

Article 44 – Planning for the Future

In the instance of a change in status of the Hospital, and to the extent not otherwise addressed in this Agreement, the Hospital agrees to bargain all effects of the impact of potential sales, mergers, acquisitions, consolidations, future facilities, expansion, and employer initiatives through PPOs or HMOs on bargaining unit employees.

The Hospital agrees to act lawfully under the obligations prescribed under the WARN Act. When the employer considers a plan with respect to any of the foregoing issues, the Hospital shall inform the VFNHP at least ninety (90) days prior to the implementation of the plan and offer to discuss promptly the potential impact on the bargaining unit. Failure to complete discussions prior to implementation shall not prohibit the Hospital from implementation. However, the VFNHP shall have the right to negotiate all effects retroactive to the implementation.