



IBHS Update November 20, 2021

We had great turnout for our solidarity strike, which started before the sun came up and culminated in a powerful march through downtown Oakland for a rally outside Kaiser's corporate headquarters.

We were joined on the picket lines and in the streets by nurses and engineers, who expressed their appreciation for our solidarity strike. We also had many elected officials and community allies speak at our rallies on every picket line.



Click [here](#) for a full report on the strike, including a round-up of news coverage as well as photos and videos of picket lines and our march.

In addition to coverage of our strike, KGO radio in the Bay Area conducted a live interview with Kaiser therapist Brandi Plumley about SB 221, our landmark mental health bill that goes into effect next year.

Asked about there being a shortage of mental health clinicians, as Kaiser claimed in its official statement about Friday's strike, Brandi responded, "There is not currently a shortage of therapists in California, but a shortage of therapists willing to work in a system in which they cannot provide their patients the care they need, and that system would be Kaiser, unfortunately." Click [here](#) to listen to the full interview.

Our best tool to make Kaiser comply with SB 221 is to document when patients can't be seen as often or as frequently as necessary. You can sign up for a documentation training session, by clicking [here](#). If you do not use Kaiser charting templates containing treatment planning language, you can sign up [here](#) for our training to file Objection to Assignment forms to document unsafe working conditions, poor staffing, and patient care concerns.