
[kp-ibhs] Latest strike news & Town Hall reminder

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PM

Hi Tara,

Our second strike-related Town Hall will be held at 7 p.m. this evening. Everyone should receive a call at 7 p.m. asking them to remain on the line if they wish to participate. If you don't receive a call or message, you can listen, but won't be able to ask questions by calling 540-409-4375 Ext.84321#

Two important updates:

1. We will be formally notifying Kaiser tomorrow that we plan to begin an open-ended strike starting Monday, Aug. 15 if our contract remains unsettled.
2. On Sunday, we informed the California Department of Managed Health Care, the agency that regulates Kaiser, of our intention to strike.

As you can see from the attached letter, which was also send to key political leaders, we are calling on the agency to convey in writing to Kaiser that Kaiser has the burden to arrange care for its patients during the strike and that it would be unlawful for Kaiser to cancel appointments or suspend behavioral health services as it has done during previous strikes.

The letter also calls on the agency to:

1. Require Kaiser to present a publicly-accessible detailed plan to maintain services during the strike.
2. Communicate directly to Kaiser members of their rights to timely care, including out-of-network care, during the strike and require to communicate the same message to members.
3. Aggressively monitor Kaiser performance in delivering behavioral health care during the strike and immediately penalize Kaiser for any violations.

We look forward to tonight's Town Hall and urge everyone to **declare your intent to strike and sign up for picket shifts**, using your Unique ID:

In Unity,

Greg Tegenkamp
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