offered the option to downsize as per Article 18, Temporary Downsizing.

Section 3. Any unit closures greater than twenty-one (21) days will be reviewed by the site job security committee.
Article 89
Security Technology

Section 1. The Employer and the Union agree to the following:

a.) Kaleida Health will not install surveillance cameras solely for the purpose of monitoring employee actions. If the Employer uses surveillance camera video as evidence to support employee discipline, a copy of the video will be provided to the Union prior to any discipline being administered.

b.) The Employer provided the Union with the location of all existing surveillance cameras during the negotiations which lead to this Agreement. The Employer agrees to provide the Unions with notification any time a camera is relocated or added.

c.) Kaleida Health will not install surveillance cameras in any rest room areas, locker room areas or any other area that could be considered an employee invasion of privacy.

Article 90
Health Information Technology

Section 1. The Employer shall provide the Unions notice of any major new proposed technological change that impacts employees across Kaleida e.g. EMR, Bridge and Cerner. The Employer will provide updates of such new or revised information as it becomes available. This notice shall take place at Oversight Committee.

Section 2. The Union shall have reasonable access, as appropriate, to Employer personnel who are knowledgeable about any proposed new major technology to review and discuss information concerning any impacts on members of the bargaining units(s).

Section 3. Employer purchasing representatives and managers in areas where new equipment or technology is being contemplated to be purchased or used on a trial basis will, to the extent as practical and appropriate, seek input from employees who will use such equipment and technology regarding the operational feasibility and efficiency of such equipment and technology.

Section 4. Nothing in this Article shall be read to prevent the Employer to exercise its management rights to decide which type of equipment or technology to purchase, lease or acquire or require the Employer to bargain about its decisions to purchase or lease same.
Article 91
Float Pool Employees

Section 1. Float pool employees are full-time, part-time, flexible or per diem employees hired into a specific cost center for the purpose of floating to nursing units/departments to supplement the nursing staff in units experiencing census fluctuations and unscheduled absences. Float pool employees are assigned to a unit on a day to day basis. Effective with the date of this collective bargaining agreement, it is agreed to and understood by the parties that it is not the intent of this article to create a pool of employees that will replace the need for staff to be hired into a cost center or, to in any way eliminate the hiring of staff into cost centers.

Section 2. If there are no nursing units that require additional staffing on a particular shift and downsizing is required, the float pool personnel will be downsized within their cost center and according to Article 18, Temporary Downsizing.

Section 3. Once float pool employees have reported to and clocked in to work on a unit/department and the unit is downsizing, the float personnel will be included in the unit’s downsizing.

Section 4. A Float pool employee will not be assigned more than two (2) different units during their shift unless mutually agreed upon.

Section 5. Float pool employees will, as a general rule, be given at least one (1) hours notice if they are going to be floated during the course of a shift.

Section 6. If a float pool employee is required to float for a second time during the course of his/her shift, and two (2) or fewer hours remain in the shift, the employee’s assignment will reflect the limited time on the unit.

Section 7. If a float pool employee is floated at the beginning of the shift and will be on the unit for two (2) hours or less, the employee assignment will reflect the limited time on the unit.

Section 8. For the WCHOB RN/LPN bargaining units, the following float pool language will continue to apply:

a.) The WCHOB will maintain the following float pools:

1.) Critical Care Float Pools;
   (a.) ER, ICU, ICN;
   (b.) ER, ICU;
   (c.) ICU, ICN;
2.) Maternity Float Pool;
3.) Pediatric Float Pool;
4.) Surgical Services Float Pool A (T9, V9, MPA);
5.) Surgical Services Float Pool B (MPA, PACU, OR Holding Area);
6.) Surgical Services Float Pool C (OR, MPA, PACU).

b.) Each float pool will be considered its own unit. It is understood that float pool employees shall have seniority among themselves. All scheduling and PTO requests will be made as a unit.

c.) Float pool employees will be available on every shift. One half (1/2) of all available float pool employees time may be prescheduled per time block. Scheduling off this time will be equitably assigned with consideration to unit needs, skill mix, competency and employees FTE status.

d.) If a free floating float pool employee requests an excused day and help is needed due to short staffing, the float pool nurse will float. If a free floating float pool employee requests an excuse day and no help is needed, the float pool request will be granted before unit staff requests.

e.) Float pool employees assigned to work in the OR holding area and V4/MPA will not be blended in seniority of those units for the purpose of downsizing.

f.) Float pool will maintain normal staffing patterns on holidays.

g.) In the event float help is needed outside of their division it will be done on a rotating basis among free-floating float pool staff.

h.) Float pool seniority will be blended with the seniority of all employees within the Division that the Float Pool employee is assigned as it relates to Holiday downsizing.

Article 92
Charge Nurse

Section 1. For nurses to be qualified in the charge nurse role, the following criteria must be met.
a.) The registered nurse must have a minimum of (1) year RN experience before being charge oriented;
b.) charge nurse classroom training;
c.) on the job training/orientation by a trained charge RN;
d.) on line learning via Talent Management;
e.) self evaluation of charge competencies;
f.) evaluation by the manager of charge competencies, (where deficiencies are identified the RN will be offered retraining).
Section 2. The charge nurse assignment will be rotated evenly among all qualified/competent and trained nurses. Continuity of patient care and consistency of assigning consecutive days of charge will be taken into account.

Section 3. In the Millard Fillmore Hospital bargaining units, where permanent charge positions exist, the practice will continue. It is understood that permanent charge nurse assignments:

a.) will not adversely affect nurse to patient ratios;

b.) will not be used as management extensions insofar as performing work normally and customarily performed by management and supervisory personnel;

c.) will be filled by the most senior qualified applicant within the unit/department following positing of the assignment in a prominent place in the unit/department for a period of fourteen (14) days;

d.) will be posted as per Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers if the assignment is not filled according to c.) above;

e.) will be reabsorbed into the unit/department if the Employer eliminates the assignment in the unit/department.

Section 4. For purposes of merger, consolidation and layoff options, permanent charge nurse is an assignment not a job title. RN’s will be given the above optioned in Article 55 Merger, Consolidation as a staff nurse in the appropriate job title. The permanent charge nurse assignment will not transfer from one (1) site to another.

Section 5. Charge nurses will be paid in accordance with Appendices D and G of this Agreement.

Section 6. In the skilled nursing facility licensed practical nurses are assigned charge nurse responsibility by the normal manager or supervisor and will be paid in accordance with Appendix G of this Agreement.

Article 93
Hours of Work – Clerical Employees

The following language will be deleted from the various Bargaining Unit Agreements and will be included in the Master Agreement. The intent of this language is that all bargaining units that include the applicable job titles will be covered by the provisions of this Article.

Section 1. Any employee, who holds a job title included within Appendix A Clerical Employees Salaries within the Master Agreement, may take work time off with the agreement
and supervisor’s approval in advance with the understanding that the time will be “made up” within the same week or not made up at all. Any “made up” time must be worked by the employee before or after their normal work day. This time will be limited to four (4) hours in any week. Any additional time approved off must be taken as PTO.

Article 94
Extended Shifts

Section 1. Extended shifts are those that exceed the traditional eight (8) hour shift thus decreasing the actual number of days the employee works per week. For the purpose of this article, employees who work extended shifts shall be scheduled as follows:

a.) Thirteen (13) Hour Shifts:
Employees who work twelve and one-half (12½) hour shifts shall be scheduled for thirteen (13) hours inclusive of a one-half (½) hour unpaid meal period or thirty-seven and one-half (37½) hours per week for a full-time employee.

b.) Twelve and One-Half (12½) Hour Shifts:
Employees who work twelve (12) hour shifts shall be scheduled for twelve and one-half (12½) hours inclusive of a one-half (½) hour unpaid meal period or thirty-six (36) hours per week for a full-time employee.

c.) Twelve (12) Hour Shifts:
Employees who work eleven and one-half (11 ½) hour shifts shall be scheduled for twelve (12) hours inclusive of a one-half (½) hour unpaid meal period or thirty-four and one-half (34 1/2) hours per week for full-time employees.

d.) Ten (10) Hour Shifts:
Employees who work ten (10) hour shifts shall be scheduled for ten (10) hours inclusive of a one-half (½) hour unpaid meal period. Full-time employees who work ten (10) hour shifts shall be scheduled one (1) shift of nine and one-half (9½) hours inclusive of a one-half (½) hour unpaid meal period or thirty-seven and one-half (37½) hours per week for a full-time employee.

e.) Ten and one-half (10 1/2) hour shifts:
Employees who work ten and one-half (10 1/2) hour shifts shall be scheduled for ten and one-half (10 1/2) hours inclusive of a one-half (1/2) hour unpaid meal period or up to forty (40) hours for a full time employee.

f.) Alternate Extended Hour Shifts: Employees who work alternate extended shifts shall be scheduled to work forty (40) consecutive hours over the weekend.

Section 2. During the period of scheduled overlap between the day and night shifts,
employees may elect to use paid time off or take excused absence time off without pay to cover time not worked.

Section 3. Full-time employees who work extended shifts will be allowed to pre-schedule additional hours or use accrued PTO to allow the employee to meet one thousand nine hundred and fifty (1,950) or two thousand eighty (2080) hours in a calendar year. Every effort will be made to minimize overtime. No employee however, will be required to work less than four (4) hours per shift. This will not be considered extra time for the purpose of applying downsizing language.

The following current, full-time employees listed below will continue to exercise the option to be prescheduled hours up to one thousand, nine hundred and fifty (1,950) annually in order to accrue a full year of pension credit under the BGH Pension Plan:

a.) Susan Borchert;
b.) Karen Cwalina;
c.) June Group;
d.) Andrea Kawalerski.

It is understood, the RNs listed below will be grandfathered to maintain their original hired hours, eighty (80) hours bi-weekly, and will be able to work a fourth (4th) twelve (12) hour shift per schedule for as long as they work in their current status in CHOB ICU:

a.) Anne Seiler;
b.) Peggy O'Connor;
c.) Nika Tenerowicz.

These hours shall be paid at straight time.

Section 4. Units and departments that currently schedule employees in ten (10), ten and one-half (10 ½), twelve and one-half (12 ½) or thirteen (13) hour shifts, will continue to schedule employees in that shift for the life of this Agreement. It is understood that this relates to department scheduling practices only and not individual employees.

Section 5. The parties further agree that there are units and/or departments that schedule employees in a combination of eight (8), ten (10), ten and one-half (10 ½), twelve and one-half (12 ½), and thirteen (13) hour shifts. It is the intent of the Employer to continue this practice of "combination scheduling".

Section 6. Employees working extended shifts will be allowed to split a shift with the prior approval of their immediate supervisor.
Section 7. It is agreed to and understood by the parties that for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants who currently maintain a flexible extended shift schedule, the parties intend to continue that practice.

**Article 95**

**Bulletin Boards**

Section 1. The Employer will maintain the bulletin boards in existence on the effective date of this Agreement and agree to install and maintain glass enclosed bulletin boards for new locations, for use by all bargaining units of the Union in designated and appropriate areas within the Corporation of such size, type, design and location as may be mutually agreed.

Section 2. The following kinds of materials or literature do not require prior advance notice:

a.) notice of Union recreational or social affairs;
b.) notice of Union elections;
c.) notice of Union appointments and results of Union elections;
d.) notice of Union meetings; and
e.) Union educational publications.

Section 3. Bulletin boards will be used for factual and non-controversial material. The posting of material of a political nature, other than Union elections, of any kind is strictly prohibited.

Section 4. Upon completion of the construction of the Global Vascular Heart Institute, the new Skilled Nursing Facility, the new Medical Office Building at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital and any additional future sites where employees represented by the Union are employed, the parties will tour the facility and mutually select locations for Union bulletin boards.

**Article 96**

**WCHOB Rotoclave**

Section 1. A shift differential of one dollar and fifty cents ($1.50) per hour will be paid to:

a.) any employee assigned by the Employer to operate the rotoclave waste machine for all hours worked on that machine; and

b.) any employee assigned by the Employer to collect, transport, track and coordinate removal of regulated medical waste for all hours worked in that assignment.
Article 97
WCHOB Non-Nursing Functions

Section 1. The Employer recognizes that Registered Nurses and LPNs should not be routinely and regularly assigned to perform duties, which the Employer and the Union agree, are non-nursing duties. The duties not to be performed by RN’s or LPN’s are:

a.) Dusting;
b.) Routine stocking of equipment/nourishment rooms;
c.) Collecting trays;
d.) Transporting of routine lab work;
e.) Emptying linen or garbage;
f.) Routine cleaning of treatment rooms and instruments (except in emergency situations);
g.) Cleaning of beds
h.) Making admission/discharge beds; and
i.) Routine running of errands on or off floor.

Section 2. It is not the intent of this Article to require a Registered Nurse or LPN as a highly trained professional to routinely and regularly perform duties normally done by Environmental Services, Aides, Nurses’

Article 98
WCHOB Non Professional Functions

The Employer recognizes that employees within the Professional bargaining unit should not be routinely performing or assigned to perform non-professional duties that are not part of their job description.

Article 99
WCHOB Non-Technical Functions

Section 1. The Employer recognizes that Technicians and Technologists should not be routinely and regularly assigned to perform duties which the Employer and the Union agree are non-technical duties outside of their job description.

Section 2. It is not the intent of this Article to require a Technician and Technologists as a highly trained professional to routinely and regularly perform duties normally done by Environmental Services, Nurse Aides or clerical staff. As a result, the Employer will endeavor to float or replace them with support personnel.
Section 3. Transfers of patients from the Emergency Department (ED) to the ED Radiology Room or the ED Radiology Room to the Radiology Department will be done by a technician in these areas unless patient condition and/or status requires additional assistance.

**Article 100**

**Temporary Positions**

Section 1. It is agreed to and understood by the parties that the Employer will post all temporary vacancies and temporary assignments (including those positions designated as a special project or assignment). Any employee may apply for and be accepted into a position which is labeled and posted as a temporary position. Only employees who already have the competencies to fill the position and who can fill the position without training will be considered.

Section 2. Special Assignments:

a.) If the project is new to the Employer or site the jobs will be filled as per Article 53 Job Bidding and Transfers.

b.) If the project is new to a department the positions will be offered to volunteers by seniority. The volunteer list will be posted for seven (7) days. All employees in the department will be notified of the new position.

c.) If the position is a corporate project it will be posted in all appropriate bargaining units and filled by Master Agreement seniority as per Article 50, Seniority.

d.) All employees assigned to a corporate project (a transferred employee) will remain a member of his/her bargaining unit and will be covered by the terms and conditions of his/her contract, subject to the following:

   (1.) Every employee transferred shall receive his/her current hourly rate of pay or the rate of pay for the position at the receiving facility, whichever is higher.

   (2.) Each will receive a site specific orientation at the new site; and

   (3.) Each will be held harmless from any additional cost for parking.

e.) These positions will be posted with a start and end date. A minimum of seven (7) days notice will be provided if the length of the project changes.

Section 3. If the project is extended the employee will have the option to return to his/her previously held position.
Section 4. All vacancies created by an employee taking a temporary position will be back filled.

Section 5. Employees filling a temporary position will receive the benefits of that position while in the temporary position and will return to his/her permanent position when the temporary position has been filled permanently or deleted.

Article 101
Purchase of Business by Kaleida Health

During 2013 negotiations for a successor agreement the parties had extensive discussions involving the possible future purchase by Kaleida Health of existing free standing physician practices, and the integration of such physician practices in Kaleida Health operations and the melding of the employees from these physician practices into the workforce.

Accordingly, the parties have agreed to the following:

Section 1. Where a Kaleida Health Action involves the purchase of a free standing physician practice and Kaleida Health will become the Employer for employees covered under existing titles listed in Article 3 of this Agreement the following procedure will be adhered to:

   a.) The Employer will provide notice to the Unions in accordance with the provisions of Article 55, Section 2.

   b.) Such notice shall include a seniority list of all employees currently employed by the free standing physician practice including name, job title, wage rate and date of hire.

   c.) The Employer and the Unions will meet to discuss the transition of such affected employees of the free standing physician practice into the appropriate bargaining unit with the understanding that such employees will remain in the position or equivalent position under the provisions of this Agreement they held with the free standing physician practice.

Section 2. Such employees of the purchased free standing physicians practice will receive a Kaleida Health corporate seniority date equal to the date of hire with their current employer and as defined in Article 50, Seniority, of this Agreement.

In addition to the corporate seniority date discussed herein, these employees will have a master agreement seniority date, as defined in Article 50 of this Agreement, which shall mean the length of unbroken service beginning with their most recent date of hire into a covered bargaining unit.
Article 102
Parking

Section 1. The parties recognize the importance of safe, secure parking for employees. Kaleida Health agreed to work with the Communications Workers of America (CWA 1168), the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), and the Service Employees International Union (1199SEIU) regarding parking issues utilizing the current Master Bargaining Contract language and the existing site parking committees.

Section 2. Effective January 1, 2014, Kaleida Health will agree to provide a pre-tax parking subsidy to all full time and part time employees who are permanently assigned to work at the Buffalo General Medical Center, HighPointe on Michigan, and Women and Children’s Hospital for the duration of this 2013-2016 master collective bargaining agreement who deduct their parking fees from their paycheck. Employees that pay for parking in excess of $50 a month by payroll deduction will receive a $10 parking subsidy per month.

Section 3. If parking rates should increase to greater than $89 per month during the life of the agreement, the employer agrees to pay the difference between the new rate and the $89 rate for those employees who elect coverage detailed in section 2. Exception: for those employees who elect to purchase a Reserved MIGO parking space, the employer will not reimburse any additional expense should the Reserved MIGO parking price increase.

Section 4. The Goodrich Street Parking Lot at the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus will be open for employees to park for free beginning on Friday at 2:00pm until Sunday at 5:30 pm.

Section 5. All parking related issues will be addressed at the site parking committee.

Article 103
Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Numbers

All full-time nurse practitioners and physician assistants who have a DEA number will be reimbursed by the Employer for all expenses related to the purchase of that number.

All part-time and per diem nurse practitioners and physician assistants who have a DEA number will be reimbursed by the Employer for all expenses related to the purchase of that number, if the Employer requires the employee to have the DEA number in the performance of his/her job.

Article 104
Visiting Nursing Association Home Care Services

The Employer and the Union agree that wherever there is language specifically for “Visiting Nursing Association Home Care Services” employees in the current collective bargaining agreement, the VNA bargaining unit specific language shall be removed.
Article 105  
Deletion of Regular Part-Time Language in Contract

The employer and the Union agree, that wherever the term “regular part-time” employee exists in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, the term will be amended to read “part-time” employee.

Article 106  
Salaried Employees

Salaried employees will receive the same lump sum and general wage increases as the hourly employees.

Article 107  
Lump Sum Payment

Effective thirty (30) days within after the ratification of this Agreement, all employees will receive a three percent (3%) lump sum payment based upon the employees FTE at the time of the bonus, annualized. Per Diem employees will receive their lump sum payment based upon their annual income in the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the payment of the lump sum.

Employees will have the option of depositing all or part of their lump sum payment into their tax sheltered annuity plan.
Article 108
Duration

This Agreement shall be effective as of June 1, 2013 and shall remain in full force and effect until May 31, 2016 and shall be automatically renewed for one (1) year cycles thereafter unless either party shall notify the other in writing not less than ninety (90) days prior to the end of any termination date (or termination date established by an automatic renewal of this agreement) that it desires to modify this Agreement. In the event that such notice is given, negotiations will begin at a mutually agreeable time prior to the termination date.

The Employer and Union agree to a wage reopener for the third year of the Agreement, June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016. The parties also agree that issues can be added to the bargaining upon mutual agreement of the parties. Negotiations shall commence within thirty (30) days of January 1, 2015. If an agreement is not reached on the wage reopener, the Union reserves the right to strike.

Dated: ________________, 20__.

Kaleida Health: 1199 SEIU United Healthcare East:

By:______________________________  By:______________________________

Communications Workers of America, International Union of Operating Engineers
AFL-CIO: Local 17S, AFL-CIO:

By:______________________________  By:______________________________
Appendix A  
Clerical Employees Salaries

Section 1.

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Section 4. Shift Differential shall be:

a.) $1.30 per hour for the evening shift; and
b.) $1.60 per hour for the night shift.

Effective the first full pay period of June 2014, shift differential shall be increased to:

a.) $1.35 per hour for the evening shift; and
b.) $1.65 per hour for the night shift.

Section 5. In addition to the base pay, trainer payment of two dollars ($2.00) per hour shall be paid for all time that an employee is assigned training duties.

Section 6. The right to begin new employees in the above Step 1 through Step 5, based on the Employer’s assessment of that employee’s prior related experience, is reserved to the Employer.

Section 7. Increases to Step 2 through Step 5 shall occur on the first day of the payroll period following the appropriate anniversary date of the employee’s assignment to that Step.

Section 8. Increases to Step 6 through Step 9 shall occur on the first day of the payroll period following the employee’s eighth (8th), twelfth (12th), sixteenth (16th) and twentieth (20th) anniversary date, respective of continuous service for the Employer.

Section 9. When an employee is demoted he/she shall change wage levels, but remain in the Step to which he/she was assigned at the time of such transfer. Such employees will continue to move up in Steps as provided for above.

Section 10. When an employee is promoted, he/she shall be placed in the appropriate step which will not be less than five percent (5%) or more than a ten percent (10%) increase and will be not less than Step 1 for the new job. If there is more than one step in the five percent (5%) to ten percent (10%) range, the employee will be placed at the highest step. Such employees will continue to move up in Steps as provided in Sections 6. and 7. above. Except that employees who are in Step 6 through 9 shall only move back one Step upon receiving a promotion provided that move results in a ten percent (10%) or greater increase. After such promotion, these employees will be advanced as follows:

a.) The employee with twenty (20) years of service will advance to Step 9 one (1) year from the date of promotion.
b.) The employee with sixteen (16) years of service will advance to Step 8 one (1) year from the date of promotion.

c.) The employee with twelve (12) years of service will advance to Step 7 one (1) year from the date of promotion.

d.) The employee with at least eight (8) years of service but less than twelve (12) years will advance to Step 6 one (1) year from the date of promotion and to Step 7 upon reaching twelve (12) years of continuous service.

If an employee attains the years of service to advance to the next longevity Step during the “one (1) year’ referred to above, the employee will remain at his/her current Step for the remainder of the year. Once the year has been completed, the employee will move to the Step on the wage scale that corresponds with his/her years of service.

Section 11. If an employee is floated to an area, and works in a job title that is at a higher grade than the position they are floating from, they will be paid at the higher grade, at his/her current step on the wage scale for all hours worked in that capacity.

Section 12. Paycheck errors of three (3) hours of pay or more will be corrected with a supplemental check upon request within two (2) business days.

Section 13. The job titles listed below are intended to classify and identify employees who work a majority of time on the titled job. The Employer may during the term of this Agreement create new jobs or combine or eliminate existing jobs. When new or combined jobs are created, the Employer will, after discussion with the Union, assign that job to one of the wage levels listed in Section 1. If the Union disagrees with the wage level set by the Employer, it may file a grievance at Step 2 of the grievance procedure provided it does so within twenty (20) calendar days from the date on which the new rate is set and announced. If the grievance proceeds to arbitration, the arbitration shall be limited to the placement of such new or combined jobs in one of the wage levels listed in Section 1. Employees assigned to the new job will be paid at the rate set by the Employer and if the rate is changed as a result of the grievance such changed rate shall be retroactive to date the employee began to receive the rate set by the Employer. All new or combined jobs shall be posted in accordance with the Job Bidding and Transfers Article of this Agreement.

**JOB TITLES:**

**Grade C1**

Visitor Control Clerk

**Grade C2**

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File Clerk
Dietary Clerk
Service Response Center Representative

**Grade C3**

Health Information Clerk I
Laboratory Receptionist
Library Assistant
Trauma Registrar

**Grade C4**

Clerk Typist (non-registration)
Document Imaging Record Processor
Greeter
Health Information Clerk II
Office Support Clerk
Record Archive Clerk
Tumor Registry Clerk
Warehouse Archive Clerk

**Grade C5**

Emergency Department Acquisition Clerk
Medical Secretary
Patient Receptionist/Registration
Registration Coordinator
Secretary
Staffing Secretary
Translator/Receptionist
Unit Secretary

**Grade C6**

Billing Collection Analyst II
Cardiac Billing Statistical Analyst
Corporate Bed Desk Coordinator
Home Patient Representative
Imaging Service Biller
Medical Secretary Senior
Medical Transcriptionist
Outpatient Diagnostic Coder
Patient Access Service Representative
Patient Financial Clearance Representative
Patient Financial Services Representative
Patient Reception-Registration – Patient Access
Patient Registration Representative
Patient/Client Representative
Performance Management Associate
PFS Rep – Accounts Receivable Billing and Collection
PFS Rep – Call Center
PFS Rep – Cashier
PFS Rep – Cash Posting
PFS Rep – Quality Enhancement
Scheduling Secretary Operating Room
Support Staff
Transcriptionist/Editor
Translator/Registration

Grade C7
Cardiac Services Chart Analyst Abstractor
Physician Ancillary Service Coder

Grade C8
Grade C9

Out Coding Specialist

Grade C10
Grade C11
Grade C12
Coding Specialist
Tumor Registrar

Grade C13
Certified Tumor Registrar
Lead Coding Specialist
Appendix B

Maintenance Employees Salaries

Section 1.

a.) This schedule will continue to be in effect. Employees shall receive a three percent (3.0%) lump sum bonus within thirty (30) days of the agreement being ratified.

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upon reaching twelve (12) years of continuous service and to Step 8 upon reaching sixteen (16) years of continuous service.

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**JOB TITLES:**

**Grade M1**

Groundskeeper

**Grade M2**

Maintenance Helper
Storage Room Clerk

**Grade M3**

Painter B
Grade M4

Maintenance Worker

Grade M5

Carpenter B
Maintenance Mechanic B
Painter A
Plumber B

Grade M6

Carpenter A
Electrician A
Electrician A (80 Hour)
Facilities Inventory Specialist
Maintenance Engineer
Maintenance Mechanic A
Plumber A
Refrigeration Mechanic A
Shift Engineer
Stationary Engineer
Appendix C  
Professional Employee Salaries

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Section 2. In addition to his/her base pay, a charge or lead payment shall be paid for all time that an employee is in charge or takes on the responsibility of lead duties. Charge/lead pay differential shall be two dollars ($2.00) per hour for all hours worked in that assignment.

Section 3. Shift Differential shall be:

a.) $1.30 per hour for the evening shift; and
b.) $1.60 per hour for the night shift.

Effective the first pay period of June 2014, Shift Differential shall be increased to:

a.) $1.35 per hour for the evening shift; and
b.) $1.65 per hour for the night shift.

Shift Differential for Pharmacists shall be:

a.) $5.00 per hour for the evening shift; and
b.) $7.00 per hour for the night shift.

Section 4. In addition to the base pay, trainer payment of two dollars ($2.00) per hour shall be paid for all time that an employee is assigned training duties.

Section 5. The right to begin new employees in the above Step 1 through Step 5, based on the Employer's assessment of that employee's prior related experience, is reserved to the Employer.

Section 6. Increases to Step 2 through Step 5 shall occur on the first day of the payroll period following the appropriate anniversary date of the employee's assignment to that Step.

Section 7. Increases to Step 6 through Step 9 shall occur on the first day of the payroll period following the employee's eighth (8th), twelfth (12th), sixteenth (16th) and twentieth (20th)
anniversary date, respective of continuous service in their position for the Employer in a professional position.

Section 8. When an employee is demoted he/she shall change wage levels, but remain in the Step to which he/she was assigned at the time of such transfer. Such employees will continue to move up in Steps as provided for above.

Section 9. When an employee is promoted, he/she shall be placed in the appropriate step which will not be less than five percent (5%) or more than a ten percent (10%) increase and will be not less than Step 1 for the new job. If there is more than one step in the five percent (5%) to ten percent (10%) range, the employee will be placed at the highest step. Such employees will continue to move up in Steps as provided in Sections 6. and 7. above. Except that employees who are in Step 6 through 9 shall only move back one Step upon receiving a promotion. After such promotion, these employees will be advanced as follows:

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b.) The employee with sixteen (16) years of service will advance to Step 8 one (1) year from the date of promotion.

c.) The employee with twelve (12) years of service will advance to Step 7 one (1) year from the date of promotion.

d.) The employee with at least eight (8) years of service but less than twelve (12) years will advance to Step 6 one (1) year from the date of promotion and to Step 7 upon reaching twelve (12) years of continuous service.

If an employee attains the years of service to advance to the next longevity Step during the “one (1) year” referred to above, the employee will remain at his/her current Step for the remainder of the year. Once the year has been completed, the employee will move to the Step on the wage scale that corresponds with his/her years of service.

Section 10. If an employee is floated to an area, and works in a job title, which is at a higher grade than the position they are floating from, they will be paid at the higher grade, at his/her current step on the wage scale for all hours worked in that capacity.

Section 11. Paycheck errors of three (3) hours of pay or more will be corrected with a supplemental check upon request within two (2) business days.

Section 12. The job titles listed below are intended to classify and identify employees who work a majority of time on the titled job. The Employer may during the term of this Agreement create new jobs or combine or eliminate existing jobs. When new or combined jobs are created, the Employer will, after discussion with the Union, assign that job to one of the wage levels listed in Section 1. If the Union disagrees with the wage level set by the Employer, it may file a
grievance at Step 2 of the grievance procedure provided it does so within twenty (20) calendar
days from the date on which the new rate is set and announced. If the grievance proceeds to
arbitration, the arbitration shall be limited to the placement of such new or combined jobs in one
of the wage levels listed in Section 1. Employees assigned to the new job will be paid at the rate
set by the Employer and if the rate is changed as a result of the grievance such changed rate shall
be retroactive to date the employee began to receive the rate set by the Employer. All new or
combined jobs shall be posted in accordance with the Job Bidding and Transfers Article of this
Agreement.

JOB TITLES

Grade P1

Community Educator

Grade P2

Child Life Specialist
Education Counselor
Teacher (BS)

Grade P3

Exercise Physiologist
Exercise Specialist
Social Worker (BSW)
Financial Counselor/Social Work (BSW)
Recreational Therapist
Staff Counselor I
Staff Counselor Out Patient Behavioral Health
Transition Placement Coach

Grade P4

Coordinator Early Intervention
Education Coordinator
Teacher (MS)
WIC Nutritionist

Grade P5

Clinical Dietician
Librarian

**Grade P6**

Lead Clinical Dietitian
Lead Counselor (BS)
Lead Social Worker (BSW)
Lead WIC Nutritionist
Long Term Care Financial Specialist
Nutritional Support Service Dietitian
Social Worker (MSW)
Staff Counselor II (MS)
Staff Counselor II, Case Management MICAID

**Grade P7**

Clinical Laboratory Scientist
Clinical Service Representative
Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Point of Care Liaison
Speech CFY
Staff Counselor III

**Grade P8**

Lead Staff Counselor II
Lead Staff Counselor III
Senior Clinical Laboratory Scientist
Staff Counselor IV (CSW w/R required)

**Grade P9**

Audiologist
Cytotechnologist
Lead Counselor IV (CSW w/R required)
Lead Counselor IV Adult OP Service
Lead Counselor IV Case Management
Lead Counselor IV Continuing Day Treatment
Lead Clinical Laboratory Scientist
Occupational Therapist
Physical Therapist
Poison Control Specialist
Psychologist (Unlicensed)
Speech Language Pathologist
Grade P10

Hand Therapy Team Leader
Lead Occupational Therapist
Lead Physical Therapist
Lead Speech Pathologist

Grade P11

Lead Counselor V
Lead Cytotechnologist

Grade P12

Graduate Pharmacist

Grade P13

Marriage and Family Counselor
Marriage Family Therapy Licensed Psychologist (Licensed)

Grade P13A

Lead Psychologist CS
Physician’s Assistant

Grade P14

Grade P15

Staff Pharmacist

Grade P16

Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator
### Appendix D

**Registered Nurse Salaries**

Section 1.  a.) This schedule will continue to be in effect. Employees shall receive a three percent (3.0%) lump sum bonus within 30 days of the agreement being ratified.

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Section 2. Charge pay will be paid to an employee in any case where the employee has been assigned by the normal manager or supervisor the responsibility for decision making and/or managerial responsibilities. Charge pay shall be two dollars ($2.00) per hour for all hours worked in that assignment.

Section 3. Shift differential shall be:

a.) $2.00 per hour for the evening shift; and
b.) $3.50 per hour for the night shift.

Section 4. In addition to the base pay, preceptor payment of two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per hour shall be paid for all time that an employee is assigned to preceptor duties.
Section 5. An employee designated as a member of the ECMO Team shall receive a differential of three dollars ($3.00) per hour for all hours worked running the ECMO Pump.

Section 6. An employee designated as a member of the STAT Team shall receive ten dollars ($10.00) per hour for all hours assigned in that capacity and sixty dollars ($60.00) per case.

Section 7. Float Pool employees will be paid a differential of two dollars ($2.00) per hour for all hours worked as a float pool employee effective the first full pay period in September, 2011.

Section 8. In addition to their base pay, Triage Nurses in the Emergency Department, will receive two dollars ($2.00) an hour for all time spent in the triage role.

Section 9. The right to begin employees in the above Step 1 through Step 5, based on the Employer’s assessment of that employee’s prior related experience, is reserved to the Employer.

Section 10. Increases to Steps 2 through Step 5 shall occur on the first day of the payroll period following the appropriate anniversary date of the employee’s assignment to that Step.

Section 11. Increases in Step 6, through Step 9 shall occur on the first day of the payroll period following the employee's eighth (8th), twelfth (12th), sixteenth (16th), and twentieth (20th) anniversary date, respective of continuous service as a registered nurse for the Employer but no other employer.

Section 12. If an employee is floated to an area and works in a job title, which is at a higher RN level than the position they are floating from, they will be paid at the higher RN level at his/her current step on the wage scale for all hours worked in that capacity.

Section 13. Paycheck errors of three (3) hours of pay or more will be corrected with a supplemental check upon request within two (2) business days.

Section 14. When an employee is demoted or promoted within RN Level 1 through RN Level 4 in Section 1. above, they shall change wage levels but remain in the Step to which they were assigned at the time of such transfer. Such employees will continue to move up in Steps as provided in Sections 10. and 11. above. When an employee is promoted into RN Level 5 he or she shall be assigned to a Step in accordance with the following schedule inclusive of any nurse practitioner or midwife who has accepted a job prior to the ratification of this Agreement:

a.) an RN with four (4) or less years of RN experience with Kaleida will be placed in Step 1;
b.) an RN with five (5) through eight (8) years of RN experience with Kaleida will be placed at Step 3; finally
c.) an RN with more than eight (8) years of RN experience with Kaleida will be placed at Step 5.
These employees will move through the Steps as per Section 11. above. Increases to Steps 6 through 9 shall occur on the first day of the payroll period following the employee’s anniversary date, respective of continuous service as a registered nurse, nurse practitioner or nurse midwife for the Employer (but no other employer) annually until the employee reaches the Kaleida Health years of service in either the registered nurse, nurse practitioner or nurse midwife job title. Employees who are now paid in Steps 6, 7, and 8 who do not have the years of service required in this Section shall continue to be paid in the Step to which they are presently assigned.

Section 15. When an LPN is promoted into an RN position, he/she shall be assigned to a Step in accordance with the following schedule inclusive of any LPN who has accepted an RN job prior to the ratification of this Agreement:

a.) an LPN with four (4) or less years of LPN experience with Kaleida will be placed in Step 1;

b.) an LPN with five (5) through eight (8) years of LPN experience with Kaleida will be placed at Step 3; finally

c.) an LPN with more than eight (8) years of LPN experience with Kaleida will be placed at Step 5.

These employees will move through the Steps as per Section 11. above. Increases in Steps 6 through 9 shall occur on the first day of the payroll period following the employee’s anniversary date, respective of continuous service as an LPN for the Employer (but no other employer) annually until the employee reaches the Kaleida Health years of service as an LPN. Employees who are now paid in Steps 6, 7, and 8 who do not have the years of service required in this Section shall continue to be paid in the Step to which they are presently assigned.

Section 16. When a current Kaleida employee bids into the RN bargaining unit, and his/her current rate of pay is higher than the RN scale, he/she will remain red-circled until his/her rate of pay falls on the RN scale.

Section 17. The job titles listed below are intended to classify and identify employees who work a majority of time on the titled job. The Employer may, during the term of this Agreement, create new jobs or combine or eliminate existing jobs. When new or combined jobs are created, the Employer will, after discussion with the Union, assign that job to one of the wage levels listed in Section 1. If the Union disagrees with the RN level set by the Employer, it may file a grievance at Step 2 of the grievance procedure provided it does so within twenty (20) calendar days from the date on which the new rate is set and announced. If the grievance proceeds to arbitration, the arbitration shall be limited to the placement of such new or combined jobs in one of the wage levels listed in Section 1. Employees assigned to the new job will be paid at the rate set by the Employer and if the rate is changed as the result of the grievance, such changed rate shall be retroactive to the date the employee began to receive the rate set by the Employer. All new or combined jobs shall be posted in accordance with the Job Bidding and Transfers Article of this Agreement.
**JOB TITLES:**

**Grade RN2**

Ambulatory Care Nurse  
Behavioral Health Nurse  
Bereavement Nurse  
Cardiac Service Nurse  
Critical Care Nurse  
Critical Care Nurse/Multi-Site Float  
Extended Role Nurse  
Interventional Nurse  
Medical Surgical Nurse  
Nurse Counselor  
Obstetric Nurse  
Operating Room Service Line Coordinator  
Research Nurse  
Special Procedure Nurse  
Surgical Services Nurse  
Transition Placement Nurse

**Grade RN3**

Clinical Nurse Educator  
Clinical Nurse Educator – Operating Room  
Clinical Nurse Facilitator  
Clinical Patient Transfer Coordinator  
Critical Care Family Liaison  
Diabetes Extended Role Nurse  
Diabetes Nurse Clinician  
Diabetes Teaching Nurse  
Enterostomal Therapist  
Infection Control Practitioner  
Patient Care Coordinator  
Perioperative Clinical Nurse Educator (BS)  
Renal/Pancreas Transplant Coordinator  
RN First Assistant

**Grade RN4**

Clinical Nurse Educator (MS)  
Clinical Nurse Specialist  
Clinical Research Coordinator
Neurosurgery Liaison Nurse
Perioperative Clinical Nurse Educator (MS)
RN First Assistant  
**Effective the first pay period of June 2014**

**Grade RN5**

Certified Nurse Midwife
Nurse Practitioner

**Grade RN6**

Behavioral Health Nurse Practitioner
Certified Transport Nurse
Nurse Practitioner NICU
Transport Nurse/Neonatal
Appendix E
Service Employee Salaries

Section 1.

a.) This schedule will continue to be in effect for all employees hired before July 31, 2011. Employees shall receive a three percent (3.0%) lump sum bonus within thirty (30) days of agreement being ratified.

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Section 4. Shift Differential shall be:

a.) $1.30 per hour for the evening shift; and
b.) $1.60 per hour for the night shift.

Effective the first pay period of June 2014, Shift Differential shall be increased to:

a.) $1.35 per hour for the evening shift; and
b.) $1.65 per hour for the night shift.

Section 5. In addition to the base pay, trainer payment of two dollars ($2.00) per hour shall be paid for all time in excess of one (1) hour that an employee is assigned training duties. Increases are scheduled as follows:

Section 6. The right to begin new employees in the above Step 1 through Step 5, based on the Employer’s assessment of that employee’s prior related experience, is reserved to the Employer.

Section 7. Increases to Step 2 through Step 5 shall occur on the first day of the payroll period following the appropriate anniversary date of the employee’s assignment to that Step.

Section 8. Increases to Step 6 through Step 9 shall occur on the first day of the payroll period following the employee’s eighth (8th), twelfth (12th), sixteenth (16th), twentieth (20th) anniversary date, respective of continuous service for the Employer.
Section 9. When an employee is demoted he/she shall change wage levels, but remain in the Step to which he/she was assigned at the time of such transfer. Such employees will continue to move up in Steps as provided for above.

Section 10. When an employee is promoted, he/she shall be placed in the appropriate step which will not be less than five percent (5%) or more than a ten percent (10%) increase and will not be less than Step 1 for the new job. If there is more than one step in the five percent (5%) to ten percent (10%) range, the employee will be placed at the highest step. Such employees will continue to move up in Steps as provided in Sections 6. and 7. above. Except that employees who are in Step 6 through 9 shall only move back one Step upon receiving a promotion. After such promotion, these employees will be advanced as follows:

a.) The employee with twenty (20) years of service will advance to Step 9 one (1) year from the date of promotion.

b.) The employee with sixteen (16) years of service will advance to Step 8 one (1) year from the date of promotion.

c.) The employee with twelve (12) years of service will advance to Step 7 one (1) year from the date of promotion.

d.) The employee with at least eight (8) years of service but less than twelve (12) years will advance to Step 6 one (1) year from the date of promotion and to Step 7 upon reaching twelve (12) years of continuous service.

If an employee attains the years of service to advance to the next longevity Step during the “one (1) year” referred to above, the employee will remain at his/her current Step for the remainder of the year. Once the year has been completed, the employee will move to the Step on the wage scale that corresponds with his/her years of service.

Section 11. If an employee is floated to an area, and works in a job title that is at a higher grade than the position they are floating from, they will be paid at the higher grade, at his/her current step on the wage scale for all hours worked in that capacity.

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**JOB TITLES:**

**Grade S1**

Environmental Service Aide  
Indirect Care Aide  
Laundry Helper  
Nutritional Service Worker  
SPD Aide

**Grade S2**

Grill Cook  
Laundry Attendant  
Mail Clerk  
Nurse Assistant  
Patient Support Associate

**Grade S3**

Hospitality Associate  
Receiving Clerk/Dietary

**Grade S4**

Cook Assistant

**Grade S5**

Central Supply Tech  
Driver  
Lead Mail Clerk  
Materials Handler  
Patient Care Assistant  
Patient Care Assistant – Student Nurse  
Regulatory Waste Handler
Grade S6

Cook
Liquid Oxygen Driver
Materials Equipment Coordinator
Appendix F
Technical Employees Salaries

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Section 3. Shift Differential shall be:

a.) $1.30 per hour for the evening shift; and

b.) $1.60 per hour for the night shift.
Effective the first pay period of June 2014, Shift Differential shall be increased to:

a.) $1.35 per hour for the evening shift; and  
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Section 4. In addition to the base pay, trainer payment of two dollars ($2.00) per hour shall be paid for all time in excess of one (1) hour that an employee is assigned preceptor/training duties.

Section 5. An employee designated as a member of the ECMO Team shall receive a differential of three dollars ($3.00) per hour for all hours worked running the ECMO Pump.

Section 6. An employee designated as a member of the STAT Team shall receive ten dollars ($10.00) per hour for all hours assigned in that capacity and sixty dollars ($60.00) per case.

Section 7. The right to begin new employees in the above Step 1 through Step 5, based on the Employer’s assessment of that employee’s prior related experience, is reserved to the Employer.

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Section 10. When an employee is demoted he/she shall change wage levels, but remain in the Step to which he/she was assigned at the time of such transfer. Such employees will continue to move up in Steps as provided for above.

Section 11. When an employee is promoted, he/she shall be placed in the appropriate step which will not be less than five percent (5%) or more than a ten percent (10%) increase and will be not less than Step 1 for the new job. If there is more than one step in the five percent (5%) to ten percent (10%) range, the employee will be placed at the highest step. Such employees will continue to move up in Steps as provided in Sections 8. and 9. above. Except that employees who are in Step 6 through 9 shall only move back one Step upon receiving a promotion. After such promotion, these employees will be advanced as follows:

a.) The employee with twenty (20) years of service will advance to Step 9 one (1) year from the date of promotion.  
b.) The employee with sixteen (16) years of service will advance to Step 8 and one (1) year from the date of promotion.
c.) The employee with twelve (12) years of service will advance to Step 7 one (1) year from the date of promotion.

d.) The employee with at least eight (8) years of service but less than twelve (12) years will advance to Step 6 one (1) year from the date of promotion and to Step 7 upon reaching twelve (12) years of continuous service.

If an employee attains the years of service to advance to the next longevity Step during the “one (1) year” referred to above, the employee will remain at his/her current Step for the remainder of the year. Once the year has been completed, the employee will move to the Step on the wage scale that corresponds with his/her years of service.

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**JOB TITLES:**

Grade T1

Grade T 1A

Substitute Teacher
Grade T 1B

Certified Teacher Assistant

Grade T 1C

Grade T2

Grade T3

Activities Assistant
Communications Operator
Critical Care Technician
Emergency Room Technician
Laboratory Processor
Monitor Technician
Pharmacy Technician I
Phlebotomy Technician
Technical Assistant

Grade T4

Dental Assistant
Histological Assistant

Grade T5

Anesthesia Assistant
Angiology Technician
Dialysis Technician
EKG Technician
Family Planning Counselor
Hemodialysis PCT
Histology Prep Technician
Lithotripsy Technician
Medical Assistant
Mental Health Worker
Pharmacy Technician II

Grade T6

Certified Medical Assistant
EKG Technician
Material Facilities Clerk
Oral Surgery Assistant

Effective on the first pay period of June 2014
Phlebotomy Technician II
Warehouse Technician Specialist

**Grade T7**

**Certified Medical Assistant**
Counseling Assistants
Family Outreach Educator
Ophthalmic Technician

**Grade T8**

Lead Warehouse Tech

**Grade T9**

Anesthesia Technician
Cardiac Technician
Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
Clinician Research Assistant
Dietary Technician
Physical Therapy Assistant

**Grade T10**

Licensed Practical Nurse
Pulmonary Function Technician
Respiratory Technician

**Grade T11**

Anatomic Pathology Assistant
Dialysis Support Specialist
Facilitated Enroller

**Grade T12**

Addiction Counselor
Alcohol Counselors
Histology Technician
Medical Technician
Grade T13

Case Manager
Dental Hygienist
Ophthalmic Photographer
Surgical Technologist

Grade T14

Electro-Neurodiagnostic Technician I

Grade T15

Electro-Neurodiagnostic Technician II
Radiologic Technologist
Respiratory Therapist
Quality Assurance Technologist

Grade T16

CATT Scan Technologist
Mammography Technologist

Grade T17

Cardiovascular Radiologic Technologist
Certified CATT Technologist
Electro-Neurodiagnostic Technician III
Interventional Radiology Technologist
Lead Radiologic Technologist
MRI Technologist
Neuro Peripheral Radiology Technologist

Grade T18

Certified MRI Technologist
Echo Technologist
Lead Mammography Technologist

Grade T19

Echo Technologist

Effective on the first pay period of June 2014
Lead Certified CATT Scan Technologist
Lead Interventional Radiology Technologist
Lead Neuro/Peripheral Radiology Technologist
Nuclear Medicine Technologist
Ultrasonography Technologist

Grade T20

Lead Certified MRI Technologist
Lead Echo Technologist
Lead MRI Technologist
Respiratory Therapist Transport

Grade T21

Lead Nuclear Medicine Technologist
Neurovascular Technician
Vascular Lab Technologist
Lead Ultrasonography Technologist

Grade T22

Lead Vascular Lab Technologist

Grade T23

Perfusionist
Appendix G

Skilled Nursing Facility Employee Salaries

Section 1.

a.) This schedule will continue to be in effect for all employees hired on or after July 31, 2011 into the Skilled Nursing Facility in the job titles included in this Appendix. Employees shall receive a three percent (3.0%) lump sum bonus within thirty (30) days of the agreement being ratified.

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Section 2.  Lead pay will be paid to an employee when the normal manager or supervisor is absent or the employee has been assigned lead responsibilities and lead responsibilities are not part of the employee’s existing job description.  Lead pay differential shall be one dollar and fifty cents ($1.50) per hour for all hours worked in that assignment.

Section 3.  Charge pay will be paid to an RN or an LPN working in the Skilled Nursing Facility who has been assigned by the normal manager/supervisor the responsibility of charge nurse.  Charge pay shall be two dollars ($2.00) per hour for all hours worked in that assignment.

Section 4.  Shift Differential shall be:
    Pay Grades L00 through L09
    a.) $1.30 per hour for the evening shift; and
    b.) $1.60 per hour for the night shift.

    Effective the first pay period of June 2014, Shift Differential shall be increased to:
    Pay Grades L00 through L09
    a.) $1.35 per hour for the evening shift; and
    b.) $1.65 per hour for the night shift.

    Pay Grades L10
    c.) $2.00 per hour for the evening shift; and
    d.) $3.50 per hour for the night shift.

Section 5.  In addition to the base pay, trainer payment of two dollars ($2.00) per hour shall be paid for all time in excess of one (1) hour that an employee is assigned preceptor/training duties.

Section 6.  In addition to the base pay, preceptor payment of two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per hour shall be paid for all time that an employee is assigned to preceptor duties.

Section 7.  The right to begin new employees in the above Step 1 through Step 5, based on the Employer’s assessment of that employee’s prior related experience, is reserved to the Employer.

Section 8.  Increases to Step 2 through Step 5 shall occur on the first day of the payroll period following the appropriate anniversary date of the employee’s assignment to that Step.

Section 9.  Increases to Step 6 through Step 9 shall occur on the first day of the payroll period following the employee’s eighth (8th), twelfth (12th), sixteenth (16th), and twentieth (20th) anniversary date, respective of continuous service for the Employer.
Section 10. When an employee is demoted he/she shall change wage levels, but remain in the Step to which he/she was assigned at the time of such transfer. Such employees will continue to move up in Steps as provided for above.

Section 11. When an employee is promoted, he/she shall be placed in the appropriate step which will not be less than five percent (5%) or more than a ten percent (10%) increase and will not be less than Step 1 for the new job. If there is more than one step in the five percent (5%) to ten percent (10%) range, the employee will be placed at the highest step. Such employees will continue to move up in Steps as provided in Sections 8. and 9. above. Except that employees who are in Step 6 through 9 shall only move back one Step upon receiving a promotion. After such promotion, these employees will be advanced as follows:

a.) The employee with twenty (20) years of service will advance to Step 9 one (1) year from the date of promotion.

b.) The employee with sixteen (16) years of service will advance to Step 8 and one (1) year from the date of promotion.

c.) The employee with twelve (12) years of service will advance to Step 7 one (1) year from the date of promotion.

d.) The employee with at least eight (8) years of service but less than twelve (12) years will advance to Step 6 one (1) year from the date of promotion and to Step 7 upon reaching twelve (12) years of continuous service.

If an employee attains the years of service to advance to the next longevity Step during the “one (1) year” referred to above, the employee will remain at his/her current Step for the remainder of the year. Once the year has been completed, the employee will move to the Step on the wage scale that corresponds with his/her years of service.

Section 12. If an employee is floated to an area, and works in a job title that is at a higher grade than the position they are floating from, they will be paid at the higher grade at his/her current step on the wage scale for all hours worked in that capacity.

Section 13. Paycheck errors of three (3) hours of pay or more will be corrected with a supplemental check upon request within two (2) business days.

Section 14. The job titles listed below are intended to classify and identify employees who work a majority of time on the titled job. The Employer may during the term of this Agreement create new jobs or combine or eliminate existing jobs. When new or combined jobs are created, the Employer will, after discussion with the Union, assign that job to one of the wage levels listed in Section 1. If the Union disagrees with the wage level set by the Employer, it may file a grievance at Step 2 of the grievance procedure provided it does so within twenty (20) calendar days from the date on which the new rate is set and announced. If the grievance proceeds to arbitration, the arbitration shall be limited to the placement of such new or combined jobs in one
of the wage levels listed in Section 1. Employees assigned to the new job will be paid at the rate set by the Employer and if the rate is changed as a result of the grievance such changed rate shall be retroactive to date the employee began to receive the rate set by the Employer. All new or combined jobs shall be posted in accord with the Job Bidding and Transfers Article of this Agreement.

**JOB TITLES:**

(L00) **SNF 0**

Long Term Care Sitter

(L01) **SNF 1**

Environmental Service Aide - SNF  
Nutritional Service Worker - SNF

(L02) **SNF 2**

Laundry Attendant

(L03) **SNF 3**

Certified Nurse Assistant - SNF  
Cook Assistant - SNF  
Rehabilitation Aide – SNF

(L04) **SNF 4**

Activities Assistant – SNF

(L05) **SNF 5**

Unit Secretary - SNF

(L06) **SNF 6**

Cook – SNF

(L07) **SNF 7**

Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Dietary Technician  
Physical Therapy Assistant
(L08) SNF 8
Licensed Practical Nurse – SNF

(L09) SNF 9
Respiratory Therapist

(L10) SNF 10
Staff Nurse – Skilled Nursing Facility
Medical Surgical Nurse - Skilled Nursing Facility
Appendix H
Kaleida Health Bargaining Units

Bargaining units covered by this agreement are as follows:

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Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, Local 1168:

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Appendix I
GRIEVANCE FORM

Send to: __________________________
_____________________________
________________________________

Grievance #: __________________ File #: __________ Rate of Pay: ______________

Employee/Grievant Name: __________________________ Date of Hire: ____________

Bargaining Unit: __________________________ Work Site: ______________

Job Title: __________________________ Telephone #: ______________

Department: __________________________ Date of Incident: ______________

Article(s) Allegedly Violated:
__________________________________________________________ and all other applicable Articles of the Contract.

Meeting with Supervisor (Name) ____________ prior to filing grievance  Yes ☐ No ☐

If No, Reason Why:
________________________________________________________________________

Brief Statement of Facts:
________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Remedy Expected:
________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Signatures:

_______________________________  ______________________________
Grievant(s)  Union Representative

_________________________  __________________________
Date  Date
Step 1 Meeting

Date of Step 1 Meeting: _____________________

Attendees at Meeting:

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Step 1 Answer:

______________________________________________________________________________

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Union Representative Receiving Answer: __________________________

Step 2 Appeal

Date of Step 2 Meeting: _____________________

Name of Union Representative filing appeal: ___________ Date of Appeal: ___________

Reason for Appeal:

______________________________________________________________________________

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Step 2 Answer:

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Union Representative Receiving Answer: __________________________

Was FMCS Mediation Requested: ___ Yes ___ No Date Requested: _________________
May 25, 2011

The Joint Environmental and Climate Change (JECC)

In response to the collective bargaining discussions, Kaleida Health agrees to work with the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, the International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO and 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East Regarding the Proposal on Joint Environment and Climate Change.

The Parties agree that upon ratification a committee made up of an equal number of volunteers from the Unions and Kaleida Health will be formed on a trial basis at the Buffalo General site.

The committee will review the March 3, 2011 Union proposal on "The Joint Environmental and Climate Change" (JECC) with a goal to facilitate improvements on Kaleida Health's environmental impact.

The findings and recommendations of the committee will be presented to the Oversite Committee for discussion and implementation.

___________________________________  ____________________
Kaleida Health  Date

___________________________________  ____________________
Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO  Date

___________________________________  ____________________
International Union of Operating Engineers  Date

___________________________________  ____________________
1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East  Date
Letter of Intent

The following employee who was hired prior to December 1, 2000 will continue to follow the work requirements as cited in Article DMH/RN #1 Grandfathering of Per Diem Employees.

Roseanne Delsignore

__________________________________

Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO Date

__________________________________

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June 1, 2013

Operational Efficiencies

In response to collective bargaining discussions, Kaleida Health agrees to work with the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, the International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO and 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East regarding challenging operational issues.

Specifically, the Unions have offered numerous verbal suggestions on how to improve operational inefficiencies and to address struggling departments or service lines. This could include ways to cut costs, reduce waste and inefficiencies, plus improve the quality of patient care.

To that end, the Unions agree to reduce to writing, constructive suggestions, ideas or opportunities within sixty (60) days of ratification of the new collective bargaining agreement and forward same to the Senior Vice-President of Human Resources and/or the Chief Operating Officer of Kaleida Health.

Kaleida Health will respond to each of the constructive suggestions or ideas to the Unions in writing no later than ninety (90) days after receiving Union responses.

The parties agree to discuss the operational inefficiencies and the results of this process on a quarterly basis as a Sub-Committee of the Oversight Committee.

___________________________________   _________________________
Kaleida Health                        Date

___________________________________   _________________________
Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO Date

___________________________________   _________________________
International Union of Operating Engineers Date

___________________________________   _________________________
1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East Date
Letter of Intent
WCHOB V6 and V7

It is agreed to and understood by the parties that the units V6 and V7 at 219 Bryant Street, Buffalo have merged cost centers for the sole purpose of budgetary reasons. These units’ staff will remain separate for all other purposes including but not limited to scheduling, holidays, vacation and layoff.

Kaleida Health: 

1199/SEIU United Healthcare Workers East:

By: ________________________________  By: ________________________________
June 21, 2011

James Scordato, 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East

Re: Women & Children’s Hospital Rotating Positions

Dear Mr. Scordato:

This letter is to reflect the agreement between Kaleida Health (KH) and 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East (SEIU) regarding future vacancies in the following departments:

- 10401 CHOB Operating Rooms
- 10414 CHOB Recovery Rooms
- 10175 Ante-Partum Unit
- 10710 CHOB Mother Baby Unit

At present, vacancies in such departments have been posted on a rotating shift basis. Such rotating positions have been posted in such manner for patient care and operational reasons. KH is willing, however, to review staffing approach to such units and attempt to reduce the number of rotating shift positions in such departments that become vacant in the future. KH will discuss such new approach with SEIU representatives in Job Security Committee meetings. The number of positions to be converted from rotating to set shift positions will depend on the number of future vacancies in such departments, the size of such departments, the mix of full time and part time employees in such departments, and the availability of staff and applicants to fill such positions. KH agrees to the extent that patient care needs and operational objectives can be met, it is preferable to establish a set number of specific shift positions on such units.

Respectfully,

Eleanor Foster
Director Labor Relations

Cc: C. Klass, President, Women and Children’s Hospital
    M. Creighton, Inteim Chief Nursing Officer, Women and Children’s Hospital
    K. Swartz, Sr. Director Human Resources
Letter of Intent
Healthcare Related Joint Ventures

It is agreed to and understood by both KALEIDA HEALTH and the 1199 SEIU UNITED HEALTHCARE WORKERS, EAST, COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO and the INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, AFL-CIO that an agreement was reached during the current set of contract negotiations that in the event Kaleida Health enters into any healthcare related joint ventures in the future with ECMC, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, or any other health care institutions, that all bargaining unit work will be performed by the Unions listed above in any and all job titles as contained in this Collective Bargaining Agreement. The Unions listed above will have representational jurisdiction over all bargaining unit work performed by these joint ventures at the addresses listed in Article 3 of this Collective Bargaining Agreement.

It is also agreed to and understood by both KALEIDA HEALTH and the 1199 SEIU UNITED HEALTHCARE WORKERS EAST, COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO, and the INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, AFL-CIO that an agreement was reached during the current set of contract negotiations that in the event Kaleida Health enters into any healthcare related lease agreements or sells any health care related space at the addresses listed in Article 3 of this Collective Bargaining Agreement (to create a hospital within a hospital concept) that all bargaining unit work performed as a result of this new entity will be performed by the Unions representing any and all job titles as contained in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The Unions listed above will have representational jurisdiction over all bargaining unit work performed by this new entity as identified above.

___________________________________  ______________________
Kaleida Health  Date

___________________________________  ______________________
Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO  Date

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International Union of Operating Engineers  Date

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1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East  Date
Memorandum of Understanding # 1
Staffing Summit

Section 1. 1199/SEIU Upstate United Healthcare Workers East, Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO and Kaleida Health agree to meet with representative from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) within six (6) months of the ratification of this Agreement for the purpose of discussing staffing concerns at all Kaleida Health work locations.

Section 2. Representatives from each party will meet 30 days prior to the summit to set the agenda.

Section 3. Kaleida Health participants in this high level discussion will include but not be limited to:

   a.) Chief Nursing Officers;
   b.) Site Financial Representatives;
   c.) Site Nursing Directors;
   d.) Corporate Employment; and
   e.) Site Human Resources Representatives.

Also included in the summit will be the management representatives from Environmental Services, Dietary, Imaging Services, Laboratories, Respiratory Therapy, Pharmacy, Patient Management, Facilities Operations, Long Term Care, Rehabilitation Medicine, School Based Programs and Business Office Clerical.

Section 4. The Unions will determine which Union members will participate. The minimum number of Union representatives will be equal to the number of Kaleida Health representatives participating.

Section 5. The goal of the Staffing Summit is to bring together the individuals who are most able to make decisions regarding Kaleida Health staffing, to assess and define staffing issues, and to ultimately resolve these issues thereby enhancing the quality of patient care at Kaleida Health while at the same time improving employee satisfaction related to the performance of his/her job.

Memorandum of Understanding # 2
DMH/TCCS
Life Insurance

It is hereby agreed, by and between KALEIDA HEALTH (hereinafter referred to as “Kaleida” or “Employer”) and COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA (hereinafter
referred to as “Union” or “CWA”) that the DeGraff Memorial Hospital TCCS Bargaining union Grievance involving Life Insurance is settled as follows:

1. Kaleida will continue Life Insurance Coverage for all DeGraff Hospital TCCS Bargaining Unit employees who had at least five (5) years of employment as of December 1, 2000. A list of the effective employees is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. In addition, Kaleida will agree, effective August 1, 2005 to cover the seventeen (17) employees who have already retired since the inception of the first Master Agreement. A list of the affected hereto and made a part hereof.

3. Finally, the parties agree that the issue of Life Insurance for members of the DeGraff Memorial Hospital TCCS Bargaining Unit is closed and no additional persons at DeGraff Memorial Hospital have any rights to this benefit.

Date: December 7, 2005

Memorandum of Understanding # 3
RNFA's Millard Fillmore

Section 1. The following named employee is an RNFA in the Kaleida Health system who is assigned to work at MFH-G, MFH-S and DMH and who will continue to be classified as a salaried employee.

b.) Marlene Craden

Memorandum of Understanding # 4
Health Insurance Grandfathering

During the negotiations what resulted in the 2005 Collective Bargaining (Agreement) between the parties, an agreement on new health insurance language and benefits was reached. The grandfathering of existing benefits for employees hired into the affected bargaining units on or before July 12, 2005, is included in this Agreement and is outlined below.

Section 1. Employees who take a leave of absence after July 12, 2005 and who do not continue their health insurance coverage through COBRA will not be eligible to re-enroll under the grandfathered plan rates. It is understood that employees who take a leave of absence after the first day of the month and return to work before the last of the same month will not have an interruption in health insurance coverage. However, an employee whose leave of absence extends beyond the end of the month and into the following month must continue their health insurance coverage through COBRA to maintain their grandfathered status as it relates to their health insurance rates.

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Section 2. Employees who are on disability and are covered by grandfathered health insurance rates prior to their disability will be eligible to resume grandfathered health insurance rates when they return to work, providing the employee returns within forty (40) weeks of the date they go on disability. If the employee returns after forty (40) weeks they will only be grandfathered if they continued health insurance coverage through COBRA.

Section 3. Employees who are out on Workers’ Compensation and are covered by grandfathered health insurance rates prior to workers’ comp will be eligible to resume grandfathered health insurance rates when they return to work, providing the employee returns within fifty-two (52) weeks of the date they go out on Workers’ Compensation. If the employee returns after fifty-two (52) weeks, they will only be grandfathered if they continued health insurance coverage through COBRA.

Section 4. Employees who are actively working and are covered by grandfathered health insurance rates and who are laid off will be eligible to resume grandfathered health insurance rates when they are recalled.

Section 5. Employees, who are actively covered by a grandfathered health insurance rate, will lose the grandfathered status if they bid on and transfer to a position that is not covered by a grandfathered plan. Exception, if the employee exercises his/her right to return to their original position within thirty (30) days of transfer, will resume or continue enrollment in the grandfathered Health Insurance plan rate. If the employee transfers between CWA 1168 BGH RN and CWA 1168 BGH TCC or vice versa, they will remain in the grandfathered status.

Section 6. Employees who resign voluntarily and who were in a grandfathered health insurance rate will not be eligible to be grandfathered if they are rehired.

Memorandum of Understanding # 5
Operating Room Service Leaders BGH, DMH and MFH

It is hereby agreed, by and between KALEIDA HEALTH, and the COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO that issues associated with the OR Service Leaders employees at Buffalo General Hospital, DeGraff Memorial Hospital, and Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital are resolved as follows.

1.) The position of OR Service Leaders will be distinct from that of the Surgical Service Nurse (OR Staff Nurse).

2.) The OR Service Leaders will continue to circulate in the OR and will continue to perform the duties expected of a Surgical Service Nurse in addition to their Service Leader responsibilities.
The OR Service Leaders will be included in the rotation of holidays, weekends and on-call among the Surgical Service Nurses at their respective work sites and in accordance to the CBA.

The OR Service Leaders will retain their respective work schedules without rotation except that at DMH the Service Leaders may be rotated to the off shift.

The OR Service Leaders will be paid a per hour rate consistent with charge pay as outlined in Appendix D, Section 2 in addition to their base hourly rate for all hours worked in this job title.

The OR Service Leaders will be self-staffed for all planned absences.

Surgical Service Nurses will be paid a per hour rate consistent with charge pay as outlined in Appendix D, Section 2 in addition to their base hourly rate for all hours that they are assigned in the OR Service Leader role when the regular OR Service Leader is absent.

It is agreed and understood by all parties that in any layoff situation involving either OR Service Leader or Surgical Service Nurse (OR Staff Nurse) the affected employee(s) will first have the options available to their title and then will, if necessary, be provided the options available to the other title.

Memorandum of Understanding # 6
Holidays in the Operating Room at WCHOB for the RN and Technical Bargaining Units

Due to the nature of scheduling on holidays in the Operating Room at WCHOB, where two (2) staff members (2 RN’s or 1 RN and 1 Surgical Technologist) are needed, the following will apply:

Section 1. Each employee (RN and Surgical Technologist) will choose, in seniority order, one (1) eight (8) hour shift from the following holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve (3:00 pm – 11:00 pm), Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve (3:00 pm – 11:00 pm) and New Year’s Day. There will also be enough option slots available to allow one holiday or option slot for each employee.

Section 2. If it is necessary to schedule additional holidays to employees to meet staffing needs, staff will be asked to volunteer for an additional holiday. If staffing remains insufficient for any holidays, it will be provided by the least senior employees in the department, chose in seniority order, provided there is always at least one (1) RN scheduled. Additional holidays will be designated as such on the posted schedule.

Section 3. Bidding for these holidays will be done at the time of vacation selection. An employee’s scheduled vacation does not excuse the employee from their holiday obligation.
Section 4. Working a shift other than the employee’s primary shift will be considered their holiday obligation.

Section 5. Holiday premium will be paid per Article 82 Holidays.

Section 6. In the event of downsizing on a holiday, employees schedule to work and additional holiday will be asked to downsize first in seniority order. If there is no employee in this category, downsizing will be done based on seniority of all scheduled staff.

Section 7. If a holiday becomes understaffed due to PTU, DBL or unforeseen absence, it will be staffed by an employee in an option slot and will be chosen in seniority order among these employees. If there is no need throughout the year, an employee in an option slot may not need to work a holiday.

Section 8. Switching of shifts between employees may be done after the schedule is posted and according to Article 15 Hours of Work and Work Schedules.

**Memorandum of Understanding # 7**

**Red Circled Employees**

Those employees who currently receive an hourly rate that is higher than the respective scale rate will be red circled and receive no increase until their current rate falls below the proper scale rate.

**Memorandum of Understanding # 8**

**1199 SEIU/IUOE Local 17**

**Maintenance Employee Allowances**

Section 1. All maintenance employees will be entitled to the following work related expense allowances.

a.) Prescription Safety Glasses, Tools and Work Boots: Maximum calendar year reimbursement allowance of four hundred dollars ($400.00). If employee’s glasses or work boots are damaged due to work on the Employer’s projects at any time during the year, replacements for like quality and value will require managerial approval.

b.) Tools: All employees must have available for the performance of their duties, their own hand tools to the extent, type and character reasonably suited to and necessary for the performance of their duties. The Employer will replace such hand tools that are damaged at work or worn beyond repaid due to use for
Employer projects. Such replacement tools shall be reimbursed for like quality and value which requires prior managerial approval.

Memorandum of Understanding # 9
Seasonal Employees

The following is the agreement reached between Kaleida Health (hereinafter referred to as the “Employer”) and 1100 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East; the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO; and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 17S, AFL-CIO; (collectively, “the Unions”) as it relates to the development and implementation of Seasonal Employees at Kaleida Health.

The Employer and the Union agree to meet and discuss the need for Seasonal Employees to meet the changing demands on staffing and employment retention. Seasonal Employees shall be an agenda item for the Staffing Committee. The guidelines of a Seasonal Employee will include but not be limited to the following:

1.) A seasonal employee is an employee that is hired to work a minimum of three (3) consecutive months to a maximum of six (6) consecutive months with a minimum commitment of fifteen (15) hours per week.

2.) An employee who is accepted into a seasonal position must work the shift duration scheduled in that department and the weekend requirement will be consistent with the department they are assigned and/or scheduled to work.

3.) Employees who change to seasonal status shall remain in the salary grade and step they were in as a regular employee and shall advance on the wage progression scale as outlined in Article 23, Salaries.

4.) If it is agreed by the Employer and the Union that if a Seasonal Employee category shall be offered at the Hospital, such terms and conditions will be reduced to writing and supplement the collective bargaining agreement “categories of employees” Section.

Memorandum of Understanding # 10
Multi-Site On-Call Program/GI Lab

Section 1. This multi-site on-call will provide coverage for emergent cases during times when departments are closed, seven (7) days a week. Employees will be responsible for coverage at two (2) sites only. Sites will be assigned for coverage as follows:

a.) DeGraff and MFS

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Section 2. The GI Lab on-call hours will be:
   a.) Monday through Friday from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am; and
   b.) Saturday, Sunday and Holidays from 6:00 am to 6:00 am (24 hour coverage).

Section 3. Two (2) RN’s (or one (1) RN and one (1) RN, LPN, or GI Technician once the software interface has been completed) will be on-call to cover two (2) sites as listed in Section 1. above. This call will be covered by all employees at the designated sites and there will be orientation to both sites. They will be oriented to both sites prior to assignments to take call at an off-site.

Section 4. The on-call nurses may not be used to finish scheduled cases that have run over on a given day.

Section 5. In the event that there are not sufficient volunteers to cover on-call, it will be assigned to fully trained GI nurses/technicians in reverse seniority order.

Section 6. It is understood that the staff may determine the scheduling method as long as all time is covered. It is understood that they will not be exempt from the weekend/holiday commitment. (Holidays are the six (6) major holidays defined in the Master Agreement PTO Article 20, Section 14).

Section 7. Process:
   a.) The requesting physician will contact the site Nursing Supervisor and/or the switchboard operator. GI emergencies have been defined as GI bleed, foreign body, cholecystitis, colonic decompression and bronchoscopy *. The switchboard operator and Nursing Supervisor are supplied with a call schedule. The operator pages the RN on-call. The RN may contact the requesting physician to receive patients’ history and type of procedure needed or additional information to coordinate care. The supervisor will be responsible to ensure the physician is appropriately credentialed for the requested procedure.

   b.) If there are two (2) call-ins requested at the same time or one (1) comes in when the nurse is at another site, the site supervisors will intervene. They will discuss the situation with the requesting physicians and come to some decision regarding urgency. If the case can wait until the first one is done, the nurse will report to the site when finished. If the case cannot wait, the supervisor will have a list of all existing GI staff in each department and begin to call to find additional support. The staff called in will receive the usual on-call/call in per contract.

   c.) The Corporate GI Committee will review any case that is done and does not meet the above-defined criteria for ‘emergent’. The RN will report the case incident to her/his site manager to forward to the GI Committee.
Section 8. Payment Terms:

a.) Employees will be paid in accordance with the on-call and call-in provisions of the Master Agreement.

b.) Staff will be paid ten percent (10%) over their base rate for all time worked at any site that is not their site of origin.

c.) Employees who called in to a site other than their home site on weekends, will receive a lump sum of fifty dollars ($50.00) for each call-in.

d.) Employees who are called in on the Monday-Friday schedule (corporate call) will receive a lump sum of fifty dollars ($50.00) for each call-in (to any site).

In the event that an employee is called in a 2nd time within the four (4) hour period following the 1st case, the employee will be paid call-in for both cases provided the terms of section 4. in Article 21 On-Call Pay is followed.

Memorandum of Understanding # 11
Special Projects
1199 SEIU/IUOE Local 17

Section 1. For purposes of this memorandum, the term “special projects” shall refer to major construction, renovations, and any large scale repairs under time constraints that are not considered routine day-to-day maintenance work.

Section 2. On a quarterly basis the Employer will meet with the Union to review all special projects for that quarter prior to the start of a designated special project. During these meetings the Employer shall give an explanation of all aspects of said projects to the Unions. Should any questions or a dispute arise, the Union shall meet with the site supervisor and/or plant operations director to resolve any dispute/question. Upon mutual agreement, additional meetings may be scheduled throughout the year to discuss any changes within the scope of the special project or addition of special projects for that year.

Section 3. Building Trades employees shall be employed per diem and scheduled only when the work in question is designated a special project.

Section 4. It is understood that there will be no layoffs of anyone in the SEIU/IUOE bargaining unit because of the use of building trades employees on these special projects.
Section 5. Furthermore, there will be no reduction in hours (straight or overtime) caused by the utilization of building trades employees on special projects.

Section 6. When a special project is winding down, overtime opportunities, if any, will be split between the bargaining unit members.

Section 7. Building trades employees shall not do normal day-to-day maintenance work; nor shall they be utilized to prevent an expansion of the bargaining unit.

Section 7. Finally, it is understood that once bargaining unit employees are offered overtime opportunities created by these special projects, these opportunities shall, wherever practicable, be offered in blocks of a minimum of four (4) hours.

Memorandum of Understanding # 12

Rotating Positions

Section 1. Currently the Employer has positions as listed in Section 7. below that are hired to a primary shift with rotation to alternate shifts. Such positions shall continue to rotate.

Section 2. All holidays and prescheduled PTO will be approved for rotating positions on the employee’s primary shift.

Section 3. When an employee is rotated to work a shift that is more than eight (8) hours different than their primary shift, they shall have the opportunity to have a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours off before returning to their primary shift. Additionally, the employee will not be assigned to work more than two (2) different shifts in any four (4) week time period unless under mutual agreement. Employees working extended shifts who rotate to the night shift shall receive forty-eight (48) hours off before returning to the day shift.

Section 4. Employees will not be assigned to rotate to an alternate shift on a holiday, unless mutually agreed upon by both the employee and the Employer.

Section 5. Employees that are regularly scheduled for operational needs for an evening and then a following day, (e.g. clinics), shall not be covered by this Memorandum. Any changes to current practice will be presented at site Job Security meetings.

Section 6. The IUOE practice of scheduling shift engineers shall be continued and not governed by this Article.

Section 7. The rotating positions referred to in Section 1. above are listed below.

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10037 - CHOB Clinical Education
Clinical Nurse Educator

10044 - CHOB Sterile processing
Central Supply Technician

10062 – CHOB Dept Of Dermatology
Medical Secretary Senior
LPN
Certified Medical Assistant

10087 - CHOB Neonate Transport
Physician Assistant
Certified Transport Nurse
Transport Nurse

10088 - CHOB Transport
Patient Support Associate

10093 - CHOB Cafeteria
Nutritional Service Worker
Hospitality Associate
Cook

10109 - CHOB Radiology Diagnostic
Radiology Technologist
CATT Scan Technologist

10112 - CHOB Ultrasound
Lead Ultrasonography Technologist
Ultrasonography Technologist

10114 –CHOB MRI
Certified MRI Technologist
MRI Technologist

10146 - CHOB Nurse Practitioners
Nurse Practitioners

10153 – CHOB Physical Therapy
Lead Physical Therapist
Physical Therapist

10154 - CHOB Occupational Therapy
Lead Occupational Therapist
Occupational Therapist

10158 - CHOB Speech Language Pathology
Speech Language Pathologist

10159 - CHOB Audiology
Audiologist

10401 - CHOB Oper Rms Peds Gyn*
RN Surgical Services
Surgical Technologist
10414 – CHOB Revry Rms Peds GYN * RN Surgical Services
10453 - CHOB Stabilization Unit RN Critical Care

10806 - CHOB Rheumatology RN Ambulatory Care
Patient Reception Registration
Medical Assistant

11015 - DMH Pharmacy Medical Assistant
Patient Reception Registration
Nurse Practitioner
RN

11041 - DMH Central Processing Pharmacists

20408 - BGH- Family Planning Central Supply Technician

20444 - CHOB Hodge Street Clinic NP

20454 - CHOB Towne Garden RN Ambulatory Care
Patient Reception Registration
NP
Social Worker BSW

20717 - CHOB ESL Clinical Lab Scientist
Medical Technician

22012 – DMH SNF Leisure Act Activities Assistant

24042 – KH Corp Patient Access Patient Registration Representative

24190 – CHOB Distribution Services Materials Handler

24304 – CHOB Building Operations Stationary Engineer

24308 – DMH Repairs Shift Engineer
* Please refer to Kaleida Health’s letter to 1199 SEIU of June 21, 2011 regarding filling of future vacancies on such units on a non-rotating basis.

Memorandum of Understanding # 13
Drop and Add Relative to FTE

When employee(s) within a unit request a change to their FTE status:

a.) Two (2) employees from the same job title in a unit may propose a change in their FTE status without changing the total FTEs of that unit/department.

b.) Requests must be submitted in writing to the manager and then presented at Job Security.

c.) Open position, new positions or those that become available of .5 FTE or greater will be posted as per the Master Agreement, Article 53, Job Bidding and Transfers.

d.) Once reviewed and approved at Job Security, the hours will be posted on the unit for seven (7) calendar days and awarded by seniority.

e.) If no other volunteers sign up during this time frame, the change in status will become effective beginning with the next time block after change is authorized with consideration to the needs of the unit and the competency of the affected employees.

f.) Hours will be awarded in quantities of .1 to no more than .5 FTE in descending seniority order applicable to the employee current shift and length of shift.

g.) If no employees are interested in increasing their FTE, this process will not continue.

h.) Per diem and flexible employees are not allowed to participate in this process.

Memorandum of Understanding # 14
Patient Management Social Workers: Buffalo General Medical Center, Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, DeGraff Memorial Hospital

This MOU applies to Social Workers within the Patient Management Department at Buffalo General Medical Center (BGMC), Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital (MFSH) and the DeGraff Memorial Hospital (DMH).
The Patient Management Social Workers at BGMC, MFSH and DMH will be assigned on-call as follows:

Section 1. A Social Worker will be assigned on-call in one (1) week increments to cover the departments that are closed for business. Coverage will be from close of business until 8:30 am every day. If a department is closed on a Saturday or Sunday the person assigned on-call will be covering that site from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. No one will be assigned on-call while working on duty.

Section 2. The Social Worker On-Call will be assigned a pager and a cell phone for this work.

Section 3. Upon being paged from the site(s), Social Workers will be responsible for coordinating rehabilitation and long term care placement for patients and other Social Work duties as needed.

Section 4. Social Workers will be paid on-call pay as outlined in accordance of Article 21 of this Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Section 5. Social Workers will be responsible for properly and accurately recording all time worked while on-call in accordance with Kaleida Health’s Time Keeping Standards (HR.309). Social Workers are responsible for recording all time worked by remotely punching in and punching out using Kronos.

Section 6. Calls will also be logged on the Social Worker on call log.

Section 7. It is agreed that this arrangement will be monitored and tracked on an ongoing basis. Two (2) months after the implementation of this process, a committee consisting of Patient Management leadership, CWA Local 1168 representation, and Human Resources will convene to review utilization.

Memorandum of Understanding # 15
Bulletin Boards

FOR 1199 SEIU:

Section 1. The Employer agrees that the bulletin boards referred to in Article 95 of this Agreement will be maintained in the following areas for the 1199 SEIU bargaining units.

a.) 219 Bryant Street:
    1.) outside cafeteria;
    2.) basement;
    3.) lounges.
b.) Other WCHOB sites including 125 Hodge Street, 140 Hodge Street, 239 Bryant Street, Towne Gardens Clinic, 1010 Main Street, 1026 Main Street and 1028 Main Street:
   1.) breakrooms.

c.) Millard Fillmore Hospital-Suburban:
   1.) hallway outside of Human Resources;
   2.) hall entrance to cafeteria;
   3.) hallway outside laboratories;
   4.) Louis Lazar.

d.) Buffalo General Medical Center:
   1.) hallway outside cafeteria;
   2.) hallway outside the Nursing office;
   3.) basement near the time clock in B Building;
   4.) basement near the environmental services office.

e.) Gates Vascular Institute
   1.) first floor.

f.) HighPointe on Michigan:
   1.) in cafeteria.

g.) Larkin Building:
   1.) Second Floor;
   2.) Third Floor.

h.) Great Arrow Building:
   1.) breakroom.

i.) Women’s Health Clinic at ECMC
   1.) breakroom.

j.) Amherst General
   1.) first floor chart room.

FOR CWA:

Section 1. The Employer agrees that the bulletin boards referred to in Article 95 of this Agreement will be maintained in the following areas for the CWA bargaining units.

a.) Lancaster Alcoholism Clinic:
   1.) breakroom.
b.) Buffalo General Medical Center:
   1.) hallway outside of the cafeteria;
   2.) hallway in the Nursing Office;
   3.) 1010 Main Street;
   4.) 1026 Main Street; and
   5.) 1028 Main Street.

c.) Gates Vascular Institute:
   1.) first floor.

d.) Center for Laboratory Medicine/Flint Road:
   1.) in the cafeteria.

e.) HighPointe on Michigan:
   1.) in cafeteria.

f.) DeGraff Memorial Hospital:
   1.) hallway directly across from the entrance to the cafeteria; and
   2.) a table will be provided in the cafeteria for distribution of other Union material.

g.) Millard Fillmore Hospital Suburban:
   1.) hallway outside of Human Resources;
   2.) hall entrance to cafeteria;
   3.) hallway outside the Laboratories; and the
   4.) Louis Lazar Family Medicine Center.

h.) Hertel Elmwood Clinic/North Buffalo Medical Park:
   1.) breakroom.

i.) Laboratory Patient Service Centers:
   1.) breakroom.

FOR IUOE:

Section 1. The Employer agrees that the bulletin boards referred to in Article 95 of this Agreement will be maintained in the following areas for the IUOE bargaining units.

a.) DeGraff Memorial Hospital:
   1.) near the facilities break room.

FOR ALL UNIONS/BARGAINING UNITS:
Section 2. If there are any future Kaleida Health sites where employees represented by the Union(s) are employed, the parties will tour the facility and mutually select locations for Union bulletin boards.

**Memorandum of Understanding # 16**  
**Contract Printing**

The Employer and the Unions will split the cost of contract printing equally between Kaleida Health, CWA and SEIU.

**Memorandum of Understanding # 17**  
**Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital Registered Nurse**  
**Self Staffed/Closed Units**

Section 1. The following units at Millard Fillmore Hospital – Suburban, are presently self-staffed/closed units.

a.) Labor & Delivery;
b.) Mother Baby Unit;
c.) Intensive Care Unit.

Section 2. It is agreed to by the parties that the units stated above will remain self-staffed/closed for the life of this Agreement.

**Memorandum of Understanding # 18**  
**Buffalo General Hospital RN and TCC Shift Rotation**

It is agreed to and understood by the parties, that the current method of shift rotation outlined in this MOU, for the registered nurse and technical, clinical/clerical bargaining units at the Buffalo General Hospital (BGH) will remain in effect for one (1) year following the ratification of this Agreement or until there has been a substantial decrease in the amount of shift rotation required for a period of six (6) continuous months. The hiring of the necessary evening and night shift employees and the decreased need for shift rotation will be monitored by the Staffing and Productivity site committee at the BGH.

Section 1. Full-time and part-time employees who have less than four (4) years of continuous employment and who are employed in departments that have scheduled shift work (except as provided in Section 11.), shall be rotated for staffing coverage on alternate shifts (evenings and nights) in such a manner that shift work is distributed as evenly as possible between them, except when an employee specifically requests to be rotated. All attempts will be
made not to schedule employees to an off shift, if such rotation creates a staff hole on the day shift.

Section 2. Employees with four (4) years or more of continuous employment in a full-time or part-time position will not be rotated to alternate shifts except in the following cases:

   a.) when a charge person is needed and no employee having less years of continuous employment is qualified to assume charge;

   b.) when an individual with certain competencies, (e.g., ACLS) is required, no employee having less years is qualified;

   c.) when no employee assigned to the nursing unit or cost center has less than four (4) years of continuous employment;

   d.) when all other employees assigned to the nursing unit or cost center with less than four (4) years of experience have rotated to the limit of alternate shifts described below; or

   e.) when all other employees assigned to the nursing unit or cost center with less than four (4) years of experience have been granted benefit time for the period during which rotation is necessary.

Section 3. No employee with less than four (4) years of continuous employment shall rotate more than the number of shifts equivalent to the employees FTE in a pay period in any four (4) week time block, unless they are the only employees permanently assigned to a nursing unit/cost center in a rotation position.

Section 4. Employees will rotate in the following manner:

   a.) Those employees with 0-4 years of continuous employment will rotate first, according to the schedule in Section 3. of this Article.

   b.) Those employees with 4-15 years of continuous employment will rotate second, when:

      1.) there are no employees with 0-4 years of continuous employment; or

      2.) all employees with 0-4 years of continuous employment have rotated to the limit as described in Section 3. of this Article;

      3.) the rotation shift in each time block will be distributed evenly beginning with least senior employee.
Section 5. There will be no shift rotation after fifteen (15) years of continuous employment.

Section 6. For Registered Nurses, years of continuous employment for the purposes of this Article shall mean the amount of time that an employee is employed as an RN/LPN.

Section 7. No employee shall be assigned to work more than two (2) different shifts in any seven (7) day period of time. Employee rotated from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm to 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm shall be offered the option of having a long day scheduled after the 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm rotation, whenever reasonably possible.

Section 8. If an employee is rotated to an 11-7 shift on a Friday, that shift shall be counted as a weekend shift worked toward the weekend commitment.

Section 9. Employees with four (4) years or more of continuous employment may rotate to more shifts than described above at their request, if such coverage is needed.

Section 10. In the event of a temporary nursing unit or cost center closure an employee who is temporarily reassigned to another unit or is reassigned to float on a daily basis shall not be required to rotate.

Section 11. Extended Shifts

a.) the maximum amount of shifts rotated shall be:

Full-time employees who have less than four (4) years of continuous Employment shall be rotated for staffing coverage on the off shift no more than six (6) shifts during a four (4) week block of time;

Part-time employees who work five (5) shifts in a two (2) week time period with less than four (4) years of continuous employment shall be rotated for staffing coverage on the off shift no more than five (5) shifts during a four (4) week block of time;

Part-time employees who work three (3) or four (4) shifts in a two (2) Week time period, with less than four (4) years of continuous employment shall be rotated for staffing coverage on the off shift no more than four (4) shifts during a four (4) week block of time.

b.) Employees with four (4) - fifteen (15) years of continuous employment will rotate as per Section 2 a.) - e.) above.

c.) Employees who rotate to night shift shall receive two (2) consecutive long
Memorandum of Understanding # 19
Operating Room and Multi-Specialty Procedure Areas (MPA)
Service Leaders at WCHOB

It is hereby agreed, by and between KALEIDA HEALTH, and the 1199 SEIU United Health Care Workers East, that issues associated with the OR Service Leaders employees at WCHOB are resolved as follows.

1.) The OR Service Leaders will continue to circulate in the OR or MPA and will continue to perform the duties expected of a Surgical Service Nurse in addition to their Service Leader responsibilities.

2.) The OR Service Leaders will be included in the rotation of holidays, weekends and on-call among the Surgical Service Nurse in accordance to the CBA

3.) The OR Service Leaders will be paid a per hour rate consistent with charge pay as outlined in Appendix D, Section 2 in addition to their base hourly rate for all hours worked in this job title.

4.) Surgical Service Nurses will be paid a per hour rate consistent with charge pay as outlined in Appendix D, Section 2 in addition to their base hourly rate for all hours that they are assigned in the OR Service Leaders role when the regular OR Service Leader is absent.

Memorandum of Understanding # 20
WCHOB Per Diem Employees Holiday Commitment

It is understood that WCHOB per diems that have a holiday commitment will follow Article 82, Holidays in the Master Agreement. This will include the following bargaining unit agreements: RN/LPN, NP, and Technical.

Memorandum of Understanding # 21
WCHOB RN Mandatory Overtime

Section 1. Mandatory overtime is defined as overtime required to be worked and assigned by the Nurse Manager and/or designed as per section 167 of the New York State Labor Law to ensure staffing levels are met. It does not include overtime worked by a nurse on the shift immediately following his/her scheduled shift, which involves completion of tasks begun on the originally scheduled shift (e.g. completion of charts). When such situations arise, the employee will be compensated at two (2) times their hourly rate for every hour worked.
Section 2. The Hospital will follow provisions of section 167 of the New York State Labor Law and make every effort to avoid use of mandatory overtime.

Section 3. If a mandatory overtime situation exist.

a.) Any employee working in this capacity will be compensated at two (2) times their hourly salary.

b.) Overtime will be assigned or granted by ascending seniority on a rotating basis if applicable. As most units maintain a current record of MOT rotation, this will be continued.

c.) Float pool personnel pre-assigned on the original schedule to a clinical unit will be included in the MOT rotation.

d.) No employee will be mandated to work overtime on two consecutive days when at least four (4) hours were worked.

e.) No employee will be mandated to work overtime more than twice in a seven (7) day period.

f.) An employee who works mandatory overtime will receive first choice for time off on the unit the following day, regardless of seniority, if unit census and staffing permit.

Memorandum of Understanding # 22
WCHOB RN STAT Team

Section 1. STAT Team will be eligible for forty-eight (48) hours of educational time per calendar year, thirty-two (32) hours of which will be scheduled by the Hospital. The other sixteen (16) hours per calendar year of educational time will be scheduled based on the request of the nurse as approved by his or her supervisor. Reports of educational activity will be submitted by each employee as requested by the management representative designated by the Hospital.

Section 2. The Stat Team will self schedule their own dedicated hours. The schedule will be completed one week prior to PICU/ED schedule requests due date. Remaining hours up to FTE status will be scheduled in the respective units to maintain competency.

Section 3. Every attempt will be made to have two (2) Stat RNs scheduled for each day shift with the understanding that the 2nd RN may be on call as indicated. Only one will be dedicated but it may be necessary to mobilize the 2nd nurse. The second STAT RN will be scheduled in the respective unit in accordance with unit seniority.

Section 4. Additional duties and responsibilities of the STAT RN will be assigned with
the understanding by all staff that the STAT RN is expected to leave immediately should a transport call come in. When the STAT RN leaves on a call, she/he will notify the designated individual so that this person informs the departments of the STAT RN's temporary unavailability.

**Memorandum of Understanding # 23**
**WCHOB RN Neonatal Transport Nurse**

Section 1. A Transport Nurse will work and be paid for a total of thirty-nine (39) hours per work week which will include "Education Hours" for a total of 13 hours per day pursuant to a schedule. A part-time employee will work and be paid for thirteen (13) hours per day for actual days worked. This will also include "Educational Hours". If a Transport Team member fails to meet the agreed upon requirements of "keeping in good standing" as required by the Hospital, the employee shall be subject to Hospital policy and be paid for actual hours worked until requirements are met. The Transport Coordinator will first issue a written note of non-compliance to any such employee and if in thirty (30) days the requirement is not met enforcement will be at Hospital discretion per policy.

Section 2. The Transport Team is to be considered separate from the ICN Nursing Staff in regards to staffing, holiday/vacation scheduling, etc. The Neonatal Transport Team may exercise the right to develop practices/procedures with management (Transport Team Coordinator) that are unique to the team and their employees. These practices/procedures include but are not limited to scheduling and rotation of shifts to cover two facilities 24-hours a day including Holidays.

Section 3. State requirements mandate that the Neonatal Transport Team must mobilize and respond to a requested transport in a 30-minute time frame. Team members may have the option to cover a shift that becomes available after a posted schedule as follows:

a.) placed on-call, per Article 21, On-Call
b.) working the shift and being paid at one and one-half time (1.5) times their normal rate for all hours worked.

Section 4. For the purpose of job bidding, clinical unit seniority for Transport Team nurses will be considered as clinical unit seniority from the Intensive Care Nursery.

**Memorandum of Understanding # 24**
**WCHOB RN Certification Pay**

Employees in possession of NRP or ACLS certification and employees assigned outside the Emergency Room who possess PALS certification will be paid one hundred dollars ($100) if
they obtain such certification while employed by the Hospital and fifty dollars ($50) for each recertification while employed by the Hospital.

Memorandum of Understanding # 25  
WCHOB RN & Technical – ECMO Specialists

Section 1. The Hospital will make a reasonable effort to distribute available "pump time" among all qualified ECMO Specialists, recognizing that patient needs vary day to day. This paragraph will be administered within applicable competency requirements.

Section 2. This Memorandum of Understanding is intended to cover conditions in a new and developing technology. Under the current technology the Hospital will not change the number of pumps for which an ECMO Specialist is responsible which currently is one (1) pump per ECMO Specialist; and the designation of care givers which currently is one (1) RN care provider per ECMO patient aiding the ECMO patient.

Section 3. Designated ECMO Specialists will not be removed from the care of the ECMO patient in order to be reassigned to other patient care responsibilities unless all other options to meet the specific staffing needs of the unit have been exhausted.

Section 4. ECMO Specialists will give at least (2) week's notice to the Program Director of their resignation from the program.

Memorandum of Understanding # 26  
Paid Time Off Grandfathering

Effective the start of the 2006 PTO plan year current employees will accrue on the Master PTO schedule or the following schedule whichever is greater. It is understood that once an employee is accruing under the Master PTO schedule, they will stay on that schedule. All new eligible employees will accrue under the Master Schedule.

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