Collective Bargaining Agreement

Between

Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital

and

SEIU Healthcare Minnesota

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Agreement

This Agreement is made and entered into this 1st day of March 2018, by and between the undersigned Hospital, hereinafter referred to as either the "Employer" or as "Hospital," and its successors, and SEIU Healthcare Minnesota, hereinafter referred to as the "Union," and its successors.

Definitions

The term Employee shall include all of the following:

Full-Time: Those Employees regularly scheduled to work eighty (80) hours per pay period.
Part-Time: Those Employees regularly scheduled to work less than eighty (80) hours per pay period.
Casual: Those Employees with no regularly scheduled hours.

Article 1 - Union Representation

Recognition

The Union shall be the sole representative of all the non-professional employees of said Employer in the classifications set forth in the wage schedule of this contract and within the bargaining unit certified by the National Labor Relations Board or previously agreed upon by the parties.

(A) New Classification or Title - In the event that a new or different nonprofessional classification or title is established which is not set forth in Article 10 hereof and is not within the bargaining unit certified by the National Labor Relations Board or previously agreed upon by the parties, each party reserves the right to file a petition for unit clarification with the National Labor Relations Board. The National Labor Relations Board shall determine whether the new or different classification is to be included in the bargaining unit by applying the standards established by the National Labor Relations Board.

(B) Classification or Title Change - No classification or title shall be changed or new classification or title created to defeat the spirit of this Agreement. No classification or title shall be changed or created, and no employee transferred or promoted, either to positions covered by this Agreement or outside it, except upon at least ten (10) days written notice to the Union prior to the effective date of the same, the notice shall specify in detail the proposed change, establishment, transfer or promotion.
(C) **No Discrimination** - There shall be no discrimination by the Union or the Employer against any employee because of membership or non-membership in the Union or because of the assertion of rights afforded by this Agreement.

(D) **No Contradictory Rule** - The Employer agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with its employees (who are in classifications herein noted), either individually or collectively, which conflicts with any of the provisions of this Agreement. No statement or rule shall be made or established by the Employer or the Union that conflicts with or contradicts any of the provisions of this Agreement.

(E) **Steward/Committee** - The Employer recognizes the right of the Union to elect or select from employees who are members of the Union, a job steward or job committee to handle such Union business (for example, to distribute and share information to new members) during their routine at the Hospital where they are employed, as may from time-to-time be delegated to them by the Union in connection with this collective bargaining relationship. The name of such job steward or job committee shall be furnished, in writing, to the Employer, and any changes in steward or committee members shall be reported to the Employer in writing. The Employer shall provide voice mail and file space for the Stewards. Also, the Employer shall pay one (1) hour of additional pay at straight-time per month for each Steward.

(F) **Union Security** –

(1) As a condition of employment, all employees covered by this Agreement shall become and remain members of the Union, or alternatively shall pay the portion of the standard regular monthly dues that are uniformly applied to all members covered by this Agreement that relate to the Union’s representation function.

The provisions of this Section shall apply only to employees hired on and after March 12, 1973.

Employees hired prior to March 1, 1986 and who are regularly scheduled to work twenty (20) hours or less per two (2) week pay period shall not be required to make payments under this Article.

(2) Payments required by this Section shall be made only after an employee has completed sixty (60) days of employment. The payments required by this subparagraph (F) are due and payable on the sixty-first day of employment and must be paid within ten (10) days thereafter.
(3) Any Union member, or employee electing to pay the representation service fee, who is delinquent in making the payments required herein for more than thirty (30) days, shall be terminated by the Hospital. Termination shall occur within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of written notice from the Union to the Hospital that the employee has been delinquent for more than thirty (30) days. The Union shall hold the Hospital harmless from any claims of an employee so terminated.

(4) A copy of this Agreement and a written statement signed by the Hospital and the Union shall be presented by the Hospital to each new employee at the time of hiring, and said Statement shall provide as follows:

"STATEMENT TO NEW EMPLOYEE"

There is a contract between this Hospital and SEIU Healthcare Minnesota covering wages, hours and working conditions. The Contract provides that the Union is the sole representative for nonprofessional employees of the Hospital in the classification of work for which you are hired. The Contract also provides that if you elect not to become a member of the Union, you must pay a monthly service fee to the Union. The Hospital takes no position as to whether or not you become a member of the Union.

It is your responsibility to insure that the payments to the Union are made at the times indicated. In the event any Union member, or employee electing to pay the service fee, is delinquent in making the required payments for more than thirty (30) days, the employment of such employee will be terminated. It is important, therefore, that the contractual payments be made on time.

The Contract also provides that you may voluntarily elect to have Union fees and dues or service fee payments deducted from your check and sent to the Union.

(G) Dues/Fees Deductions --

(1) From March 1, 2018, through February 28, 2021, the Hospital agrees to deduct Union dues and service fees for employees electing not to become Union members from the wages of employees who voluntarily provide the Hospital with a written authorization to make such deductions. The Hospital's obligation to continue to deduct Union dues and service fees, as provided for above, shall terminate as of March 1, 2021, unless the Union and the Hospital mutually agree in writing to continue the current Collective Bargaining Agreement beyond that date.
(2) The “written authorization” described above shall not be irrevocable for a period of more than one (1) year, or beyond the termination date of this Agreement, whichever occurs sooner.

During the Term of the 2018-2021 Agreement, it is agreed that employees may express authorization of dues deductions by submitting written authorizations or through federally authorized electronic methods such as online deductions authorization or voice authorization or other electronic methods allowed under controlling federal or state law. The Union shall provide the employer with written notification of the names of those who have authorized deductions, including a copy of the employee’s authorization form upon request.

For the term of the 2018-2021 Agreement, the parties agree to implement and adhere to the specific provisions in each dues check-off authorization regarding the duration, renewal, timing, procedure for revocation, window periods and amount of dues deducted agreed to by the employee as stated in the authorization, irrespective of the employee’s membership in the Union.

(3) Deductions shall be made from employees’ wages in the first pay period of the month in which the payment is due. Withheld amounts will be forwarded to the Union by the tenth (10th) day of the month following the actual withholding, together with a record of the amount and those for whom deductions have been made. The Union will hold the Hospital harmless from any dispute with any employee concerning deductions made. If, during the term of this Agreement, the union seeks to change the timing of deductions or the method of calculating dues/service fees, the parties agree to meet and confer regarding the Hospital’s ability to implement such changes. The Hospital will not unreasonably refuse to implement a change to the Union’s dues structure that provides a single percentage rate system, applied on a per pay-period basis. The Union will give a year’s notice of any change.

(4) In the event that any provision or requirement of this article is determined to be legally invalid by a final decision of a court or agency of competent jurisdiction or by applicable federal or state legislation, the remainder of this Article will remain in full force and effect, and the parties will meet to negotiate a substitute provision of the invalid provision that furthers the parties’ intent while meeting the requirements of applicable law.
Employee Lists - The Hospital shall furnish the Union a monthly list showing the names and addresses of new employees, classifications, number of hours regularly scheduled, dates of hire, and names and dates of termination of employees terminated, employee's social security number, and current rate of pay for each employee. The Hospital will also advise the Union of transfers into and out of the bargaining unit and changes in the number of hours worked by employees that would affect the amount of the service fee provided in this Agreement. Each pay period the Hospital shall provide to the Union the name, identification number (as determined by the Hospital) gross pay per pay period, and dues deduction amount for all employees. On an annual basis, the Hospital shall provide to the Union the name, identification number (as determined by the Hospital), hire date, wage classification, wage rate, gross collective bargaining wages, and total annual dues deducted for all employees. The Union shall hold the Hospital harmless for any claim made as a result of the Hospital providing the Union with an employee's social security number and any action taken by the Union regarding an employee's social security number.

Bulletin Boards - Bulletin boards in the Hospital shall be made available to the Union for the purpose of posting business notices. The business agent for the Union or the employee designate shall have access at all reasonable times to such bulletin boards and to such other non-patient nonpublic areas to be designated by the Hospital to discharge the employee's duties as representative of the Union.

Probationary Period - The first ninety (90) days of employment of any new full-time or part-time employee shall be a probationary period, during which the employment of such employee may be terminated with or without cause. The probationary period may be extended for an additional thirty (30) calendar days on the following basis: The Hospital shall advise the Union in writing of the name or names of employees for whom such extension is desired. The extension request must be received by the Union no later than the eightieth (80th) calendar day of the probationary period of the employee involved. The Union may object to such extension by giving written notice to the Hospital within five (5) calendar days following receipt of the notice from the Hospital. If no such written objection is made, the probationary period shall be extended for the additional thirty (30) calendar days.

Labor/Management Meetings - The parties are in agreement that full cooperation and understanding between the parties and a harmonious relationship will promote efficient performance which is in the interests of the employees, the Employer and the Union. To this end, it is recognized that matters other than formal grievances may arise which may be appropriate to discuss in a Labor/Management meeting. Meetings will be held monthly by mutual agreement between the Union and the individual Hospitals or by mutual
agreement when the occasion arises for discussion and/or resolution of reasonable and appropriate subjects, with the Employer’s representatives and Union representatives in attendance.

(L) Job Descriptions – The Employer agrees to provide the Union copies of job descriptions for all classifications covered by Collective Bargaining Agreement once per year or when substantial changes occur.

Article 2 - Grievance and Arbitration

(A) A grievance is limited to a dispute or controversy between an Employee (or Union) and the Employer relating to the interpretation of or application of the express terms and provisions of this Agreement.

(B) Any grievance based upon the suspension or discharge of an employee shall be referred directly to Step 2 of this procedure within fourteen (14) calendar days following the actual date of such suspension or discharge.

(C) The steps in the grievance procedure are as follows:

STEP 1 - The Employee, with or without a steward, will informally discuss the grievance with the Employee's immediate supervisor.

STEP 2 - If the grievance is not resolved under Step 1, it shall be reduced to writing, shall specify in detail the alleged violation of the contract and shall be received by the Hospital's Human Resource Department. The written grievance must be received by the Hospital within fourteen (14) calendar days following the date of occurrence. A grievance relating to pay shall be timely if received by the Hospital within 30 calendar days after the payday for the period during which the incident giving rise to the grievance occurred.

Within twenty (20) calendar days following receipt of the grievance by the Hospital, representatives of the Hospital, the grievant (or mutually agreed upon number of representatives of a class grievance), and the Union (Business Agent and/or Steward) shall meet in an attempt to resolve the grievance. The Employer shall reply in writing to the Union within fourteen (14) calendar days after the date of the Step 2 meeting. The time for the Step 2 meeting and the Employer’s response may be extended by mutual agreement.

STEP 3 ARBITRATION – In the event the grievance is not settled in Step 2 of this Article, and in any event not later than twenty (20) calendar days after receipt of the Employer’s written response from the Step 2 meeting, either the Union or the Employer shall have the right to submit the grievance to arbitration.
The Hospital and the Union shall attempt to agree on a neutral arbitrator, who shall hear and determine the dispute. If no agreement is reached, the arbitrator shall be selected from a list of nine (9) neutral arbitrators to be submitted to the parties by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. The parties shall proceed to select an arbitrator alternatively striking names from the list. The parties shall flip a coin to see who shall delete first.

Only the Union or the Employer shall have the right to take a grievance to arbitration.

The arbitrator shall meet at a time and place agreeable to the parties, and proceed to hear the parties and the witnesses as soon as is reasonably possible. The authority of the arbitrator shall be limited to making an award relating to the interpretation of or adherence to the written provisions of this Agreement, and the arbitrator shall have no authority to add to, subtract from or modify in any manner the terms and provisions of the Agreement. The award of the arbitrator shall be confined to the issues raised in the grievance, and the arbitrator shall have no power to decide any other issues. The fees and expenses of the neutral arbitrator shall be divided equally between the Hospital and the Union. The award of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the Union, the Hospital and the individual Employee filing the grievance.

The time limitations set forth herein relating to the time for filing a grievance and the demand for arbitration shall be mandatory. Failure to follow said time limitations shall result in the grievance being permanently barred, waived and forfeited and it shall not be submitted to arbitration. The time limitations provided herein may be extended by mutual written agreement of the parties.

(D) If the Union has made a timely request for arbitration, the parties may mutually agree to enter into mediation as an alternative means to resolve the controversy. Mediators from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service shall be used unless the parties mutually agree to another source. No official records of the mediation sessions will be kept or distributed except that any agreement reached shall be reduced to writing. At such time that either party or the mediator involved determine that agreement cannot be reached, the controversy may be submitted for arbitration pursuant to this Article. No discussions, actions, proposals, or anything said or done by either party or the mediator, either verbally or in writing, may be presented to the arbitrator.

(E) In the event that the Employer deliberately violates the provisions of this Agreement relating to wages, hours of work, seniority rights, job classifications or titles, overtime differentials and vacations, any back pay owed to the employees because of such violation shall be paid by the Employer at the rate of two (2) times the standard straight-time rate or overtime rates. It shall be
obligatory for the arbitrator to calculate any cost violations and render the double penalty decision where it is definitely and conclusively shown that such violation was deliberate. Reasonable evidence of clerical errors or honest mistake in interpretation shall exempt the Employer from the double penalty provisions, and in such case the Employer will be required to pay only the actual amount of back pay involved. This paragraph shall be subject to the above provisions of this Article.

**Article 3 - Working Conditions**

(A) **Dining – Locker Facilities** – Where employees bring their lunch, a dining room and locker facilities shall be available for their convenience.

(B) **Accidental Breakage** - Employees shall not be held liable for accidental breaking of equipment during the course of their duties. However, this shall not apply to an employee who continuously breaks equipment due to carelessness or negligence.

(C) **Break Periods** - All employees shall be allowed, without reduction in pay, fifteen (15) minutes relief in each four (4) hour period. The above fifteen (15) minute rest period shall be included in the regular workday. Should taking a break not be possible because of workloads, the employee shall notify his/her supervisor immediately.

(D) **Maintenance of Benefits** - Where wages, hours and other conditions specifically covered by this Agreement are lower than those now received by an individual employee, such employee shall not have such conditions reduced by the execution of this Agreement.

**Article 4 - Hours of Work and Overtime**

(A) **Workweek and Overtime** - The regular workweek for all employees shall be forty (40) hours. Eight (8) hours shall constitute a day's work to be completed within nine (9) consecutive hours. No employee shall work more than seven (7) consecutive days in a two-week period. If an employee is required to work in excess of eight (8) hours per day, or in excess of eighty (80) hours in a consecutive two-week period, or in excess of eight (8) consecutive hours, or on any day scheduled as a day off for such employee, overtime at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the employee's regular straight-time hourly rate shall be paid for such overtime hours. An employee required to work in excess of twelve (12) consecutive hours shall receive double time the employee's regular straight time hourly rate for such excess time worked. Employees who agree to work an additional four (4) hours or more beyond their regular shift shall receive
a meal coupon worth five dollars ($5.00). Employees working a double shift shall receive pay for sixteen (16) hours at the applicable rate.

In any case where any employee is now working less than seven (7) consecutive days, no such employee shall be required to work more consecutive days than are now being worked by such employee, except upon payment of overtime at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the straight-time hourly rate of such employee for work performed on the sixth (6th) and/or seventh (7th) consecutive workdays which is in excess of the number of consecutive workdays now worked by such employee. This provision shall not apply to any employee heretofore working a schedule including nonconsecutive days off who shall elect, under the terms as hereinafter provided, to work a schedule providing for consecutive days off.

**Scheduling Pattern** - The general pattern of scheduling shall be such that all employees shall have at least two (2) Sundays off per calendar month, together with a day consecutive therewith, and two (2) consecutive days off during the alternate week. All employees shall have an absolute, unqualified right to elect to work pursuant to the general pattern of scheduling. Notwithstanding said right, an employee may, by mutual agreement with the Hospital, elect to work a scheduling pattern providing for nonconsecutive days off in the alternate week.

Where employees elect to work pursuant to the general pattern of scheduling, the Hospital may schedule the Sundays off for such employee on the basis of either a Saturday-Sunday or a Sunday-Monday combination. Where employees elect to work pursuant to a scheduling pattern providing for nonconsecutive days off in the alternate week, such employees shall have two (2) weekends (Saturday and Sunday) off per calendar month.

The scheduled workweek need not correspond to the calendar week, and the pattern of scheduling may be such that more or fewer than five (5) days of work are scheduled in one (1) week, provided that not more than ten (10) days of work are scheduled in any two (2) consecutive workweeks. The scheduling provisions contained herein shall not apply to part-time employees regularly scheduled to work forty-eight (48) hours or less in a two-week period.

**(B) Scheduling Guarantee** - Regarding departments which, as of July 1, 2009, are open, as a whole, less than seven (7) consecutive days, should the Hospital decide to increase the number of days the department is open, the Hospital will establish work week schedules giving preference to employees in accordance with seniority as far as practicable and consistent with proper Hospital management.
WorkWeek Schedules to Conform - Notices - Workweek schedules in conformity with this Agreement shall be furnished to the Union within fifteen (15) days of the execution of this Agreement. Any proposed workweek schedules shall likewise be in conformity with this Agreement and shall be furnished to the Union at least fifteen (15) days before the effective date of such proposed change. Upon request of the Union, the Hospital agrees to meet and confer with the Union before implementation of the proposed workweek schedule change(s). However, the Union's inability to meet prior to the implementation of the schedule change will not prohibit said implementation.

No Split Shifts - There shall be no split shifts; provided, however, the Union agrees it will make exceptions in this respect on the basis of individual hospital negotiations. Except in cases of emergency, employees shall not be required to return to work within twelve (12) hours following the end of the employee's regularly scheduled prior shift. Employees who agree to return in less than twelve (12) hours following the end of the employee's regularly scheduled prior shift shall be paid overtime at the rate of time and one-half (1 1/2) for the hours worked between the time of return and the end of the twelve (12) hour period. This provision shall not apply where employees trade hours or where the employee has requested the return in less than twelve (12) hours.

Overtime Scheduling - Employees shall not be required to take time off in lieu of overtime pay. To meet the above-scheduled hours, Sunday hours may be reduced. Work hours on Saturdays and Sundays shall not be increased by reason of anything contained in this Agreement.

Seniority Preference - Weekends - In the establishment of workweek schedules, the Hospital shall give preference to employees in accordance with seniority as far as practicable and consistent with proper hospital management. Employees with twenty (20) or more years of service will not be required to work weekends to the extent feasible and consistent with proper staffing.

Flexible Scheduling - The Hospital and an individual employee may agree upon a pattern of work schedules providing for work in excess of eight (8) hours per day. Work schedules established pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. An employee shall have an opportunity to review the alternate work schedule or schedules being considered prior to volunteering for flexible work schedules. The employee may limit agreement to specific types of flexible schedules. The Hospital shall retain written documentation that an employee has agreed to a flexible work schedule and of the type of flexible schedule to which the employee has agreed. An employee electing to work schedules under this section may revoke such election...
by giving the Hospital written notice of six (6) weeks or a period of time equal to the length of time normally covered by the Hospital's posted schedule of work hours, whichever is less.

(2) The basic work period shall be forty (40) hours per week. An employee shall be paid time and one-half (1 1/2) for work in excess of forty (40) hours per week rather than the overtime provisions set forth in this Section. Further, even though the total hours worked during a week may not exceed forty (40), an employee working in excess of the employee's scheduled workday shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1 1/2) for all excess time so worked, except that hours in excess of twelve (12) consecutive hours in a workday shall be paid at the rate of double time.

(3) Shift differential shall be paid for the entire shift for any shift where the majority of the hours worked occurs after 3:00 p.m.

(4) Sick leave shall be accrued at a rate proportionate to that specified in Article 6 for employees who are not working a flexible work schedule. Sick pay will be paid for the total scheduled hours lost and shall be deducted from accumulated sick leave at the same rate.

(5) Vacation shall accrue at the rate proportionate to that specified in Article 7 for employees not working a flexible schedule and shall be granted in a manner to provide an employee an equal amount of calendar time off as provided in Article 7.

(6) Holiday pay shall be based on the number of hours regularly scheduled under the flexible schedule.

(H) **Extra Hours** - The Hospital shall post a sign-up sheet prior to the posting of the work schedule whereby employees may indicate availability for specific extra shifts within their classification. Extra shifts shall be granted on a seniority basis first to employees for whom the extra shift would be on a non-overtime basis and then by seniority to employees for whom the extra shift would be overtime. Extra shifts shall be granted as provided in this Section before using temporary employees of outside employment agencies. A confirmed extra shift is one that has been offered and accepted. An indication of availability is not a confirmation of an extra shift. Individual hospitals shall meet with the Union to develop a policy that provides for the consistent application of this section including short-notice need.

(I) **Casual Work Agreement** – Casuals must work a minimum of one (1) shift per month if the Hospital has work available. Each Hospital may increase this requirement based on need. The Hospital will provide at least fifteen (15) days'
notice before any change shall be effective in the minimum number of shifts required.

(J) Posting of Work Schedules – The Hospital shall post work schedules a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days in advance.

(K) Except in the case of an emergency, an employee may not work more than 128 hours in any pay period, and this shall include the employee’s regularly scheduled shifts.

Article 5 - Holidays

(A) Premium Pay/Employee Preference/Day Off/Extra Day - All full-time employees shall be paid for the following nine (9) holidays if not worked: New Year’s Day, Good Friday or Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Labor Day, and two (2) personal floating holidays at times mutually agreed upon between each individual employee and the Hospital. To receive the two (2) floating holidays, employees must have completed one (1) year of employment.

Except for work on New Year’s Day and Christmas Day as described in the following paragraph, any employee required to work on any of the five (5) holidays, exclusive of the floating holidays, at the employee’s option, shall receive another day off with pay or in lieu thereof, be paid at the rate of double time for the work performed on such holiday. The holiday may be requested within a six (6) week period three (3) weeks before and three (3) weeks after the actual holiday.

New Year's Day and Christmas Day: For purposes of this Article, Christmas Day shall be deemed to extend over a 32-hour period from the start of the relief shift beginning on December 24 through the end of the relief shift which begins on December 25; and New Year’s Day shall be deemed to extend over a 32-hour period from the start of the relief shift beginning on December 31 to the end of the relief shift which begins on January 1. Hospitals currently commencing the holiday at 7:00 a.m. may commence the 32-hour period at the start of the night shifts on December 24 and December 31 respectively. All employees working forty (40) or more hours per pay period shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1 1/2) for all hours worked on Christmas Day and/or New Year's Day and shall be given eight (8) hours of compensatory straight time off for one (1) shift worked during the 32-hour period. Employees may elect to receive eight (8) hours pay in lieu of the compensatory day off.
Each employee shall be given an opportunity, in order of seniority, to express a preference prior to posting of holiday work schedules as to whether the employee should work the holiday or be off on the holiday.

Employees who are absent from work without good cause on a regularly scheduled workday prior to or after the holiday shall not be eligible for holiday pay. If any full-time employee’s day off falls on a holiday, then the employee shall, at the employee’s option, receive holiday pay for such holidays or in lieu thereof, an additional day off within a two-week period.

Employees who work on both Good Friday and Easter Sunday shall be paid holiday pay for only one of the two days.

(B) Part-Time Holiday Pay - Part-time employees regularly scheduled to work twenty (20) hours or more per week shall receive holiday pay for time worked on the holidays listed above, and shall also receive two (2) personal floating holidays subject to the provisions of paragraph (A) above.

(C) Part-time employees regularly scheduled to work less than twenty (20) hours per week shall be paid at the rate of double time for the time worked on the holidays listed in Section (A), excluding the personal floating holidays.

(D) If an employee shall be sick or disabled on a holiday, the employee shall receive sick pay as herein provided and be entitled to an additional day off in lieu of said holiday.

(E) Seniority Preference – Holidays - Any employee who has reached twenty (20) calendar years of service within the bargaining unit will not be required to work any of the seven (7) recognized listed holidays.

Article 6 - Sick Leave/Leaves of Absence

(A) Sick Leave – Full-time and part-time employees who are regularly scheduled to work forty (40) hours per pay period or more will accumulate sick leave on the basis of one (1) day per month prorated by FTE effective their first day of employment. This calculates out to .0462 sick hours accrued for each compensated hour. An employee’s unused sick time will accrue to a maximum of ninety (90) days.

Employees may not use paid sick leave for illnesses which occur prior to the completion of the probationary period.

Upon termination, an employee shall be paid a maximum of ten (10) days accumulated sick pay at the rate of one (1) day for each six (6) months
employment for which no sick leave is used. Such six (6) month period shall be from the last date sick leave is used.

To be allowed sick leave with pay, an employee must notify the employee’s department head of illness or disability at least one (1) hour (two [2] hours for the evening or relief shift and three [3] hours for the night shift) prior to the beginning of the employee’s working day or as soon thereafter as possible and shall submit proof of sickness or disability to the Employer, if requested, for employees who are in the disciplinary process for absenteeism or where the Hospital has a reasonable basis to question the employee’s absence. For purposes of granting or denying the payment of sick leave, request for proof of sickness or disability will be made in advance of the absence.

Full-time employees who have accumulated a sick leave balance of at least two hundred forty (240) hours may use up to eight (8) hours of sick time per calendar year for routine or well medical and dental appointments. Employees should make every effort to schedule the appointment at a time that best meets the needs of the department and must notify their manager at least two (2) weeks in advance of the appointment. The Hospital may require that the employee submit documentation of the appointment before granting the sick time benefit.

Sick leave benefits shall be based on length of service with the Hospital regardless of any changes of classification.

(B) Illness/Disability Leave - Upon completion of the probationary period as set forth in Article 1 (J) of this Agreement, an automatic leave of absence without pay shall be granted to an employee in the case of illness or physical disability, including pregnancy which exhausts accumulated sick leave. Such leave shall be for the period of illness or disability only. Such leave shall not exceed one (1) year in length. However, an employee who has been employed for less than twelve (12) months will only be eligible for an unpaid leave equal to the length of time from the employee’s date of hire up to the date of the leave request.

An employee shall be returned to the employee’s regularly scheduled position with full seniority and without loss of benefits upon certification by a competent physician of recovery from such illness or disability provided the employee returns from such leave within six (6) months of the commencement of such leave. An employee returning from such leave after six (6) months from the day of the commencement of the leave shall be returned to work in their former classification. The employee may then apply for open and available positions within her/his classification and/or may be returned as casual status until a position is obtained. However, if an employee returns to work after six (6) months from the commencement of their leave and the Hospital has not permanently filled the employee’s position, and it remains open and available at
the time the employee is ready to return to work then, in that case, the employee shall be returned to the position he/she held prior to the commencement of the leave. Sick leave payments as provided in this Article shall be made only during the period of actual illness or physical disability subject to the maximum payments provided herein.

(C) **Sick Kid Care** - Employees covered by this contract shall have access to the sick child care benefits on the same basis that it is made available to non-contract employees of Methodist Hospital and as modified from time to time.

(D) **Jury Duty** - When an employee receives notice of jury duty, the employee shall notify the employee's supervisor at once. The employee will be given leave for such jury duty and will be made whole for loss of pay during that period. The employee will report for work whenever the employee's jury duty does not conflict; provided, however, the employee will not be required to work later than 7:00 p.m. on any day the employee was requested to report for jury duty. Any reasonable rearrangement of work hours including re-shifting of other employees for that purpose will be made. In making the employee whole, the employee's wages will be computed as if the employee had worked on the first shift at straight time and be paid in full, therefore, minus the amount evidenced by the employee's jury check. In no event shall jury allowance be made in any one (1) year to an employee for over two (2) weeks of such service. Whenever considered necessary by the Employer because of the needs of the business at a particular time or the difficulty of substitution for the particular employee, said employee will cooperate with the Employer in requesting and obtaining a postponement of said jury duty.

(E) **Bereavement Leave** - A leave of absence of three (3) days without loss of pay shall be granted to employees in case of death in the family (parents, parents-in-law, grandparents, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, husbands and wives or domestic partners, step-parents. Step-children, step-brothers and step-sisters) for the purpose of making arrangements and/or attending the funeral or memorial service of the deceased. Such days off shall be consecutive with one of the days being the funeral or memorial service, unless different days are agreed upon between the employee and the Hospital. Such request for different days off will not be unreasonably denied. A leave of absence of one (1) day without loss of pay shall be granted to employees in case of death of brothers-in-law or sisters-in-law. If the funeral is at least four hundred (400) miles from the Twin Cities metropolitan area, one (1) additional day without loss of pay shall be granted.

(F) **Military Leave** - Employees shall be granted an unpaid leave of absence for temporary military training. An employee shall not be required to use accumulated vacation or a personal holiday during such leave.
(G) **Personal Leave of Absence** - Requests for leaves of absence for reasons other than illness, disability, pregnancy or jury duty shall be made in writing and a copy thereof sent to the Union by the Hospital. Such requests may be granted at the discretion of the Hospital.

(H) **Temporary Replacement for Leaves of Absence** - With respect to all leaves of absence, the Hospital may hire an employee to replace the individual on leave of absence on a temporary basis. The employee so hired shall be terminated upon return of the regular employee from the leave of absence.

(I) **Seniority During Leaves of Absence** - There shall be no break in seniority for a period of three (3) months of an approved leave of absence during which length of service benefits will be granted for purposes of wage increments, vacation or sick leave. For approved leaves of absence that extend beyond three (3) months, no length of service benefits will be granted but an employee will not lose service previously granted.

(J) **Eligibility for Leave of Absence** - This Article shall apply only to those part-time employees defined herein as scheduled to work twenty (20) or more hours per week and their maximum accumulation of benefits as set forth in this Article shall not be in excess of their scheduled number of hours in any two-week period bears in ratio to eighty (80) hours in the same two-week period.

**Article 7 - Vacation**

(A) All full-time and part-time employees who have a Hospital assigned full-time equivalent (FTE) status of .5 and above will accrue vacation each pay period (which will be available for use in the next pay period) according to the schedule set forth below:

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(B) The maximum number of compensated hours for which vacation will accrue is eighty (80) hours in a two (2) week pay period and 2080 compensated hours per vacation year. No vacation will accrue on hours above eighty (80) per two (2) week pay period or above 2080 per vacation year.

(C) In the column entitled “Maximum Vacation Balance at Any Given Time,” this number represents the maximum amount of accrued vacation that any employee may have on the books at any given time. For example, after five years of service, once an employee has 160 hours on the books, that employee may not accrue any additional vacation time until the employee reduces his or her vacation accrual to below 160 hours. At that point the employee will begin
to earn additional accrued vacation until the employee again reaches the 160 hour maximum. Employees will have until September 1, 2013 to bring his/her vacation balance down to the maximum vacation balance provided for in Paragraph A above.

(D) Additional vacation hours accrued as a result of reaching 15 or more years of service shall not be taken between Memorial Day and Labor Day unless agreed upon between the employee and the Hospital.

(E) MAY 1 ANNIVERSARY – Employees hired on or before November 1, 1974, shall have an anniversary date of employment of May 1 for purposes of vacation eligibility.

(F) While employees accrue vacation from their start date, an employee may not use accrued vacation until that employee has been employed by that Hospital for 180 calendar days.

(G) VACATION REQUEST/GRANTING PERIOD –

(1) Requesting During the Bid Period

The vacation year shall be April 1 through March 31. Vacation requests that commence within the period April 1 through September 30 shall be submitted during the period of December 15 through February 15. The Hospital shall respond by March 15. Vacation requests that commence within the period October 1 through March 31 shall be submitted between June 15 and August 15. The Hospital shall respond by September 15. Any Vacation Request that crosses over from one bid period to another must be a continuous vacation block. Alternative vacation bid periods could be mutually agreed upon for specified departments. All vacation requests made during this period that include a holiday must include two vacation days adjacent to the holiday. Vacation shall be awarded by seniority and shall be posted in each department.

(2) Requesting Outside of the Bid Period

Employees not submitting a request within the two bid periods shall submit their request at least two (2) weeks prior to the requested vacation, and it shall be granted in the order requested recognizing seniority if more than one employee makes a request on the same day. The Hospital shall respond within seven (7) calendar days from the time of the request made outside of the window period. Requests outside of the foregoing periods will be considered on an individual basis. All
vacation shall be granted subject to staffing needs. Vacation pay shall be paid to employees before leaving for their vacation.

(H) TERMINATION—PAID ACCRUAL — Employees who have completed at least one (1) year of service and who resign after giving the notice required by Article 9 or are laid off shall be given pay in lieu of vacation time so accrued and on the books at the time of resignation or layoff.

(I) ILLNESS OCCURRENCE — If an employee becomes ill or disabled during vacation, the employee shall be paid sick pay upon certification by a competent physician and shall receive the unused portion of such vacation during the vacation period specified in paragraph (G) of this Article.

(J) LENGTH OF SERVICE — Vacation benefits shall be based on length of service with the Hospital regardless of any change of classification.

(K) VACATION DONATION — An employee may donate his/her available and unused vacation based on the Hospital’s vacation donation policy as it may exist and be modified from time to time.

(L) Employees voluntarily transferring to a new classification/unit may not be granted previously approved vacation time without the resubmission to and approval of the new manager/supervisor of the new classification/unit.

**Article 8 - Seniority**

(A) **Definition** - Seniority will be determined by the employee’s most recent date of hire into a bargaining unit position at the employee’s current facility, regardless of any changes in classification within the bargaining unit. In the case of transfer within that facility to a bargaining unit position, seniority will be determined by the most recent date upon which the employee transferred into the bargaining unit. In the event two or more employees are hired into a bargaining unit position on the same date, the Hospital will establish seniority order between such employees by using either employee ID number or the last four digits of employee social security numbers. The Hospital will notify the Union in advance of which of the two tie-breaking systems it will use.

(B) **Establishment and Posting of Seniority List** - Seniority lists shall initially be established by verifying the employees’ most recent date of hire into the bargaining unit. There shall be no break in seniority during the period of a leave of absence.

(C) **Layoff and Recall** - In reducing the number of employees or in making a permanent reduction in hours, the Hospital will determine the number of
positions and/or hours to be reduced within a classification. Subject to the preceding sentence, layoffs and permanent reductions in hours shall be made in reverse order of seniority, except that special capabilities may be considered for positions requiring special skills. Employees shall be given fourteen (14) calendar days notice of layoff or pay in lieu thereof.

Laid off employees shall be given the opportunity to return to work in a previous classification held by such employee on the basis of the seniority the employee earned in the previous classification.

Employees shall be recalled in reverse order of layoff. Employees shall retain recall rights for a period equal to their accrued seniority up to a maximum of one (1) year.

(D) Reduction Other Than Layoff - In the event the Employer determines a need to reduce the number of employees scheduled on a particular unit and/or shift because of changes in staffing needs, the following order will be used:

(1) Employees will be required to take absent days on the basis of seniority within the unit on the scheduled shift, provided the more senior employees are qualified and properly oriented to perform the available work. A senior employee being reduced a full shift under this paragraph will be given the opportunity, to the extent practicable, to replace a less senior employee in the same classification on the same shift provided the more senior employee is qualified and properly oriented to perform the available work.

(2) Employees will be cancelled in the following order:

(a) Outside Staffing Agency Employees

(b) Overtime Shifts

(c) Bonus Shifts

(d) Voluntary Absence Days - Voluntary absent days will be requested from employees on the affected unit and/or shift in accordance with staffing patterns and procedures established for that unit and/or shift by the Employer.

(e) Extra Shifts – This will be done by reverse seniority between casuals and part-time employees.

(f) Low Need Days – When the need is not met by the above, then a full-time or part-time employee will have one of their regularly
scheduled authorized shifts (shifts that are part of their authorized FTE) reduced by reverse order of seniority.

(3) All eligible employees shall continue to accrue the following benefits when requested to take voluntary or mandatory absent days or for hours lost while serving as a member of the Union Negotiating Committee:

(a) Sick Leave
(b) Vacation
(c) Health Insurance
(d) Life Insurance
(e) Dental Insurance
(f) Salary Increments
(g) Seniority
(h) Pension

In the event a full-time employee has the employee’s hours involuntarily reduced under Article 8 (D) above, by more than a total of eight (8) shifts within four (4) consecutive pay periods, the Employer will review the staffing needs in the employee’s department and determine if layoffs are appropriate. Employees shall be given one (1) hour notice of an absent day to be taken under the provisions of the section. If the employee does not receive at least one (1) hour's notice, the employee will be given the opportunity to work a minimum of four (4) hours or receive four (4) hours pay in lieu thereof.

(E) Job Vacancies - Vacancies or new positions shall be awarded to the senior employee applicant where the employee currently possesses the necessary capabilities to perform the work. Qualifications for the job shall be posted by the Employer, and the posting shall include the shift and number of hours for the position. No employee shall be eligible to bid on a job vacancy or new position until the employee has worked in the employee's existing job for a minimum of one hundred eighty (180) days. The provisions of the preceding sentence shall not apply when employees bid on vacancies or new positions in the employee's same classification.

All vacancies shall be bulletined for a minimum of five (5) calendar days, and notice of the same furnished to the Union at the same time. Each Hospital shall develop a system to ensure that only applicants signing the posting during the five (5) calendar day posting period will be considered.

Temporary assignments may be made during such posting period only, provided assignments to a new classification may be on a temporary basis for ten (10) days.
If a question arises as to the capability of an employee to perform the employee's duties after the above herein procedure has been used, that question, and any other question incidental thereto pertaining to the employee's classification and rate of pay, shall be settled by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Union. If such questions cannot be so settled, they shall be settled by arbitration as provided in Article 2.

In filling vacancies or new positions, senior employees in the classification where the vacancy or new position is located shall be given preference.

If there are no qualified applicants in the classification where the vacancy or new position exists, qualified applicants from other classifications within the bargaining unit will be considered based upon bargaining unit seniority.

The Hospital will make reasonable efforts to complete a transfer of an employee to the new position within thirty (30) days, but no later than forty-five (45) days unless the Hospital and employee agree to extend this period of time.

(F) Temporary Vacancies - Notice of temporary vacancies shall be posted by the Hospital. Employees in the same classification may apply for the vacancy if it would result in an increase in hours. The position shall be awarded to the senior eligible employee making application. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a vacancy created by an employee taking a temporary position under the provisions of this section. An employee shall be returned to the employee's regularly scheduled position when the temporary job has been completed. When a temporary vacancy becomes a permanent position, the Hospital will repost that position.

Article 9 - Corrective Action/Discipline and Discharge

(A) The Employer shall not discharge or suspend an employee without just cause. Drunkenness on the job, bringing intoxicating liquor on the premises, use of drugs or dishonesty or infraction of rules directly affecting patient comfort or safety shall be considered grounds for discharge.

(B) Notice of Corrective Action/Discipline and Discharge - A written notice of any corrective/disciplinary action shall be given to the employee. Verbal warnings shall be confirmed in writing. A copy of any suspension or discharge notice shall be sent to the Union, and copies of verbal or written warnings shall be furnished to the Union upon request. The Union may file a grievance relating to such corrective/disciplinary action. Such grievance must be filed consistent with the Grievance and Arbitration Procedure, except that a suspension or discharge may be initiated at Step 2.
Disciplinary suspensions shall not exceed fourteen (14) working days.

Employee Notice of Quit - Any employee who wishes to quit shall give the Hospital fourteen (14) calendar days notice, in writing, of intention to terminate employment. The failure to give such notice shall result in the forfeiture of any terminal benefits that would otherwise be due the employee under the terms of this Agreement.

An employee charged with an offense involving discharge may be suspended without pay pending the hearing and decision on the charge. If the specified grounds for discharge are found to be justified, the arbiter may nevertheless suspend for a stated period of time without pay rather than uphold a final discharge. If the specified grounds for discharge are found to be unjustified, the employee shall be reinstated with full pay for the time of suspension and without loss of seniority or other rights and privileges.

Article 10 - Wages

The minimum wage scale for the classifications of work covered in this Agreement shall be as outlined in Appendix A, attached at the end of the Agreement.

First Year: There shall be a two percent (2%) across-the-board increase effective with the first full pay period commencing after March 1, 2018, for all employees who are currently employed on the date when the retroactive payment is made by the Hospital;

Second Year: There shall be a one and eight-tenths percent (1.8%) across-the-board increase effective with the first full pay period commencing after March 1, 2019; and

Third Year: There shall be a two percent (2%) across-the-board increase effective with the first full pay period commencing after March 1, 2020.

(1) Lead-Pay - If the Employer establishes a permanent lead person for any of the classifications listed in this Agreement, the rate of pay for such lead person classification shall be seventy-five cents ($0.75) per hour above the rate of pay for the applicable classification. The decision as to whether a lead person classification will be utilized shall be made in the sole discretion of the Employer. Any lead position shall be posted and filled in accordance with Article 8 (E).
Any employee assigned the duty of training another employee for a period of two (2) hours or more will be considered to be acting in a lead capacity for pay purposes.

(2) **Student Vacation Replacements** - Students may be hired as temporary summer vacation replacements for a maximum period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days during the period May 15 through September 15 of each year. Effective with the first full pay period commencing after March 1, 2018, for employees who are currently employed on the date the contract is ratified, such employees shall be paid a minimum rate of eleven dollars and nine cents ($11.09) per hour; effective with the first full pay period commencing after March 1, 2019, such employees shall be paid a minimum of eleven dollars and twenty-nine cents ($11.29) per hour; and effective with the first full pay period commencing after March 1, 2020, such employees shall be paid a minimum of eleven dollars and fifty-two cents ($11.52) per hour, but will receive no other benefits provided by this Agreement. If a student hired under this paragraph is retained after the September 15 date, such student shall receive credit for all seniority accrued from the date of employment. Consistent with staffing patterns, regular employees will be given the opportunity to request added hours to cover the need for vacation replacements.

(3) **Casual and Part-Time Employees Regularly Scheduled to Work 32 Hours or Less Per Pay Period** – Such employees shall be paid a minimum rate as set forth below:

Effective with the first full pay period commencing after March 1, 2018, for employees who are currently employed on the date the contract is ratified, such employees shall be paid a minimum rate of eleven dollars and forty-three cents ($11.43) per hour.

Effective with the first full pay period commencing after March 1, 2019, such employees shall be paid a minimum rate of eleven dollars and sixty-four cents ($11.64) per hour; and,

Effective with the first full pay period commencing after March 1, 2020, such employees shall be paid a minimum rate of eleven dollars and eighty-seven cents ($11.87) per hour.

A casual or part-time employee who works 1,000 hours during any anniversary year for that employee will receive the starting rate of pay for the employee's classification effective the first pay period after the employee has worked said 1,000 hours. In addition, a casual/part-time
employee who has accrued 2,080 compensated hours will be placed at the starting rate of pay for the employee's classification and in both cases such employees will thereafter receive length of service increases as provided in this Article 10.

The provisions of this paragraph shall apply only to the classifications of parking lot attendant, dietary aide, and all other classifications grouped with the dietary aide classification, and those department aides referred to in footnote 1 of Appendix A who are paid at the same rate as dietary aides. This Section shall apply only to employees hired on and after March 17, 1986.

The Hospital shall provide the Union a listing each month of the hours worked by all employees covered by this Agreement.

(B) A higher rate than the minimum pay set forth above may be paid to the employee if the Hospital so desires.

(C) Wage Increments – Full-Time/Part-Time - Length of service increases shall be based upon compensated hours excluding overtime hours and for purposes of Appendix “A” one year shall equal 2,080 compensated hours excluding overtime hours. For the implementation of this language, the 2,080 compensated hour requirement will be measured from the date of the employee’s last step increase for part time employees, and for full time employees it will be measured from the date the employee reached his or her last credited year of service. All step increases shall be effective with the pay period commencing after the pay period for which the employee reaches the 2,080 compensated hour requirement. In the event of a change of classification, the employee shall receive a wage rate in the new classification based on said length of service, regardless of whether such new rate is greater or less than the rate in the old classification. Provided, however, that in the event of a voluntary change in classification where the lowest rate of the new classification is equal to or exceeds the highest rate of the old classification, the employee shall be placed at the lowest increment scale of the new classification and will accrue further increments from the date the employee began work in said new classification.

(D) Length of service increases shall be applicable to all regular employees in the classifications as listed in Appendix A, working four (4) or more hours per day.

(E) Shift Differential – Employees who work the second shift shall receive a shift differential of sixty cents ($0.60) per hour. Employees who work the third shift shall receive a shift differential of eighty-five cents ($0.85) per hour. The second (2nd) shift and third (3rd) shift shall be any full-time shift commencing at or after 1:00 pm and ending at or before 7:30 am.
(F) Weekend Premium Pay - Full-time and part-time employees with a minimum of ten (10) years of employment since their most recent date of hire shall receive twenty-five cents ($.25) per hour for any of the six (6) consecutive weekend shifts starting with the Saturday morning day shift.

(G) Advance Notice – Four Hour Work Guarantee - Employees required to report for work will be guaranteed at least four (4) hours work. Any work over four (4) hours shall be paid for at the regular rate. The foregoing provision shall not apply to any employee who desires to, or prefers to, work less than four (4) hours.

(H) On-Call Pay Rate - Employees who are notified or alerted to be "On-Call" shall receive three dollars and fifty cents ($3.50) per hour pay for any hours awaiting such call.

(I) Definite paydays shall be established, preferably semimonthly, if possible. An employee shall be permitted to know on what basis the employee's pay is arrived at and shall be given reasonable evidence of the accuracy of the computation of the employee's total take-home pay, if requested. An employee whose regular day off falls on a payday shall receive the employee's paycheck, if available, on the last scheduled workday before such payday. Five (5) working days shall be allowed the Employer to make up and distribute the payroll.

(J) Payroll Error - An Employer payroll error amounting to fifty dollars ($50.00) or more in gross pay shall be corrected within two (2) working days (Monday-Friday) from the time the employee requests a correction.

(K) Weekend Bonus - Full-time and regularly scheduled part-time (40 hours per pay period) employees shall be paid a twenty-five dollar ($25.00) bonus for each full extra shift worked. Employees working shifts of more than four (4) hours but less than eight (8) hours shall receive a prorated bonus. The provisions of this section shall apply to all shifts worked between 3:00 pm Friday and 7:00 am Monday. The weekend bonus shall not be paid if additional shifts are worked as a result of employees voluntarily exchanging hours.

(L) Longevity Bonus – Effective March 1, 2002 all employees who have achieved twenty (20) calendar years of employment shall receive an annual bonus of five dollars ($5.00) for each year worked. Such bonus shall be prorated to an employee’s work agreement.
Article 11 - Health and Welfare Benefits

(A) Hospitalization/Medical and Surgical Benefits - Full-time and part-time employees regularly scheduled to work twenty (20) hours or more per week may elect to be covered under the Hospital's non-contract hospitalization medical and surgical program as it may be amended from time-to-time by the Hospital.

(1) Employee Coverage - The Hospital shall pay toward single employee coverage eighty-five percent (85%) of the monthly rate.

(2) Dependency Coverage - All eligible employees may elect to be covered by the dependency provisions of the plan. The Hospital will contribute 75% of the total cost of dependency coverage (employee and dependent). The amount to be paid by the Hospital shall be applied to any plan selected by the employee if more than one option is available.

(3) HMO Coverage - The Hospital may offer employees any health maintenance organization (HMO) plan, and the dollar amount employees are eligible to have applied toward the non-contract plan may be applied to such HMO.

(4) Employees shall be eligible for the coverage provided in this section after completing sixty (60) days of employment.

(5) Employees retiring at age fifty-eight (58) or older with at least ten (10) or more years of service who also draw pension benefits shall have an option to continue existing coverage under the health insurance plan. Employees who carry family coverage may elect to reduce coverage to single or single plus one. Employees shall pay the complete cost of the health insurance premium. Eligibility will continue until Medicare eligible or a voluntary break in coverage occurs.

(B) Short-Term Disability - All full-time and part-time employees regularly scheduled sixty-four (64) hours or more per pay period shall receive fifty percent (50%) of their gross weekly wages per week commencing on the twentieth (20th) day of a disability or after all available sick leave has been utilized, whichever occurs later. Disability payments shall be made for a maximum period of twenty-six (26) weeks.

(C) Life Insurance - The Hospital shall provide and pay the cost of a group life insurance plan providing fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) in coverage to all full-time and part-time employees regularly scheduled to work twenty (20) hours or more per week. All such employees must have completed at least sixty (60) days
of employment. The life insurance benefits outlined in this Article are subject to reductions post age sixty-five (65).

(D) **Dental Insurance** - The Hospital will pay the full cost of a single employee dental insurance program for full-time and part-time employees who are regularly scheduled to work twenty (20) hours or more per week. Eligible employees shall be covered after completing six (6) months of continuous service with the Hospital. The Hospital will make available to employees a family dental option to be paid by the employee.

(E) **General** - All health and welfare benefits provided in this Article shall be subject to coordination of benefits. The Hospital shall furnish to the Union a list of the employees for whom such benefits are provided and shall notify the Union when any employees are added to or dropped from the list.

Application forms for such coverage and claim forms for such benefits shall be supplied to the Union by the Hospital.

**Article 12 - Pension Benefits**

(A) Pension contributions shall be provided to the existing Twin City Hospital Workers Pension Fund in the following manner:

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(B) The Hospital shall pay from the employee's date of hire to said pension fund, the above amount for each hour worked by each employee covered by the terms of this Agreement. Payment shall be made periodically for periods not to exceed one (1) month, at such times as shall be agreed to between the parties. In computing and determining the number of hours worked by any employee under this Article, all time off from work on paid sick leave, paid Jury leave, paid funeral leave, paid holidays, paid vacation or any other compensated hours shall be counted as hours worked by the employee.

The Hospital shall furnish the following information to said pension plan: Employee name, address, date of hire, birthdate, and social security number. The Hospital shall also furnish to the pension fund on a monthly basis a list of all hours worked by each compensated employee covered by this Agreement. The Union shall hold the Hospital harmless for any claim made as a result of the Hospital providing the Union with an employee’s social security number and any action taken by the Union regarding an employee’s social security number.
(C) The payments made shall be used to provide pension benefits for covered employees and shall apply to employees retiring on or after January 1, 1966. The amounts paid to the pension fund shall be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of all covered employees.

(D) The pension fund shall be administered by a Board of Trustees initially consisting of six (6) members. Three (3) shall be designated by the Union and three (3) by the Hospitals' representative, Metropolitan Healthcare Partnership (MHP). In the event other hospitals, not members of MHP, become contributing employers to the pension fund and there is agreement that such hospitals shall be represented on the Board of Trustees, the number of trustees shall be modified to provide for such representation. Provided, however, that in all events the number of Union trustees shall equal those designated by the Hospitals. All action of the trustees shall be by unit vote with the Hospital trustees collectively casting one (1) vote and the Union trustees collectively casting one (1) vote. The parties shall forthwith amend the provisions of the existing Pension Trust Agreement and Pension Plan to incorporate the changes in the method of administration provided in this Section.

There shall be an annual meeting of the trustees and such other meetings as they may determine.

An annual audit of the pension fund shall be conducted by a certified public accountant, who shall be selected by mutual agreement of the Union and the Hospitals. If no such selection has been made within sixty (60) days of the date hereof, selection shall be made as provided for in Article 2.

The trustees shall apply all funds received pursuant to this Article exclusively to provide pension funds, except such disbursements as are specifically provided for herein. They shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in connection with their duties as trustees. They may authorize payment of reasonable expenses of administration of the fund, including such fees and services as are directly related to the pension fund.

(E) Employees covered by this Agreement shall automatically be members of the pension fund upon submission by the Employer to the pension fund of such information as may be necessary for pension purposes. The trustees thereupon shall certify the facts of such membership to the Hospital and the covered employee. No application, enrollment or other kind of action shall be required of any such employee as a condition to coverage or membership within the pension fund.
Any unresolved dispute arising out of the action, or inaction, of the trustees, or the operation of the pension fund, shall be submitted to arbitration upon prompt written notice by the parties. Such notice shall set forth the nature of the dispute and request submission thereof to a neutral arbitrator. The effect of any proposed action by the trustees, or any proposed operation of the pension fund shall be suspended, upon giving such notice, until determined by the neutral arbitrator. The neutral arbitrator shall be designated by agreement of the parties. If no agreement is reached on the selection of the neutral arbitrator, the arbitrator shall be selected from a list of eleven (11) neutral arbitrators to be submitted to the parties by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service using the panel for the Metropolitan Minneapolis/St. Paul Area in the fashion as a neutral arbitrator is selected using Step 3 of Article 2 of this Agreement. The parties shall then alternately delete names from this list until one name remains. The remaining person shall then serve as the neutral arbitrator. The decision of the neutral arbitrator shall be final and binding on all parties. The fees and expenses of the neutral arbitrator shall be paid as an expense of administration of the pension fund.

Article 13 - Social Security Benefits

The Hospital and the Union shall cooperate and perform all acts necessary to insure coverage of any employees eligible for benefits under the Federal Social Security Act of said benefits which may now or hereafter be applicable to any employee.

Article 14 - Health and Safety

(A) It shall be the policy of the Hospital that the safety of the employees, the protection of work areas, the adequate education and necessary safety practices, and the prevention of accidents are a continuing and integral part of its everyday responsibility. Further, the Hospital is committed to providing employees a work environment that is free from hostile, abusive and disrespectful behavior.

(B) It shall also be the responsibility of all employees to cooperate in programs to promote safety to themselves and to the public, including participation on committees and compliance with rules to promote safety and a violence-free workplace. Employee responsibility also includes the proper use of all safety devices in accordance with recognized safety procedures.

(C) The Hospital will make reasonable effort to provide employees with safe and adequate equipment, training (including hazard awareness), a safe working environment and safe facilities.
Bargaining unit employees designated by SEIU Healthcare Minnesota in such numbers as agreed upon by the Union and Employer may participate as members of the Hospitals Health and Safety Committee (or a comparable committee addressing health and safety issues). The function of the Committee shall be to make recommendations on such health and safety matters as infectious diseases, chemical hazards, security and physical safety, radiation and education.

(D) SEIU Health and Safety concerns will be addressed either through the Hospital’s existing Health and Safety Committee (See Article 14) or as a component of the Hospital’s Labor Management Committee (LMC) as a standing agenda item. These concerns may include the consideration and development of recommendations on health and safety matters. The Hospital will cooperate in providing relevant background information to the LMC or Health and Safety Committee.

An SEIU member of the Hospital’s Health and Safety Committee will be allowed to participate in OSHA and other regulatory inspections upon the request of the inspecting agency and to make such recommendations as provided by state or federal law and consistent with Article 14.

(E) When it is determined that an employee has suffered an exposure in the workplace to an infectious agent, hazardous chemical agent, or harmful physical agent and, as a result, is not permitted to work by the Hospital or by an appropriate regulatory agency the employee shall be kept whole for loss of salary and benefits, including pension and seniority, until such time as the employee becomes eligible for workers’ compensation or disability insurance. The employer further agrees that such an absence shall not be used for discipline or any other purpose under the employer’s attendance policy.

If a quarantine directed by a state or federal agency is due to a workplace exposure and the quarantine results in the employee being unable to leave the hospital, the Hospital shall provide room and board without charge for the duration of the quarantine. The employee shall be reimbursed for mutually agreed upon reasonable expenses incurred as a direct result of the quarantine.

(F) The Hospital will have a trained response team which will respond to all emergency situations where physical violence or the threat of physical violence occurs. A process will be developed to record and report these incidents and review them in the Hospitals’ Health and Safety Committee.

The Hospital will encourage employees who are victims of confirmed assault in the workplace to recognize the potential emotional impact and will offer counseling or other delayed stress debriefing.
When it is confirmed that an employee has been assaulted at work and is unable to continue working the employee will be given the opportunity to be free from duty without loss of pay for the remainder of that shift.

(G) The parties agree to comply with Minnesota Statutes 182.654, Subd. 11. Refusal to work under dangerous conditions.

**Article 15 - Staffing Committee**

Employees and Management, in departments where it may be desirable, shall have the opportunity to participate on a joint committee dealing with staffing issues.

**Article 16 - No Strike/No Lockout**

There shall be no strikes or lockouts, of any kind whatsoever, during the term of this Agreement. The prohibition against strikes and lockouts shall be absolute and shall apply regardless of whether a dispute is subject to arbitration under the grievance arbitration provisions of Article 2.

**Article 17 - Educational Development**

(A) The Hospital shall pay full-time employees and part-time employees regularly scheduled to work twenty (20) hours or more per week minimum reimbursement in the amount of seventy-five percent (75%) of tuition and required fees and books up to two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500) per year for educational development under the following circumstances:

1. The employee must apply in advance in writing, specifying the course, institute, workshop, in-service training, or class the employee wishes to attend.

2. Such education must be health care related, job classification related, or future job classification related and approved by the Hospital.

3. Payment shall be made upon satisfactory completion of the approved educational unit.

4. An employee must remain in the employ of the Hospital for a period of six (6) months after the completion of the education. Provided, nevertheless, that employees shall repay the Hospital any reimbursement they have been paid hereunder to the extent that they do not continue to, or make themselves available to return to, work at the Hospital for at least six (6) months after the completion of the educational unit. Any...
amount due the Hospital under this Section may be deducted from the employee's final paycheck.

(B) Any education required by the Hospital subsequent to employment shall be provided during hours compensated pursuant to the contract Agreement and with the expense thereof paid by the Hospital.

(C) Newly accredited Nursing Assistants shall be reimbursed for certification costs upon completion of their probationary period. This amount will be deducted from their annual educational allowance.

Article 18 - Uniform Allowance

(A) Uniform Allowance - If the Hospital requires, suggests or in any way indicates the desirability or requirement of wearing apparel of a particular color, pattern, design or material, then the Employer shall furnish the same without cost to the employee or pay to such employee a uniform allowance as follows:

(1) Initial Uniform Allowance Upon Hire – All new employees hired in job classifications in which uniforms are required and who are regularly scheduled to work twenty (20) or more hours per week shall receive an initial uniform allowance according to this schedule:

- hired during March, April or May $120.00
- hired during June, July or August $ 93.75
- hired during September, October or November $ 67.50
- hired during December, January or February $ 41.25

(2) Annual Uniform Allowance – On March 1 following the initial date of employment, employees shall receive uniform allowances as follows:

- Full-time employees $130.00
- Part-time employees scheduled to work twenty (20) hours or more per week $100.00
- Part-time employees scheduled to work nineteen (19) hours or less per week (including casuals) $45.00

All uniform allowances will be subjected to the appropriate taxes.

Wearing apparel furnished by the Hospital shall remain the property of the Hospital. If the Hospital furnished wearing apparel of any nature as of March 1, 1963, the Hospital shall continue to so furnish without cost to the employee.
If the Hospital requires the employee to wear an identifying device of any nature, such device shall be furnished initially by the Hospital without cost to the employee. The responsibility for repair or replacement thereof shall be on the employee at the employee's expense.

Article 19 - Management Rights

Except as specifically limited by the express provisions of this Agreement, the management of the Hospital, including but not limited to, the right to hire, lay off, promote, demote, transfer, discharge or discipline for just cause, require observance of reasonable Hospital rules and regulations direct the working forces and to determine the materials, means and the type of service provided, shall be deemed the sole and exclusive functions of management.

Article 20 - Effect of Headings

The headings of all articles, paragraphs and subparagraphs of this agreement are inserted for convenience for reference only, and shall not affect the construction, or interpretation of this Agreement.

Article 21 - Duration and Renewal of Agreement

Except as otherwise provided, this Agreement shall be in effect from March 1, 2018, through and including February 28, 2021. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect from year to year thereafter, unless either party shall notify the other party, in writing, at least ninety (90) days prior to March 1, 2021, or March 1 of any year thereafter of its intention to change, modify or terminate this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned have caused this Agreement to be executed the day and year first above written.

PARK NICOLLET METHODIST HOSPITAL

By

Katie

Date

February 15, 2018

VP, Human Resources

SEIU HEALTHCARE MINNESOTA

By

Date

February 28, 2018

President
Letter of Understanding No. 1

This is to confirm this agreement reached during the 1991 negotiations which is to be included in a letter of understanding:

It is agreed that each Hospital reserves the right to establish and modify parking charges for the life of the current contract. The Union reserves its right to negotiate with respect to this issue in future contract negotiations.

This letter of understanding will be executed by both parties.

Executed this 10th day of December, 1993.

s/ Arthur LaPoint
Vice President Human Resources

s/ Dianne Edwards
Business Representative
Letter of Understanding No. 2

This is to confirm this agreement reached during the 2003 negotiations regarding diversity:

The Union and the Hospital hereby affirm their commitment to diversity and equal opportunity for all. No one will be discriminated against on the basis of gender, race, national origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation, or service in the armed services of the United States.

The Union and Hospital extend an open invitation to interested employees to participate in local hospital diversity efforts/committee. Such participants will work collaboratively with their supervisor to achieve time away from work to attend such meetings.

Signed this ___ day of ___ December, 2003.

s/ Arthur LaPoint
Arthur LaPoint
Vice President Human Resources

s/ Dianne Edwards
Dianne Edwards
Business Representative
Letter of Understanding No. 3
between
SEIU Local 113 and Methodist Hospital

During the 2000 negotiations, the parties agreed that certain classifications listed in the bargaining agreement were no longer utilized or titles changed to reflect today’s environment.

While agreeing to remove certain classifications no longer utilized, SEIU Healthcare Minnesota is not waiving any representational rights to these classifications should they be reintroduced into the workplace.

s/ Arthur LaPoint
Arthur LaPoint
Vice President Human Resources

s/ Dianne Edwards
Dianne Edwards
Business Representative

Date 12/10/03

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## Appendix A - Wages

### Methodist Wages – Effective with the first full pay period commencing after March 1, 2018

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