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NOTIFICATION OF LABOR STRIKES AT NORTHERN CALIFORNIA KAISER PERMANENTE LOCATIONS

Please share with employees who are California's Valued Trust (CVT) members living in Northern California with Kaiser Permanente plans.

[Fresno, CA, August 15, 2022] –Kaiser Permanente has been informed by the National Union of Healthcare Workers (NUHW), which represents nearly 2,000 mental health professionals in Northern California, that it is planning for an open-ended strike beginning on August 15. In addition to the NUHW, Local 39, the union representing stationery engineers and clinical technologists, has also provided notice of a sympathy strike.

Kaiser Permanente is still actively negotiating and is committed to resolving the issues in order to reach an agreement.

Members and patients will continue to receive the care they need

Steps are being taken to make sure that members continue to receive high-quality behavioral health and other health care services during the strike. Kaiser Permanente medical centers and medical offices are set to remain open. A list containing the mental health and substance abuse clinics (and their phone numbers) that may be affected during this strike can be found here.

Urgent and emergency care will continue to be prioritized. Some nonurgent appointments may need to be rescheduled for another day or with another clinician. Any patient whose appointment may be affected will be contacted directly prior to the date of the appointment to ensure they receive the care needed.

Members can call (800) 390-3503 to speak with resolution specialists Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We will continue to monitor this matter and let you know of any new developments.

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