

HOSPITAL WORK IS WORTH MORE.



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**Mr. A.J. Wilhelmi
President & CEO
Illinois Health & Hospital Association
222 S Riverside Plaza
Chicago, IL 60606**

Dear Mr. Wilhelmi:

We front-line hospital service workers deserve a much bigger share of the billions of dollars in revenue generated by Illinois hospitals. We should not live in poverty. As Hospital service workers ensure that rooms are cleaned to avoid the spread of infection, prepare and deliver meals for patient nourishment, provide essential care at the bedside, and perform many other crucial functions.

We should not be living in poverty! We are worth more to the communities and the well-being of our patients than minimum wage.

We demand you instruct your Illinois Hospital Association members to implement the following: \$15 starting minimum wages, affordable healthcare for ourselves and our families so we can live healthy lives and not go to work sick, safe staffing to do our jobs properly, and the right to come together with our fellow hospital workers and have a voice on the job through a union without interference from our employers.

Sincerely,

Kim Smith on behalf of hospital workers throughout the Chicagoland area
Patient Care Technician
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