



## **ACTION ALERT FOR MEMBERS OF HPAE LOCAL 5147**

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### **MEADOWLANDS HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER OWNERS ARE SELLING THE HOSPITAL**

Last summer, several people were seen touring the hospital units along with management representatives. In July, a formal application was filed with the NJ Department of Health (DOH) by the hospital's owners seeking approval to sell the hospital and the license to operate it. This is called a Certificate of Need process. The DOH reviews both the application and the buyer's background and qualifications to run an acute care hospital. There is no indication when DOH will make its decision.

#### **HOW WILL THE SALE IMPACT US?**

We are committed to work with the current and new owners to assure that all outstanding matters are resolved and your rights are fully protected.

#### **WHAT ABOUT THE MONIES OWED TO US AS A RESULT OF THE ARBITRATION WIN AND THE FAVORABLE JUDGE'S RULING AT THE LABOR BOARD (NLRB)?**

We estimate that as a result of the NLRB judge's order the hospital owes you approximately \$3.5 MILLION in backpay, benefits, retirement contributions and medical expenses. The hospital also owes money to the techs and nurses who the hospital did not pay the proper contractual rate of pay based on their experience.

#### **LABOR BOARD TAKES COURT ACTION TO ASSURE THAT YOU ARE COMPENSATED**

On April 11, the NLRB filed for an injunction in New Jersey's federal court to require that the current owners set aside money from the sale to pay their obligations to you. This is similar to a lien on what the owners receive from the purchase. The court has set a hearing date of April 28 for oral argument on the injunction.

#### **ATTEND THE HEARING!**

Federal Judge Madeline Cox Arleo will hear oral argument on the case on Friday April 28 at 11 a.m. in Courtroom 2A at the Martin Luther King Building & U.S. Courthouse, 50 Walnut Street, Newark. Show the court the faces of the people harmed by the hospital's unlawful acts – attend the hearing!

**For more information and to come to the hearing contact:**  
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