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## [kp-ibhs] Great article on Kaiser behavioral health

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Hi Tara,

With our open-ended strike starting on August 15, the timing couldn't have been better for **Capital & Main's blockbuster article** on why behavioral health clinicians are leaving Kaiser.

The reporters quote current and former Kaiser clinicians, as well as scholars, to debunk Kaiser's claims that it's providing adequate care and that appointment delays are due to a shortage of therapists rather than Kaiser's refusal to adequately fund behavioral health care.

This is the third in a series of articles on Kaiser behavioral health from Capital & Main, an award-winning independent investigative news outlet. It has also reported on **access issues at Kaiser** and profiled how **one Kaiser patient suffered** before finally leaving Kaiser to get the behavioral health care he needed. There have also been strong stories over the past month in the **Sacramento Bee about Kaiser's unwillingness to comply with California's new timely access law** and in the **Hawaii Star-Advertiser about Kaiser's accreditation being threatened** in Hawaii after clinicians filed a complaint.

These articles lay bare the reality of what's happening at Kaiser and why we're ready to take a stand in Northern California to make an HMO that's sitting on \$54 billion dollars finally provide ethical behavioral health care.

Clinicians in Northern California are urged to **declare your intent to strike and sign up for picket shifts** using your unique id

In Unity,

Tara

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