



Dimensions Healthcare System

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**Dimensions Healthcare System 1199SEIU Employees  
Vote to Ratify New Contracts**

**Cheverly, Maryland, October 29 2014** - Dimensions Healthcare System employees represented by 1199SEIU overwhelmingly voted to ratify two new contracts on Monday, October 27 and Tuesday, October 28. The contracts cover more than 800 nurses and approximately 1,200 maintenance and service workers at the healthcare system's two hospitals, Laurel Regional Hospital and Prince George's Hospital Center, as well as its ambulatory care facilities.

"We are pleased to have reached fair, competitive contracts for Dimensions Healthcare System employees. These contracts provide competitive wages and comprehensive benefits in keeping with our compensation philosophy," said John F. Peeples, senior vice president of human resources for Dimensions Healthcare System. "The contracts should also help Dimensions Healthcare System be better prepared to meet its commitment to patients and the community by delivering safe, quality care while managing rapid and unprecedented changes in the healthcare industry now and in the future."

The new contracts will be in effect immediately until October 28, 2017. It will provide for a two percent wage increase for each of the three years the contract is in place. Members also receive a one-time ratification bonus. Other contract terms include the formation of a Workforce Transformation Council that will explore, discuss and make recommendations to Dimensions Healthcare System leadership about issues affecting employees.

After more than 12 months, Dimensions Healthcare System is happy to have reached a positive outcome in regards to negotiations with 1199SEIU. An approved contract is a significant milestone towards the organization's efforts to transform health care in Prince George's County.

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**About Dimensions Healthcare System**

Created in 1982, Dimensions Healthcare System is an integrated not-for-profit, community-owned organization providing comprehensive, quality healthcare services to the residents of Prince George's County, Maryland and surrounding areas. The facilities that comprise Dimensions Healthcare System include: Bowie Health Center Campus, Family Health and Wellness Center, Glenridge Medical Center, Laurel Regional Hospital, Prince George's Hospital Center and the Rachel H. Pemberton Senior Health Center. Dimensions Healthcare System is the largest provider of healthcare services headquartered in Prince George's County, Maryland, caring for more than 150,000 patients each year. Both hospitals within Dimensions Healthcare System have been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report*. For more information about Dimensions Healthcare System, visit [www.dimensionshealth.org](http://www.dimensionshealth.org).