Professional Agreement

between

Oregon Nurses Association

and

Samaritan Pacific Health Services, Inc.

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PREAMBLE

THIS AGREEMENT, between the OREGON NURSES ASSOCIATION, hereinafter called the "Association," and SAMARITAN PACIFIC HEALTH SERVICES, INC., 930 SW Abbey Street, Newport, Oregon, 97365, hereinafter called the "Employer" or the "Hospital," seeks to facilitate the achievement of the parties' mutual goal of quality patient care, by setting forth below agreed upon equitable employment conditions including a peaceful procedure for the resolution of disputes.

Nothing in this Agreement shall serve to reduce benefits enjoyed by nurses employed by the Hospital at the time of signing the Agreement unless such benefits have been reduced by negotiation.

ARTICLE 1 – NO STRIKE/NO LOCKOUT

1.A No Strike.

The Employer and the Association realize that a hospital is different in its operation from industries because of its services rendered to the community and for humanitarian reasons, and agree for the duration of this Agreement that neither the Association nor its agents or representatives nor any members of the bargaining unit shall call, authorize, instigate, encourage, condone, sanction or take part in any strike, work stoppage, sympathy strike, slowdown, or picketing (including "informational" picketing).

1.B No Lockout.

There will be no lockout of employees covered by this Agreement by the Employer as a consequence of any labor dispute arising during the period of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2 – DEFINITIONS

2.A Nurse.

"Nurse" is an individual who is licensed by the State of Oregon as a registered nurse and is employed by Hospital under the terms of this Agreement. A nurse is responsible for assessing, planning, ordering, giving, delegating, teaching, and/or supervising the care of patients, and for seeing the requirements and policies of the Employer are followed. This definition
shall not be interpreted as conferring supervisory status upon nurses under applicable labor laws.

2.B Regular Nurse.
"Regular Nurse" is a nurse who is employed by Hospital on a full-time or part-time basis. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, only Regular nurses qualify for any of the benefits under the remaining provisions of this Agreement, except those specifically applicable to Per Diem.

2.C Full-Time Nurse.
"Full-Time Nurse" A full-time nurse shall be defined as any nurse who holds a 0.9 FTE to 1.0 FTE and who is regularly scheduled to work thirty-six (36) hours per week to forty (40) hours per week.

2.D Part-Time Nurse.
"Part-Time Nurse" A part-time nurse shall be defined as any nurse who holds a 0.1 FTE to 0.89 FTE and who is regularly scheduled to work eight (8) hours per week to thirty-five (35) hours per week. For the purpose of determining benefit eligibility, nurses working 0.8 and above shall be granted benefits consistent with full-time employees as provided in Article 8. Nurses working 0.5 to 0.79 shall be granted benefits consistent with part-time employees as provided in Article 8.

2.E Per Diem Nurse.
"Per Diem Nurse" A nurse who is not assigned to an FTE but provides coverage on an intermittent or as needed basis. The hospital shall utilize Per Diem nurses to maintain adequate staffing levels during periods of high patient census, vacations, illness, and accommodating Regular nurses' work schedules. These nurses do not have a regular work schedule but must be available to work per department policy. This may require commitment to work a minimum number and/or type of shifts. Nurses who do not meet departmental availability obligations for a period of three (3) months may be terminated.
2.F  **Temporary Nurse.**

“Temporary Nurse” is a nurse employed as an interim replacement or for temporary work on a limited duration assignment which does not extend beyond three (3) calendar months. Upon request, the hospital will provide a list of nurses in a temporary capacity. If a nurse is subsequently hired into a regular bargaining unit position, hours previously worked will be applied to the introductory period.

2.G  **Introductory Period.**

"Introductory Period" is defined as the first six (6) months of employment. Graduate nurses who are newly hired into a specific internship or mentored program will commence the introductory period upon successful completion of applicable program.

2.H  **Annual Increment.**

"Annual Increment" is defined as the step increase awarded to the nurse on the first day of the first month following the completion of an employment year, or sooner as provided under Article 4 of this Agreement.

2.I  **Seniority Date.**

"Seniority Date" is the date on which a nurse enters the bargaining unit. If a nurse has the same seniority date the following methods will be used to break a tie:

1. Seniority within the Department;
2. Hospital Wide Seniority;
3. Seniority within Samaritan Health Services;
4. Date of the original Oregon RN licensure, and;
5. Lowest Oregon RN license number.
2.J **Hourly Rate of Pay.**

"Hourly Rate of Pay" is the nurse's rate of pay under 4.B, unless otherwise specified in this Agreement.

2.K **On Call.**

"On Call" is the period during which a nurse is expected to be available to the Hospital.

2.L **Charge Nurse.**

"Charge Nurse" is a nurse designated by the Employer to provide leadership support to a nursing department for one or more shifts, as a nurse.

2.M **Clinical Coordinator.**

"Clinical Coordinator" is a nurse who, within the nurse's department, assists both other staff and the nurse manager in the everyday function of the nursing unit.

2.N **Variable Shift/Position.**

"Variable Shift/Position" is a nurse who is assigned to work variable day shifts prior to 1259 or variable night shifts after 1300 or variable/variable shifts. Prior to starting, the nurse will have a signed document understanding that their position/shift is variable. A nurse assigned a variable shift/position will also be assigned to a full-time or part-time status, unless the nurse is a Per Diem.

ARTICLE 3 – RECOGNITION

3.A **The Employer Recognizes the Association.**

The Employer recognizes the Association as the sole and exclusive representative for collective bargaining purposes for all nurses employed by the Hospital, excluding supervisors, confidential employees, and registered nurses serving in an administrative capacity, nurse practitioners, CRNAs, certified nurse midwives, and registered nurses not working in positions within the definition of 2.A above.

A newly hired Registered Nurse, after the thirtieth (30th) day following attendance at New Hire Orientation, as a condition of employment, must:

1. Become and remain a member of the Association in good standing (ONA member), or

2. Pay to the Association a fair share amount, as determined by the Association Fair Share payer), or

3. Exercise their right of non-membership because of a bona fide religious tenet or teaching of a church or religious body of which the nurse is a member (Religious Objector). Registered Nurses must notify the Association in writing of a desire to change membership status. Such a request must be mailed to the attention of the Membership Coordinator at:

   Oregon Nurses Association
   18765 SW Boones Ferry Road Suite 200
   Tualatin, OR 97062


The Hospital agrees to deduct monthly dues and fair share payments in lieu of dues for those nurses who voluntarily authorize such deductions. The Hospital will promptly remit deducted monies monthly to the Association together with a list of nurses from whom deductions were made. In exchange, the Association agrees to save and hold the Hospital harmless from any damages or injuries which might occur through errors and omissions on its part in administering this clause. The Association shall indemnify and hold the Hospital harmless against any and all claims, demands, costs (direct or indirect), suits or other forms of liability which are related in any way to action taken or not taken by the Hospital for the purposes of complying with any of the provisions of this Article.
3.D Payment of Dues.

A nurse who objects to payment of dues or payment in lieu of dues to Association based on a religious tenet or teaching against joining or financially supporting labor organizations shall not be required to join or financially support the Association. However, the nurse, instead of such payments to the Association, will pay sums equal to the Association's 'payment in lieu of dues' amount to a non-religious charity. The nurse will either meet with an Association representative or send a written statement to the Association, to set forth the nurse’s objection(s). Upon request, the nurse will furnish the Employer and the Association with proof of such charitable payment.

3.E Monthly with a List of Bargaining Unit Nurses.

The Hospital will provide the Association monthly with a list of bargaining unit nurses that includes each nurse's name, employee identification number, address, FTE status, home unit, shift, level of seniority, year to date actual hours worked, date of hire and telephone number on file with the Hospital.

The Hospital will provide the Association monthly with a list of nurses who were added to the bargaining unit or left the bargaining unit that includes each such nurse's name, employee identification number, and telephone number on file with the Hospital, FTE status, home unit, shift and level of seniority.

3.F Orientation.

The Hospital agrees to allow ONA to hold at least one orientation meeting for represented employees per month. The Hospital will allow a period of up to thirty (30) minutes for a union representative, on paid time, to discuss the union with bargaining unit members. This representative must receive prior authorization from their supervisor to leave the department. This request will not be unreasonably denied. The Hospital shall inform each new hire of the date, time, and place of the orientation on the new hire's welcome letter. If the new hire fails to attend the orientation, it is the responsibility of the local ONA representative to notify the nurse manager.

The employer will allow designated union representative paid Union time when representing bargaining unit members at management called investigatory meetings. If requested by the nurse, the Hospital shall allow an unpaid Union representative to observe the disciplinary meeting.

ARTICLE 4 – COMPENSATION


Minimum wage rates for all nurses shall be as provided in the wage schedule as it appears below. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to prohibit the Employer from paying compensation above the minimum specified below or, if such higher compensation is paid, to reduce the compensation to no less than the minimum described in the contract.

4.B Wage Increases.

Effective the first pay period following ratification, nurses covered by this agreement shall receive an hourly rate wage increase of two and three-quarter percent (2.75%) on all steps on the wage scale.

Effective the first day of the first pay period following January 1, 2022, the hourly rate wage scale shall be increased by one percent (1%) on all steps on the wage scale.

Effective the first day of the first pay period following July 1, 2022, the hourly rate wage scale shall be increased two-point eighty-eight percent (2.88%) on all steps on the wage scale.

Effective the first day of the first pay period following July 1, 2023, the hourly rate wage scale shall be increased two-point eighty-eight percent (2.88%) on all steps on the wage scale.
4.C Per Diem Nurses Premium.

Per Diem nurses shall be paid a premium, in addition to the rates shown above, of fifteen percent (15%) in lieu of fringe benefits. Per Diem nurses shall remain eligible for all premiums, however, as any other nurse.

4.D Step Placement.

1. Start is the starting rate, except as provided in 4.D.4. Steps 1 through 8 shall be the rate after one year at the immediately preceding step, as further clarified in 4.D.2 and 4.D.3.

2. A nurse will qualify for movement to Step 9 through 12 after spending no less than two (2) years at the previous step and provided such nurse has worked no less than 2,200 hours for the Hospital at the previous step.

3. A nurse will qualify for movement to Steps 13 through 15 after spending no less than five (5) years on the previous step and provided such nurse has worked no less than 5,500 hours for the Hospital at the previous step.

4. Nurses shall be granted a step increase, as described above, on their anniversary date of employment, provided the nurse's performance is satisfactory by meeting or exceeding performance standards and provided further that the remaining provisions of this section are met. This annual movement to Steps 1 through 8 shall be provided only if the nurse has completed 1,100 hours since the nurse's last anniversary date. If on the nurse's anniversary date, the nurse has not met the 1,100-hour requirement, advancement to the next such step shall not occur until the payroll period immediately following the nurse's completion of the 1,100-hour requirement.

5. Eligible hours under all steps of the salary range shall be defined to include all time worked, all paid holiday hours, all PTO paid by the Hospital, or any scheduled hours that were not worked as a result of
Mandatory Absence time off. Eligible hours under this provision do not include regular on-call hours.

6. Newly hired nurses and transfers shall be hired at the most appropriate step on the wage scale, based on previous acute care hospital experience or experience of a similar nature. Other RN experience will be credited on a 2:1 ratio. Newly hired and transfer nurses will be placed on the SPCH scale at the step corresponding to the years of experience as referenced in the wage table above.

4.E Premiums.
On-Call Pay: On-call will be paid at the rate of five dollars ($5.00) per hour. Holiday on-call will be compensated at the rate of five dollars and seventy-five cents ($5.75) per hour. The on-call rate will be five dollars and seventy-five cents ($5.75) per hour for full-time and part-time nurses in for taking more than forty (40) hours of scheduled on-call in a pay period. Time actually worked when called in from on-call, beginning when the called-in nurse arrives for work, shall be paid at one and one-half (1½) times the nurse’s regular straight-time hourly rate of pay, in addition to any differentials that may apply pursuant to other provisions of this Agreement, for a minimum of three (3) hours. The nurse and the Hospital may agree in writing that the nurse is released from any part of the call-in without minimum pay.

4.F On-Call for Mandatory Absence Shift.
On-call for Mandatory Absence shall be paid as specified in Article 4.E. Time actually worked when called back to work while on standby for a Mandatory Absence shift, beginning when the called-in nurse arrives for work, shall be paid at one and one-half (1½) times the nurse’s regular straight-time hourly rate of pay, in addition to any differentials that may apply pursuant to other provisions of this Agreement, for a minimum of three (3) hours.

1. The call-in pay one and a half times (1½ times) does not apply if the nurse is called in to work at least one and one-half (1½) hours prior to the beginning of the nurse’s stated on-call time. In such case,
however, the nurse shall be paid a minimum of two (2) hours at straight time unless otherwise eligible for overtime.

2. A nurse may be placed on-call and given a delayed start time, only once during the nurse’s shift. A nurse who is given such a delayed start may be called back prior to the established delayed start time. Such nurse shall be paid the time and one-half (1½) call-back rate for the period of time beginning with the nurse’s arrival for work on the call-back and ending with the previously established delayed start time, provided that the nurse will receive at least the minimum three (3) hours at the time and one-half (1½) rate. No nurse would be required to work beyond the regular ending time of their shift without mutual agreement.


1. Evening shift differential will be paid at the rate of two dollars and twenty-five cents ($2.25) per hour.

2. A night shift differential will be paid at the rate of five dollars ($5.00) per hour. For Regular nurses working four to eight (4-8) years on night shift the rate will be five dollars and seventy-five cents ($5.75) per hour. For nurses working nine (9) years or more the rate will be six dollars and twenty-five cents ($6.25) per hour.

3. Nurses working hours on both evening and night shifts will be paid the differential based on the majority of time the hours are worked. Nurses working a shift that overlaps into evening or night shift will be paid shift differential only when a majority of their hours fall within evening or night shift and will be paid the differential for all hours of their shift. Evening shift is considered to be between 3:00 pm and 11:30 pm. Night shift is considered to be between 11:00 pm and 7:30 am.

1. For weekend work on which the nurse is not eligible for time and one-half or greater pay under a provision of this Agreement, a weekend shift premium will be paid at the rate of one dollar and seventy-five cents ($1.75) per weekend shift hour worked.

2. If a nurse works a weekend shift beyond their regularly scheduled weekend, the nurse will be entitled to receive time and one-half (1 1/2) the nurse's hourly rate of pay plus a twenty-dollar ($20) premium for all hours worked on that weekend. The following situations will not trigger the weekend premium:
   a. Nurses who work more than every other weekend by their request or trade. Weekend hours or alternate schedules may be arranged by mutual consent between the nurse and the Hospital.
   b. Educational workshop hours or PTO hours will not be counted under this paragraph.
   c. Nurses who have not worked all of their scheduled shifts within the pay period (unless there were involuntarily cancelled, given an MA, or because they had previously scheduled PTO prior to the schedule being published).

4.I Short Call Premium.

A Regular nurse called for unexpected sick calls or emergencies within twenty-four (24) hours, a Regular nurse will receive one and one-half (1½) times their base hourly wage.


A staff nurse who has met the eligibility requirements, received the additional training to act as a preceptor and who is assigned the duty, will receive a differential of one dollar and ten cents ($1.10) per hour for hours spent acting as a preceptor. Eligibility requirements are specified in the SHS Professional Development Policy “Preceptor Criteria/Guidelines”. Nurses who act as
preceptors will receive feedback on their annual performance appraisal related to such duties.

Any nurse designated to be an “acting house supervisor” by the Hospital shall receive a premium of three dollars ($3.00) per hour when working in this capacity.

4.L Charge Nurse.
Any nurse designated to be a Charge Nurse by the appropriate administrative person (or delegate) shall receive a differential of two dollars and twenty-five cents ($2.25) per hour for those hours worked in the Charge Nurse capacity.

4.M Clinical Coordinator.
Any nurse designated to be a Clinical Coordinator, by the appropriate administrative person (or delegate) shall receive a differential of three dollars ($3.00) per hour for those hours worked in the Clinical Coordinator capacity.

A certification premium of one dollar and fifty cents ($1.50) per hour worked shall be paid to those nurses who have achieved a state or national certification recognized in Appendix A which is applicable to a specific unit or department for which they are assigned. The unit/department manager shall approve all such certification premium requests, renewable at expiration with written proof of recertification. A nurse may apply only one premium to each nursing unit/department. Such information must be forwarded to Human Resources within three (3) months, or the differential will be discontinued.

4.O BSN/MSN Premium.
Effective the first day of the first pay period following ratification, any nurse holding a BSN will receive a differential of one dollar and twenty-five cents ($1.25) per hour. Any nurse holding a MSN will receive a differential of one
dollar and fifty-cents ($1.50) per hour. Nurses will be eligible for only one
degree differential. BSN/MSN diploma or transcript must be received in
SPCH HR for differential to begin. The differential will commence the first day
of the pay period following the date the diploma or transcript is received by
the SPCH HR.


1. An Extra Shift is a shift worked in addition to the approved schedule at
the request of the hospital and is paid at one and one-half (1½) times
their regular rate of pay.

2. To qualify for extra shift-pay, the part-time nurse must exceed a 0.8
FTE in worked hours (including Mandatory Absence time and Paid
Educational leave, PTO is not included).

3. In the event there is less work available than expected the:
   a. Nurse will be offered a minimum of three (3) hours of work at the
      appropriate rate of pay (including extra shift premium pay), or the
      nurse and the Hospital may agree that the nurse is released from
      any part of the extra shift without extra shift or minimum pay; or

4. Hospital may cancel a nurse who is scheduled to work an extra shift
   with at least one and one-half (1½) hours advance notice without the
   minimum pay penalty.

5. If a nurse is requested by another nurse to cover the second nurse's
   regular scheduled shift, extra shift pay will not apply. Approval by the
   manager is required for such a trade.

4.Q Average Number of Hours Worked.

Twice a year, in March and September, the Hospital will review the
average number of hours worked by each nurse. Nurses who
consistently work above their FTE may have their FTE designation
altered appropriately. Per Diem nurse hours will also be reviewed and
the nurse may be placed in an FTE position.

ARTICLE 5 – HOURS OF WORK

5.A Basic Workday.
The basic workday shall be eight (8) hours, ten (10) hours or twelve (12)
hours, excluding a one-half (1/2) hour unpaid meal period and a fifteen- (15)
minute paid rest period for every four (4) hours of the workday. For ten- (10)
or twelve- (12) hour shifts, the meal period may be taken any time up to and
completed by the end of the sixth (6th) hour of work. Different durations of a
nurse’s basic workday may be established by agreement between the nurse,
the Association, and the Hospital.

1. The Employer and each nurse are jointly responsible for arranging
meal and rest periods as herein provided; however, it is recognized
that at times interruptions cannot be avoided. If the meal or rest period
is interrupted, the nurse shall be entitled to time off in the same day
equivalent to the interrupted period to be arranged at a time that is
mutually agreeable to the nurse and the Employer. Charge nurses
shall facilitate or relieve for breaks and meals.

2. If circumstances require a nurse to work through a lunch period, the
full period shall be considered as time worked unless the lunch break
is granted later in that shift.

3. Access to food shall be available on all three shifts. The parties will
work together to improve the quality of the food offered on night shift.

5.B Basic Work Period.
The basic work period shall be forty (40) hours in a seven (7) day designated
work week or, by mutual consent of the nurse and the Hospital with prior
written notification to the Association, eighty (80) hours in a fourteen (14) day
designated pay period for those nurses working eight-hour shifts.
5.C  **Normal Scheduling**

Regular nurses shall normally be scheduled to receive every other weekend off, unless a nurse and the Hospital agree to a different schedule.

1. A weekend shall be defined as the calendar days Saturday and Sunday. For night shift, Saturday-Sunday shall begin at 1845 on Friday/Saturday.

5.D  **Overtime.**

Overtime is defined as work in excess of the nurse's scheduled or expected workday (but not less than eight (8) hours of work). All overtime shall be properly authorized. Overtime shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times the nurse's regular hourly rate.

1. Nurses employed in OR or PACU shall be paid time and one-half (1½) their regular hourly rate of pay for any work performed between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., and on weekends.

5.E  **Four-Week Work Schedules.**

Four-week work schedules for nurses shall be prepared pursuant to the following process:

1. Not less than five (5) weeks prior to the start date of the schedule, an initial draft of the schedule for each nursing department shall be posted.

2. During the first seven (7) calendar days following the posting of the initial draft schedule, nurses shall submit their availability electronically for required (Per Diem nurses) or extra (all nurses) shifts. The order in which shifts will be granted is as follows:

3. Per Diem nurses do not have a regular work schedule but must be available to work per department policy. Per Diem nurses who sign up under this section will be awarded available shifts on an equitable basis beginning with the most senior nurse.
4. After Per Diem assignments are made open, the Regular nurses who have submitted availability for shifts above their FTE electronically via the timekeeping software will be assigned in the following order:
   a. Shifts that do not result in Extra Shift Pay.
   b. Shifts that will result in Extra Shift Pay on an equitable basis beginning with the most senior nurse.
   c. Three (3) weeks (21 days) after the schedule is posted, unfilled shifts are then available to any nurse regardless of seniority on a first come first serve basis.

5. The final schedule for the department will be posted fourteen (14) calendar days before the date the schedule becomes effective.

6. Posted schedules, barring an emergency, shall only be changed by mutual agreement of the Hospital and the nurse. If the Hospital has no reasonable alternative to achieve needed staffing, the Hospital may require a nurse to work a revised schedule provided that such additions may not exceed the nurse’s regular FTE. Such changes in the schedule shall be made among the nurses on a rotating basis to the fullest extent possible.

5.F Mandatory Absence Definition.

Mandatory Absence (MA) is defined as low census situations requiring less staff than originally scheduled for the shift. A nurse who is placed on Mandatory Absence for a shift will receive PTO accruals as though the nurse worked the scheduled shift. Mandatory Absence will be allocated on rotational basis within units.

Among the nurses on the shift in the unit/department, nurses who volunteer at least four (4) hours before the shift start time to be Mandatory Absence will be considered for Mandatory Absence according to guidelines below. Any assignment of Mandatory Absence time to nurses under this provision will be
conditional on Hospital determination that the remaining nurses can perform the Mandatory Absence nurses’ responsibilities.

5.G Guidelines.
In the event of excess nursing staff numbers, which need to be reduced, the following guidelines will apply:

1. At least one scheduled nurse from each subspecialty shall be retained from each shift. Departmental staffing plans will be followed.

2. The priority for assigning Mandatory Absences will be to protect regularly scheduled shifts paid at the regular rate of pay.

3. In accordance with the above definitions and guidelines, temporary staffing reductions will be done in the following order:
   a. Volunteers on overtime, extra shift, or holiday pay.
   b. Volunteers on straight time who have picked up overtime, extra shift, or holiday pay during the pay period. The nurse is responsible for informing the supervisor that they have or will work overtime, extra shift, or holiday pay.
   c. Agency.
   d. Traveler RNs (if travel contract allows reduction with no cost. If, not, the Traveler will remain, and staffing reductions will resume with the letter “e” below).
   e. Interfacility float.
   f. Employees on overtime, extra shift, or holiday pay.
   g. Volunteers on regular time.
   h. Temporary RNs.
i. Per Diem staff (after Per Diem has met their department staffing plan requirements per Article 2.E).

j. Shifts above assigned FTE that are paid at the regular rate. The nurse is responsible for informing the supervisor that the nurse is working at a regular rate.

k. Regular and Per Diem (before Per Diem has met their department staffing plan requirement per Article 2.E) staff from a scheduled shift at the regular rate of pay on a rotational basis.

5.H Mandatory Absence.

When a nurse will not be needed from the beginning of the nurse’s shift, the Hospital will make an attempt to notify the nurse at least one and one-half (1½) hours prior to the nurse’s scheduled shift and will simultaneously document the attempt. If the Hospital does not attempt to notify the nurse at least one and one-half (1½) hours prior to the nurse’s scheduled start time, and the nurse appears on time ready to work but is Mandatory Absence for the entire shift, the nurse will be paid four (4) hours' pay.

1. When a nurse is placed on Mandatory Absence on a scheduled day, the Hospital may require the nurse to go on-call for the nurse’s scheduled shift at the appropriate on-call rate of pay. If the Hospital does not place a Mandatory Absence nurse on-call, the nurse shall not be paid on-call pay and is relieved of any further work responsibility.

2. A Mandatory Absence nurse who is “on-call” is considered on call for their department and then on call for other departments to which the nurse has been previously oriented. OR and PACU nurses who are Mandatory Absence from a regularly scheduled shift and placed on call for surgeries shall not be called back to the hospital to take a patient assignment. However, if such nurse is called back for a procedure whose length does not exceed the minimum call back
hours guarantee, the nurse may be assigned to suitable work for the remainder of the call back minimum period.

5.I On-Call Pay.
Nurses receiving on-call pay will remain accessible to the Employer and able to arrive for work in the time determined for the nursing unit or department, but not to exceed thirty (30) minutes of being called, unless a different time frame is agreed to by the nurse and the Hospital due to the distance between the nurse’s home and the Hospital. Call back pay begins when the nurse arrives for work.

5.J Unplanned Absences.
When unplanned absences in the work force, high census, or high acuity mandate a need for an increased staff, off duty nurses who are qualified and oriented for the duties to be performed shall be recalled to work. However, the Hospital is under no obligation to use overtime nurses, if nurses are available to work at straight time. No nurse will be paid for hours not worked in conjunction with the assignment or extra work. Employee will indicate to their manager their preference to be contacted by phone or text messaging. The first nurse who agrees to come in will be awarded the shift. Contact will be made in the following order.

1. On-call nurses or Mandatory Absence on-call nurses for their department.

2. Per Diem nurses, in order of seniority.

3. Regular nurses who have made themselves available for the shift.

4. Regular nurses who have indicated they are not available for the shift will not be contacted.

5. On-call nurses, if on-call for a specific department and not needed in that department, will be expected to be available to work in another department to which the nurse has been previously oriented, so long
as they are not given an assignment which would delay their ability to respond to a need in their department. Refresher orientation will be provided on an as needed basis.

5.K Nurses Not Assigned To On-Call Status.

Nurses not assigned to on-call status shall be guaranteed a minimum of two (2) hours pay when called in by a supervisor. The nurse may leave before completing two (2) hours of work, with the approval of the Hospital.

5.L Mandatory Meetings.

When a nurse must attend a mandatory meeting, staff meetings, classes/seminars, mandatory education or disaster drills the nurse will be paid their hourly rate of pay (or overtime if applicable) for a minimum of one (1) hour.

5.M Time and One-Half (1½) Payments.

Time and one-half (1½) payments shall not be duplicated or permitted for the same hours worked or paid for under any of the terms of this Agreement and to the extent hours are compensated for at time and one-half (1½) under one provision of this Agreement, they shall not again be counted as hours worked under the same or any other provision of this Agreement.


Nurses will not be regularly scheduled to work different shifts unless the nurse agrees to do so in writing.

ARTICLE 6 – HOSPITAL RIGHTS

6.A Right To Discipline.

The Hospital shall have the right to discipline and terminate the employment of nurses for just cause. Except to the extent specifically and expressly limited by a provision of this Agreement, the Hospital shall also have the exclusive right to operate and manage the Hospital and all parts of it, including, but not limited to, at any time hiring Regular, "Per Diem," and
temporary and contract (including "Agency" or "Traveler") nurses to fill any
open position, laying off for lack of work, assigning, establishing standards,
and generally performing and directing the performance of all tasks and
operations necessary in the operation of the Hospital to effectively, efficiently
and economically operate its facilities as a health care provider.

6.B All Rights Heretofore Exercised by The Hospital.

All rights heretofore exercised by the Hospital or inherent in the Hospital and
not expressly contracted away by a specific provision of this Agreement, are
solely retained by the Hospital. The failure of the Hospital to exercise any
function, power, or right reserved or retained by it, shall not be deemed a
waiver of the right of the Hospital to exercise such power, function, authority,
or right, so long as it does not conflict with an express provision of this
Agreement.

ARTICLE 7 – EMPLOYMENT STATUS

7.A Introductory Period.

All nurses are hired for an introductory period following their date of hire.
During this time, the nurse may terminate or be terminated with or without
cause and with or without notice or receiving accumulated benefits. The
introductory period shall be defined as the first six (6) months for all nurses.

7.B Regular Nurses Intent to Terminate.

All Regular nurses shall give Hospital not less than two (2) weeks written
notice of the nurse’s intent to terminate employment. Failure to do so forfeits
the nurse’s right to accumulated PTO for the number of working days, up to
ten (10), that were not covered by the nurse’s advance written notice to the
Hospital. PTO cannot be used in place of such notice.

7.C Employers Intent to Terminate.

Employer shall give a Regular nurse two (2) weeks written notice of its intent
to terminate the nurse’s employment, or, if less notice shall be given, then
the difference between ten (10) working days and the number of working
days of advance notice shall be paid to the nurse at the nurse’s hourly rate of
pay; provided, however, that no such advance notice or pay in lieu thereof shall be required for nurses who are discharged for conduct or Hospital rules violations which amount to just cause.

7.D **Upon Termination of Employment.**

Upon termination of employment, the nurse may have an exit interview conducted by the Strategic Human Resources Manager.

7.E **Suspended, Disciplined, or Terminated.**

A nurse who has completed the introductory period who feels they have been suspended, disciplined, or terminated without just cause, may present a grievance for consideration under the grievance procedure.

7.F **Advise in Advance.**

The Hospital shall advise a nurse in advance if it believes that information obtained at an investigatory meeting is likely to result in discipline of the nurse.

7.G **Employer Notifies The Association.**

The Employer shall notify the Association by telephone or in writing within seven (7) calendar days, excluding weekends and holidays, after a suspension or discharge; unless the nurse signs a waiver relieving the Hospital of the notification obligation and relieves the Association of the responsibility for acting on the notification.

ARTICLE 8 – HEALTH AND WELFARE

8.A **Eligible Full- and Part-Time Nurses Covered by this Agreement.**

The Hospital will offer eligible full- and part-time nurses covered by this Agreement the opportunity to participate in the Samaritan Choice Plans (including medical, vision, and dental insurance coverage) or substantially comparable plans in accordance with the terms of such plans and share of premium costs as offered to the majority of nonunion represented Hospital employees.
Nurses may opt out of medical/pharmacy benefits with proof of other insurance and receive $55.39 per pay period. Such proof must be provided annually to Human Resources. In addition to providing documentation, the employee must opt-out electronically in the benefits enrollment system annually.

Nurses shall be covered by State Workers’ Compensation Insurance or equivalent coverage shall be provided by Hospital.

8.C Premium Rate Determination.
The plan will not increase by more than ten percent (10%) from the contribution of the previous year.

The Hospital reserves the right to obtain substantially comparable health and welfare and dental insurance coverage through another carrier by first notifying the Association, in writing, thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date of putting into effect such new plan.

The Hospital’s obligation to make contributions to the health and welfare and dental plans which are incorporated into this Agreement are not an automatic commitment by the Hospital to continue to agree to make such programs available in future contracts.

8.F Eligible Nurses Covered by this Agreement.
The Hospital will offer eligible nurses covered by this Agreement the opportunity to participate in the Samaritan Health Services short- and long-term disability insurance plans, life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance plans, voluntary life insurance plan, and Section 125 plan, or substantially comparable plans as offered to the majority of Hospital
employees not covered by this Agreement in accordance with the terms of the respective plans.

8.G **Substance Abuse in the Workplace Policy.**

The Hospital’s existing Substance Abuse in the Workplace Policy will apply to all bargaining unit nurses.

8.H **Health Insurance Advisory Committee.**

Samaritan Health Services (SHS) will include a representative from the SPCH ONA bargaining unit on the SHS health insurance advisory committee within six (6) months of ratification. The SPCH ONA executive committee will establish a list of four (4) nurse candidates from the bargaining unit, from which the hospital shall make one (1) appointment to the committee. The nurse will be paid for time attending meetings. This time will not drive contractual overtime. The purpose of the committee will be to review claims experience, utilization and trends in the insurance industry. The committee will be a forum to provide and share information, ask questions, address concerns and make recommendations regarding the insurance plan. The committee will meet at least annually or more often as decided by the committee.

**ARTICLE 9 – PAID TIME OFF (PTO)**

9.A **Earned Time Off.**

The Hospital shall provide a program of earned time off, for Regular nurses, which can be used to meet the nurses' needs or desires for paid time off from work. The Paid Time Off program is a consolidation of, and in lieu of, sick leave, paid holidays, and vacation leave.

9.B **Time Off other Than for Illness.**

For time off other than for in illness, a nurse must submit a request to the immediate supervisor as far in advance as possible. The nurse must have sufficient accrued PTO to actually request time off. Scheduled PTO may be rescinded at any point if sufficient PTO cannot be accrued to cover the
requested absence. Once scheduled, the Hospital may not rescind PTO if sufficient PTO accrual exists to cover the requested time off.

9.C Requesting PTO.

A nurse may request PTO prior to the posting of the schedule but not more than twelve (12) months prior to the date when the schedule covering such time off is to be posted. Requests for PTO shall be considered on a first-come-first-served basis. If two (2) or more requests are submitted on the same date for the same time off and granting both of them would result in critical staffing shortage, the senior nurse will be given the time off. The staff member shall be notified of approval or denial within two weeks of the submission of a request. All requests shall be made in writing or electronically. Requests will not be unreasonably denied. Seniority preference may be exercised only once every other year.

9.D PTO Occurring During Certain Pay Period(s).

PTO which would occur during the pay period(s) containing Spring Break, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Christmas Eve and New Year’s will be arranged according to departmental staffing practices. Requests for these time periods will be granted by the manager on a rotational basis. Nurses will be notified no later than ten (10) weeks prior to the above-mentioned holidays.

A nurse may ask to rescind scheduled PTO prior to the date when the schedule covering such time off is posted. After schedule is posted, such a request for rescission may be granted if the department manager consents.

Once a schedule has been posted under 5.E.1, or if a PTO request exceeds the unit quota and a nurse wants PTO time off in that schedule period, a request for the time off will be considered only if the nurse has arranged for a trade or a qualified replacement who is eligible to work at the straight-time rate of pay.
9.E **Time Off Due to Illness.**
For time off due to illness, a nurse must notify the immediate supervisor as soon as possible of the illness and the need for time off. If the illness extends beyond one day, daily calls must be made to keep the supervisor informed.

9.F **Appropriate Payroll Process.**
Nurses must indicate using the appropriate payroll process the number of PTO hours for which payment is requested. The combined total of hours worked, and PTO hours cannot exceed the nurse’s normal working time in any given pay period, except for authorized overtime.

1. Nurses have the option of taking a day off without pay instead of using PTO when the nurse is released from work under the following conditions:
   a. Mandatory Absence.
   b. When a department is closed, or staff is reduced on a holiday.
   c. During military leave.
   d. For contract negotiations.

9.G **Accrual.**
A Regular nurse hired on or before July 2, 2014, will accrue PTO from the nurse’s date of employment as a Regular nurse at the following rate:

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2. An hour, as used above, means an hour worked or paid by the Hospital at the nurse's straight-time hourly rate or higher.

3. **Maximum Accrual**: A nurse may accrue up to 550 hours in the nurse’s PTO bank. When the maximum number of hours is reached, the nurse must either cash out a portion of hours in the bank or take leave for the same amount. A nurse will not accrue additional PTO on hours that are cashed out. If the nurse does not request leave, any leave in excess of the 550 hours will not accrue.

9.H **Cash Out of PTO Hours.**

Nurses may request a cash-out of available PTO, in accordance with SHS policy, annually and no later than November 30 of each year. Nurses may elect cash out amounts for any of the designated dates in the subsequent year.

A minimum of forty (40) hours must be retained in the nurse's PTO bank when requesting a PTO cash out of hours.

9.I **Retirement.**

PTO will be cashed out at a 1:1 ratio.
9.J Accrued PTO.
Accrued PTO will be noted on the nurse's paycheck. It is understood that such notation is subject to verification and that, in case of a discrepancy between the notation and the actual accumulation, the latter will control.

There is no waiting period for the use of PTO. However, nurses may not have a negative balance in their PTO account.

ARTICLE 10 – HOLIDAYS

10.A Legal Holidays.
The following eight (8) legal holidays will be recognized by the Hospital: New Year's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, December 24, and Christmas Day.

1. The New Year's holiday shall be calculated from 1500 hours New Year's Eve to 1500 hours New Year's Day.

Nurses required to work on a recognized holiday shall receive one and one-half (1½) times the hourly rate of pay for all hours worked. In the event a nurse is called back to work on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, or New Year's Day, the nurse shall be paid two times (2x) the regular hourly rate of pay for all time worked on that day.

Beginning July 1, 2018, nurses required to work on a recognized holiday shall receive one and one-half (1½) times the hourly rate of pay when the majority of hours worked fall on the holiday. In event a nurse is called back to work on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, or New Year's Day, the nurse shall be paid two (2) times the regular hourly rate of pay when the majority of the hours worked are on that day.

A nurse who works an extra shift on a recognized holiday shall receive two and one-half (2½) times the hourly rate of pay for all hours worked. Trades will be exempt.

Beginning July 1, 2018, nurses who work an extra shift on a recognized holiday shall receive two and one-half (2½) times the hourly rate of pay when the majority of hours worked fall on the holiday.


Nurses will not be required to work both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in two (2) consecutive years or Thanksgiving Day in two (2) consecutive years, even if the holiday falls on the nurse’s regularly scheduled pattern day. It is the nurse’s responsibility to notify their manager/designee at least ninety (90) days in advance of the holiday if they wish to have their pattern temporarily adjusted. Nurses who request this time off would not be eligible for any premium pay if they later voluntarily work the day.

ARTICLE 11 – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT


The Hospital agrees to establish a continuing education reimbursement program for all nurses covered by this Agreement. This program shall apply as follows:

1. The period for calculation of professional development shall be the calendar year (the "calculation period"). Each nurse under this Agreement shall be afforded the opportunity for reimbursement of course registration and materials, travel, meals and lodging expenses which are directly associated with such educational leave. Such reimbursement shall be determined by the department manager whose decision shall be final, provided, however, that such decision shall not be arbitrary or capricious. These educational days shall be distributed by the appropriate department head in as equitable a manner as possible. In the event of a dispute concerning the distribution of such days, the decision of the Vice President of Patient
Care Services shall be final, provided, however, that such decision shall not be arbitrary or capricious.

2. If a nurse is scheduled to attend a class required by the Hospital, and the class hours interfere with the nurse’s schedule in such a way that such attendance causes the nurse to miss a portion of the regularly scheduled shift, the Hospital may offer the nurse additional reasonable work hours up to the nurse’s regularly scheduled FTE. If additional work is unavailable, the nurse will be paid for the portion or reminder of the shift missed up to four (4) hours for each educational day provided the nurse has not or will not meet the nurse’s FTE by the end of the work week.

3. Per Diem nurses who actually work eight hundred thirty-two (832) hours or more in the preceding twelve (12) months shall be entitled to receive up to two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00) per calculation period as reimbursement for the expenses associated with an educational leave. Nurses working 0.5 to 0.79 FTE shall be entitled to receive up to three hundred and seventy-five dollars ($375.00) per calculation period as reimbursement for the expenses associated with such educational leave, and such nurses may also be granted up to thirty-two (32) hours paid educational leave per calculation period to attend programs approved by nursing administration. Nurses working 0.8 to 1.0 FTE shall be entitled to receive up to four hundred and twenty-five dollars ($425.00) per calculation period as reimbursement for the expenses associated with such educational leave, and such nurses may also be granted up to forty (40) hours paid educational leave per calculation period to attend programs approved by nursing administration. In all cases, approval for attendance at an educational program must be obtained in writing in advance of the date the actual educational leave occurs, and no retroactive applications will be granted by the Employer. The nurse shall be available to share the information learned with staff. In addition, nurses may use their funds toward manager approved job related professional association fees.
4. During a calculation period, the total amount available for reimbursement of these expenses for nurses shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000). The Nursing Practice Committee may approve additional funds to nurses who so request, if there are remaining funds available.


Each newly employed nurse shall be provided with an individualized and specific orientation to the Hospital and to the department for which the nurse was hired. The orientation program will be maintained with the assistance of the Nursing Practice Committee. During orientation, the nurse will not be counted in the acuity/staffing for that unit until the nurse is deemed competent to perform regular staff duties. Progress of newly employed nurses shall be regularly reviewed with the nurse during the orientation period. An evaluation of the orientation period will be reviewed with the nurse after completion of the orientation period.

11.C In-service Education.

The Hospital shall maintain an in-service education program. It shall seek to schedule programs at different days/times during the year. Mandatory in-services shall be offered at a variety of times convenient for regular shifts and the nurse will be paid for attendance. Mandatory in-service notices will be posted with as much advance notice as is practicable. If mandatory meetings fall only on a scheduled workday, the Hospital will either arrange for work coverage or arrange an alternate method for the information to be conveyed.

11.D Online Learning.

Continuing education hours may be used for independent online learning approved by the manager. One (1) hour of paid education leave will be granted for each CEU hour successfully completed and documented. Online learning may occur during work hours if approved by the manager/supervisor. In such circumstance, the nurse must transfer time to
Education/in-service/workshop. Online CEUs may not be done in conjunction with worked time to create an overtime situation.

11.E Tuition Reimbursement.

The Tuition Reimbursement Policy of Samaritan Health Services will apply to Registered Nurses.

ARTICLE 12 – FLOATING

Given due consideration to required skills, nurses may be floated from their core unit (the unit the nurse is hired into and is regularly assigned) under the following conditions and within the applicable contractual provisions.


A nurse will only be required to float if, in the Hospital's view, the nurse’s core unit is adequately staffed without that nurse. The Hospital will make every effort to place scheduled nurses into productive activity in lieu of placing them on Mandatory Absence or Mandatory Absence on-call.


The Hospital will have a back-up staffing plan for low census units should the low census unit's activity increase.

12.C Floating Assignments.

Float assignments will be made based on the competency level of the nurse. The Nurse Practice Committee shall create criteria to determine float competencies.

ARTICLE 13 – LEAVES OF ABSENCE


Leaves of absence may be granted by the department manager or the nurse’s delegated representative when written application showing cause is submitted in advance. Leave of absence requests shall be submitted on the appropriate Hospital form pursuant to Hospital Policy. The Hospital form shall
specify the type of leave requested and approved any combination of paid
time off benefits and unpaid time, and the status of return rights. Paid time off
may be used for specific leaves, as specified by applicable statute or this
Agreement, if the nurse desires. Return rights shall be guaranteed for nurses
using paid time off benefits, but subject to the conditions below if returning
from an unpaid leave of absence.

13.B **Shall Not Exceed Six (6) Months.**

Leaves of absence shall not exceed six (6) months unless otherwise
specified.

13.C **Previously Accrued Benefits.**

A nurse will not lose previously accrued benefits as provided in this
Agreement during the term of an approved unpaid leave of absence. The
Hospital shall be under no obligation to provide any paid benefits to any
nurse during such periods that are an approved unpaid leave of absence.

13.D **Unpaid Leaves.**

1. Leaves of absence for service in the Armed Forces of the United
States will be granted in accordance with Federal Law. A leave of
absence not in excess of two (2) weeks to fulfill annual military training
obligation shall not be considered as vacation unless requested by the
nurse.

2. Leaves of absence for parental reasons shall be granted in
accordance with applicable parental leave law. Use of paid time off
benefits shall be in accordance with applicable statute and 13.1
above. A nurse returning from a leave of absence for parental reasons
shall be returned to manager or delegated representative position in
accordance with applicable parental leave law. Extensions of
employee parental leaves of absence may be granted with mutually
agreed upon return rights.
3. After one (1) year of employment, leaves of absence for educational purposes for a period of one year may be granted. The Hospital shall have no obligation to provide any paid benefits to or for a nurse during such periods on an approved unpaid leave of absence.

4. Employee medical leaves of absence will be granted in accordance with applicable medical leave law. A nurse returning from an approved medical leave of absence shall be returned to the nurse’s position, if available, or to the first comparable available position in accordance with applicable medical leave law. Extensions of employee medical leaves of absence may be granted with mutually agreed upon return rights.

5. Unpaid personal leaves of absence may be granted at the discretion of the VP of Patient Care Services. No unpaid personal leave of absence shall be approved unless the nurse has no accrued paid time off at the time of the request. A nurse returning from an unpaid personal leave of absence within sixty (60) days shall be returned to the nurse’s position. After sixty (60) days, if the nurse does not return to work, the Hospital may fill the nurse’s position and assign the nurse to Per Diem status. The Hospital will mail to the nurse notice of its intent to post the nurse’s position not less than seven (7) days in advance of the posting.

6. Family leave shall be granted in accordance with applicable state and federal statute and Section 13.1 of this agreement. A nurse who returns from any unpaid portion of a leave of absence for family illness shall be returned to the nurse’s position in accordance with applicable law.


1. A Regular nurse who has a death in the nurse’s immediate family shall be granted a leave of absence at the hourly rate of pay for up to four
(4) days, following the time of the death, for the purpose of observing a period of mourning.

a. “Immediate family” shall include any family member, as that term is defined in the Oregon Family Leave Act, and, if not included in that definition, siblings, sibling-in-law, grandparents, grandparents-in-law, and grandchildren.

2. The Hospital will pay at the regular hourly rate all working hours lost by any nurse due to jury call or jury duty, or lost due to service as, or preparation to be, a witness called or subpoenaed by the Hospital (or called or subpoenaed by a government authority in a criminal proceeding) in any legal proceeding with respect to events involving the Hospital or occurring on Hospital property. Evening and night shift nurses serving as a witness or on jury duty as defined herein shall be relieved from work and entitled to the same payment as the day shift nurses in the same circumstances.

a. On any day as a witness or on jury duty a nurse is released early, the nurse must contact the nurse’s supervisor to determine if the nurse is needed for the remainder of the work shift. Payment for service as a witness or for jury duty shall be turned over to the Hospital for any day the nurse is paid the nurse’s full wage by the Hospital.

ARTICLE 14 – NURSE STAFFING COMMITTEE


The Hospital and the Association encourage nurses to be actively involved in planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating unit-specific and hospital-wide processes related to the provision of safe, quality patient care. The Hospital and Association recognize that nurse input is imperative for shared governance to function properly.


The Hospital shall act in compliance with the Oregon Hospital Nurse Staffing Law.

The Nurse Staffing Committee shall be responsible for developing, monitoring, evaluating, and modifying a facility-wide staffing plan for nursing services. The Hospital shall be responsible for implementing these staffing plans and ensure that both meets all state regulatory requirements.


The Nurse Staffing Committee shall be comprised and function in accordance with all state regulatory requirements and shall have as its primary consideration the provision of safe patient care and an adequate nursing staff.

As per the Oregon Nurse Staffing Law, the Nurse Staffing Committee shall develop and operate according to its own charter, including but not limited to when meetings are scheduled, how members are notified, nurse coverage for attendance, how agendas are drafted, and how decisions are made.

Members who attend the Nurse Staffing Committee shall be compensated at straight time.

ARTICLE 15 – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

15.A Definition.

A grievance is defined as a difference of opinion concerning the application or interpretation of this Agreement. It is the express intent of the parties that grievances shall be resolved informally with the manager whenever possible and at the lowest possible step. Grievances may be, by written mutual consent of the parties, referred back for further consideration or advanced to a higher step.

Dismissal grievances must be filed in writing within the first fourteen (14) days following the dismissal and shall be initially filed with the VP of Patient Care Services or designee with a copy given to Human Resources.

Grievances shall be processed in the following manner:

1. **Step 1.** The nurse or Association representative shall present the grievance, in writing, to the nurse's immediate supervisor within fourteen (14) calendar days of its occurrence or the date the nurse or Association knew or should have known of the grievance, whichever is later. The written grievance shall identify the provision of the Agreement which has allegedly been violated and shall state what happened to cause the grievance and the relief requested. The supervisor and the nurse shall then meet to attempt to adjust the matter within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date the grievance is received. The supervisor shall respond to the grievance, in writing, to the grievant and the Association representative within fourteen (14) days of the first step meeting.

2. **Step 2.** If a grievance has not been settled between the affected nurse and the nurse's supervisor, it shall be presented in writing to the VP of Patient Care Services by the Association representative within fourteen (14) calendar days after the supervisor's response at Step 1. The VP of Patient Care Services shall meet with the grievant and an Association representative within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the grievance and shall respond in writing to the grievant and Association representative within fourteen (14) calendar days after the Step 2 meeting.

3. **Step 3.** If the grievance is unsettled after the reply of the VP of Patient Care Services, the Association shall submit a written grievance to the Hospital Administrator or their designee within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the Hospital's reply at Step 2. The Hospital Administrator or their designee shall meet with the grievant and Association representative within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of such grievance. The Hospital Administrator or designee shall respond to such grievance in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days of the Step 3 meeting.
4. **Step 4.** Prior to moving to arbitration, the parties may agree to take the grievance to mediation through the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. If the grievance is still unsettled, the Association shall, within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the decision of the Administrator (or at the conclusion of mediation if unsuccessful), have the right to have the matter submitted to final and binding arbitration as provided herein. The parties shall first attempt to select an arbitrator who is mutually acceptable. If within ten (10) calendar days from the request for arbitration the parties are unable to agree upon an arbitrator, the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service shall be requested to submit a list of seven (7) names. Both the Employer and the Association shall have the right to strike three (3) names from the list. The party requesting arbitration shall strike the first name and the other party shall then strike one (1) name. The process shall be repeated, and the remaining person shall be the arbitrator. The designated arbitrator shall set a time and place for hearing which is agreeable to both parties. Expenses for the arbitration shall be borne equally by the Association and Hospital, and each party shall be responsible for compensating its own representatives and witnesses. If either party desires a verbatim recording of the proceedings, it may cause such a record to be made. If the other party desires a copy, both parties shall jointly share the cost of the transcript and all copies.

5. The grievant, any nurse representative or nurse witness shall be granted release time without loss in pay or benefits to participate in grievance meetings. It is understood that this does not require payment to nurses unless the grievance meeting is during the nurse's working time. This section does not apply to an arbitration hearing.

15.C **Association Good Faith Effort.**

In an effort to work together, to expedite the grievance process, and to resolve concerns in a timely fashion, the Association will make a good faith effort to also provide grievance documents to Human Resources according
to the timelines set forth in this Article. Failure to provide a copy to Human Resources will not constitute the basis for a procedural bar in Arbitration.

15.D Determination of Merit.

The provisions of this Article shall not be interpreted to require the Association to process any grievance through the grievance or arbitration procedure which the Association believes, in good faith, lacks sufficient merit.

15.E Arbitrator's Authority.

The Arbitrator shall have no authority to amend, nullify, modify, ignore, add to or otherwise alter the provisions of this Agreement, and shall decide only the grievance presented. The Arbitrator's decision and award shall be based on the Arbitrator's interpretation of the meaning or application of the terms of this Agreement to the facts of the grievance presented. The award of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding on the Employer, the Association and all employees involved.

The Hospital and the Association agree to jointly request that the arbitrator issue the written decision within thirty (30) days of the closing of the hearing or the submission of the briefs, whichever is later.

15.F Time Limits.

It is the intent of the parties that the timelines of this grievance and arbitration procedure shall be strictly adhered to; however, the timelines, after Step 1, may be adjusted by mutual written agreement by the parties to accommodate scheduling. The Employer shall have the right to refuse to arbitrate a grievance which is not raised in a timely fashion.

15.G Introductory Employees.

A nurse suspended or terminated during the nurse's introductory period shall not be entitled to invoke the grievance and arbitration procedure to contest such suspension or termination.
15.H Election of Remedies.
A nurse’s election of any administrative or judicial proceeding in addition to
this grievance procedure which involves any matter which is or might be
alleged as a grievance under this Article shall relieve the Employer of any
obligation to arbitrate such grievance. In such event, for purposes of the
grievance procedure, the Employer’s last response at Step 4 shall be final
and binding on all parties.

ARTICLE 16 – NURSING PRACTICE COMMITTEE

16.A Nursing Practice Committee.
The Hospital maintains a Nursing Practice Committee (“NPC”).

16.B The objectives of the NPC shall be.
1. To consider constructively the practice of nurses.
2. To work constructively for the improvement of patient care and nursing
   practice.
3. To recommend to the Hospital ways and means to improve patient
care and assist in any changes they recommend; and
4. To exclude grievances or any matters involving interpretation of this
   Agreement from its discussions.

ARTICLE 17 – SENIORITY/LAY-OFF

17.A Seniority.
Seniority is defined as the length of time the employee has been
continuously employed in the bargaining unit. An employee shall have no
seniority during the initial introductory period, but upon successful completion
of this introductory period, employment seniority shall be retroactive to the
date of hire.
1. Vacancies. Nurses who apply for posted bargaining unit positions will
   be given first opportunity for the position based on experience and
   qualifications within the department. If experience and qualifications
are equal, unit seniority, then bargaining unit seniority will be applied. Notice of vacancies shall be prominently posted for seven (7) calendar days. It is the intention of the Hospital to notify employees of upcoming departmental openings. This may be accomplished by email, staff meeting minutes, verbal communication, etc. When a nurse is denied a position, the reasons for denial shall be provided to the nurse in writing.

2. A nurse shall lose all previous seniority credit and shall have the employment relationship severed if the nurse:
   a. Is laid off for a period of more than twelve (12) consecutive months; or
   b. Voluntarily leaves employment for six (6) months or more (a nurse may return within six (6) months or less and will retain seniority minus the time spent outside of the bargaining unit); or
   c. Is off work due to illness or injury in excess of eighteen (18) consecutive months; provided, however, that this period may be extended by mutual agreement, in writing, between the Employer, the nurse, and the Association; or
   d. Is terminated from employment.

17.B Layoff.

Hospital management will notify the Association at least twenty-one (21) days prior to initiating a layoff. Nurses in the unit where the layoff occurs will be given the opportunity to be voluntarily laid off. If it is determined that the voluntary procedure is not satisfactory, then:

1. Nurses will be laid off and/or have their FTE and shift adjusted by Hospital management within the bargaining unit in the reverse order of seniority provided that the remaining nurses currently possess the necessary competencies and skills to perform the work to be done. Should removing the least senior nurse result in inadequate
competency and skills in the unit, then that nurse shall remain, and the
next least senior nurse shall be laid off. Nurses shall be recalled from
layoff in the order of seniority provided that they have the necessary
skills and competency to perform the work to be done.

2. No bargaining unit positions will be awarded to non-bargaining unit
applicants until the conclusion of the layoff/reorganization is
completed.

3. All nurses who meet qualifications shall be considered for available
positions within their current unit. Only nurses in good standing will be
considered for advancement.

4. Employees will be paid severance in accordance with the current
Hospital Severance policy. Nurse will waive recall rights by accepting
severance.

5. The Hospital will provide the Association a list of the employees to be
laid off, a seniority roster and a list of vacant positions within the
bargaining unit. List will include department, unit, FTE and shift. The
Association/Nurses will have ten (10) days to review and contest
seniority dates.

6. Nurses shall be recalled from layoff in the order of seniority provided
that they have the necessary skills and competency to perform the
work. If a laid off nurse is recalled to a shift different from the nurse's
assigned shift at the time of the layoff, the nurse may refuse such
recall. The nurse may not refuse more than on two occasions or recall
rights will be forfeited.

7. The Hospital will notify the employee by certified mail and e-mail on
file with Human Resources of a position to which the employee may
be recalled.
8. Recall from layoff shall be in the reverse order of layoff or hours reduction among the nurses from the unit and shift where the recall will occur.

17.C Promoted Outside the Bargaining Unit.
Nurses who are promoted outside the bargaining unit but who remain continuously employed by the Hospital/SHS Corporate (i.e. Epic position) and later return to the bargaining unit will assume the same level of seniority previously enjoyed.

ARTICLE 18 – ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

18.A Duly Authorized Representatives.
Duly authorized representatives of the Association shall be permitted at all reasonable times to enter the Employer's facilities out of which the nurses work, for the purpose of transacting Association business and observing conditions under which the nurses are employed; provided, however, that (1) the visit shall be subject to general Hospital rules regarding non-employees, and (2) there is no interference with the work of any employees. Association representatives must inform the Human Resources Department in advance of the time and place of the visit. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Hospital shall provide bulletin board space in each nursing department. Such posting shall be dated and signed by the Association representative, and it shall be the responsibility of such representative to remove such notices in thirty (30) calendar days. Association materials shall be limited to posting on the designated bulletin board. Other materials may be posted with prior approval of the Strategic Human Resources Manager. Association agrees that no notices shall be posted which are derogatory or inflammatory.
ARTICLE 19 – NON-DISCRIMINATION

19.A Prohibition.

The Association and Employer agree that the provisions of this Agreement shall be applied in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws regarding discrimination.


Neither the Association nor the Employer will unlawfully discriminate against any nurse because of the nurse's union membership or non-membership or because of lawful union activity.

ARTICLE 20 – SUCCESSORS

In the event the Hospital shall by merger, consolidation, sale of assets, lease, franchise, or by other means, enter into an agreement with another firm or individual, which, in part or whole, affects the existing collective bargaining Agreement, then each successor firm or individual shall be bound by each and every provision of this Agreement, except as otherwise agreed. The Hospital shall have an affirmative duty to call this provision of the Agreement to the attention of any firm or individuals with which it seeks to make such an agreement, and if such notice is so given, the Hospital shall have no further obligation hereunder from the date of takeover.

ARTICLE 21 – RETIREMENT


The Hospital will offer nurses covered by this Agreement the opportunity to participate in the Samaritan Health Services 401(a) and 403(b) Plans offered to the majority of Hospital employees not covered by this Agreement in accordance with the plans' respective eligibility and other terms. For each eligible nurse who is participating in the 401(a) Plan, the Hospital will contribute to the Plan an amount equal to four percent (4%) of the nurse's base compensation plus four percent (4%) over the taxable wage base in accordance with the Plan's terms. For each eligible nurse hired on or before July 2, 2014, who is participating in the 403(b) Plan, the Hospital will match contributions by the nurse to the Plan, up to a maximum amount equal to
three percent (3%) of the nurse's base compensation in accordance with the Plan's terms.

For each eligible nurse hired on or after July 3, 2014, who is participating in the 403(b) Plan, the Hospital will match contributions by the nurse to the Plan, up to a maximum amount equal to two percent (2%) of the nurse’s base compensation in accordance with the Plan’s terms.

ARTICLE 22 – WORK RULES

22.A Functions And Services.
The parties recognize that the Employer is directly responsible to the public generally for the performance of the functions and services involved in operating the Employer's facilities. These responsibilities cannot be delegated. For this reason, it is jointly recognized that the Employer must retain broad authority to fulfill and implement its responsibilities and may do so by work rule, oral or written, whether such work rule now exists or may be promulgated in the future.

1. It is agreed, however, that no existing or new work rule will be promulgated or implemented which is inconsistent with a specific provision of this Agreement. A provision of this Agreement will supersede a work rule where they are in apparent conflict, provided that the requirements of applicable federal and Oregon law will always be paramount.

2. All work rules which are now in existence shall be reduced to writing and will be furnished to the Association and to affected employees.

3. The Employer shall give the Association and employees no less than ten (10) calendar days advance notice of the implementation of any new work rule.
The Employer's work rules shall include a procedure for employees to complain about harassment in the Employer's facilities.

ARTICLE 23 – SAVINGS CLAUSE

23.A Article or Section of this Agreement.
If any Article or Section of this Agreement, or of any riders thereto, should be held invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any Article or Section should be restrained by such tribunal pending a final determination as to its validity, the remainder of this Agreement and of any rider thereto, or the application of such Article or Section to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it has been held invalid or as to which compliance with or enforcement of has been restrained, shall not be affected thereby.

23.B Held Invalid for Enforcement.
In the event that any Article or Section is held invalid for enforcement, or compliance with which has been restrained, as above set forth, the parties affected thereby shall enter into immediate collective bargaining negotiations upon the request of the Association or Employer, for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement within sixty (60) calendar days after the beginning of the period of invalidity or restraint. The remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 24 – DURATION AND TERMINATION
After ratification by both the bargaining unit and Employer's Board of Directors, this Agreement shall be effective from the date of its ratification by the bargaining unit, except as otherwise provided in the Agreement, and shall remain in full force and effect through midnight June 30, 2024, and from year to year thereafter unless either party provides written notice of a desire to reopen this Agreement for renegotiation or termination by providing written notice of such desire no less than ninety (90) calendar days prior to June 30, 2024, or to any succeeding June 30 anniversary date thereafter.
ARTICLE 25 – SURGICAL SERVICES

Hours of Work:

25.A Required On-Call.

1. Scheduled on-call is required of nurses in Surgical Services. On-call will be distributed equally. Employees may continue to self-schedule call time. If the on-call schedule becomes inequitable, management will make adjustments as needed. Unless an urgent situation exists, no Surgical Services nurse shall be required to float out of the unit when the nurse is coming off the night before or on scheduled call that evening.

2. Weekend shifts (beginning at the end of the regular shift on Friday until the beginning of the regular shift on Monday) will be shared equally by rotation within each department. Scheduled vacations do not exempt to the nurse from the obligatory call weekend.

3. If more coverage is needed for the department after the required call is selected, a nurse may volunteer to take more call to cover the remaining shifts. Volunteers for extra call will have an opportunity to share those hours equally until open shifts are covered. If further coverage is required there will be a rotation of extra shifts until all shifts are covered.

4. If a nurse is on vacation for greater than one week, the required call will be reduced proportionately to the scheduled time taken.

25.B Required Holiday On-Call.

1. Holiday call will be equally shared by rotation.

2. In Surgical Services if the department is closed and/or holiday is attached to the weekend (i.e., Friday or Monday), the weekend will be assigned with the holiday.
3. Required Holiday on-call rotation will be based on the number of nurses assigned to take call within that department and may vary from year to year.

4. On-call and holiday on-call will be paid as specified in Article 4.E.

25.C Bonus Call.

1. Call payment for scheduled on-call hours in excess of forty (40) hours per pay period will be paid at a rate of six dollars and fifty cents ($6.50) per hour. Nurses on-call over forty (40) hours per pay period will receive seven dollars and fifty cents ($7.50) per hour for on-call hours on a holiday.

2. Nurses on-call over eighty (80) hours per pay period will receive an additional ten dollars ($10.00) for each callback hour worked. Bonus call does not apply for holidays, instead, follow language in Article 4.E.

25.D Orphan Call.

Orphan on-call is defined as previously scheduled on-call which must be filled after the schedule is published due to illness/injury or termination/resignation. Surgical Service nurses will be paid at two (2) times the on-call rate for each hour of orphan on-call. If there are no volunteers to take orphan on-call, it will be assigned on a rotating basis.

25.E Surgical Services Callback.

1. Non-scheduled callback:

   If a Surgical Services nurse gets called back to work, outside of the department’s regular hours of operation, when not on-call the nurse shall receive on-call pay and the usual minimum callback pay of three (3) hours.

2. If a nurse has been called back from on-call for more than six (6) hours on a weeknight, the nurse may request to be relieved from the next day’s regularly scheduled shift or request a delayed start.
3. Nurses will not be required to work more than sixteen (16) hours in a twenty-four (24) hour period beginning at midnight (0000) until 2359. The Hospital will make a good-faith, reasonable effort to permit a nurse in such a situation to be relieved, upon their request.

4. If a nurse is scheduled to be on call following a regular shift and is required to work past the end of the shift for sixty (60) minutes or more, the nurse shall be deemed to have been called back from the end of the regular shift and shall be paid time and a half (1.5X) for a minimum of three (3) hours. To be paid this extra amount, the nurse must document this work using the Kronos exception process by the end of the pay period when this occurs.

5. RNFA (RN First Assist):
Any nurse designated to be an RNFA (RN First Assist) by the appropriate administrative person (or delegate) shall receive a differential of three dollars and twenty-five cents ($3.25) per hour for those hours worked in the RNFA (RN First Assist) capacity.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have signed and executed this agreement this day and year:

signed 2021-Aug-11 | 7:28 PM PDT  
signed 2021-Aug-23 | 8:22 AM PDT

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into by and between Oregon Nurses Association (hereinafter ONA) and Samaritan Pacific Health Services, Inc. (hereinafter SPCH) who may also be referred to as “the parties” and is effective on the date signed.

The parties agree that open and proactive communication is critical to an effective relationship. The nurses agree to raise questions and discussion items as they arise with management and leadership as needed to address matters before they become issues; and management agrees to meet informally and discuss these questions and discussion items in an effort to resolve them. If items go unaddressed, are more complex or accumulate, the SPCH ONA Executive Committee Chair(s) can request a meeting to discuss these items with appropriate representation from each party as agreed. SPCH will agree to the meeting and both parties will mutually agree within one week of the request on a date, time and location for the meeting.

Christine Hauck, ONA
Date: 2/28/18

Scott Russell, Labor Relations Director, SHS
Date: 3/7/18
APPENDIX A – SPECIALTY CERTIFICATIONS

1. AOCN: Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse
2. CAPA: Certified Ambulatory, Peri-Anesthesia Nurse
3. CCCN: Certified Continence Care Nurse
4. CCRN: Critical Care RN
5. CEN: Certified Emergency Nurse
6. CFRN: Certified Flight Registered Nurse
7. CGRN: Certified Gastroenterology Registered Nurse
8. CLC: Certified Lactation Counselor
9. CMSRN: Certified Medical Surgical Registered Nurse
10. CNOR: Certified Nurse, Operating Room
11. COCN: Certified Ostomy Care Nurse
12. CPAN: Certified Post-Anesthesia Nurse
13. CPEN: Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse
14. CPN: Certified Pediatric Nurse
15. CPON: Certified Pediatric Oncology Nurse
16. CRNI: Certified Registered Nurse Intravenous
17. CVN: Certified Vascular Nurse
18. CWCN: Certified Wound Care Nurse
19. CWOCN: Certified Wound, Ostomy, Continence Nurse
20. HNC: Holistic Nurse Certification
21. IBCLC: Certified Lactation Nurse
22. LCCE: Lamaze Certified Childbirth Educator
23. OCN: Oncology Certified Nurse
24. ONC: Orthopaedic Nurse Certificate
25. PCCN: Progressive Care Certification Nurse
27. RN, C/BC: Cardiac/Vascular Nurse; Gerontological Nurse;
28. Medical Surgical Nurse;
29. Perinatal Nurse; and
30. Pain Management
31. OR-SANE: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
32. WCC: Wound Care Certification
CONTRACT RECEIPT FORM

Please fill out neatly and completely, and return to

Oregon Nurses Association
18765 SW Boones Ferry Road,
Suite 200 Tualatin, OR 97062-8498

Or fax to ONA at 503-293-0013. Thank you.

Your name (please print clearly)

I certify that I have received a copy of the ONA Collective Bargaining Agreement with Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital, July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024.

__________________________________________________________  _________________
Signature                                                   Today’s date

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