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# BARGAINING UPDATE



# **CAREWEST NURSING CARE**

LOCAL 48 CHAPTERS 007, 008, 009, 016, 035, 037, 038, 039, 040 & 041

# Making progress at the table with employer's new bargaining team

Your negotiating team met with the new employer bargaining committee who came prepared to negotiate.

We were able to agree on changes and sign off on several items in the collective agreement and will be discussing monetary proposals at our next bargaining meetings set for February 9, 10, 2026.

We have signed off on a **new Preamble** as well as the following articles and LOUs:

#### **Article 3 - Recognition**

- Access to the employer's premises with prior permission.
- The reciprocal right to exercise our rights in a process that is professional, fair and reasonable in the circumstances, as well as in accordance with the Collective Agreement.

#### **Article 5 - Management Rights**

 Include a member's right to exercise our rights in a professional, fair and reasonable manner given the circumstances, in accordance with the Collective Agreement.

## Article 6 - Safe and Respectful Workplace

Post policy on the employer's internal website.

#### **Article 8 - Probationary Period**

- Increase from two shifts of patient/resident care to four shifts.
- Request for additional orientation will not be unreasonably denied.
- Increase from 30 minutes to 45 minutes for AUPE orientation.

## Article 9 - Seniority

• Changed to date of hire with the employer.

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#### Article 11 - Appointments, Transfers and Promotions

Addition of reference to Duty to Accommodate.

#### **Article 19 - Resignation and Termination**

Changed the reference from hours to days

#### Article 32 - Discipline and Dismissal

- The employer will disclose the nature of the concern or complaint.
- Disciplinary action will be taken within 20 days of the date the employer first becomes aware of the occurrence of the act.
- Discipline on personnel file will reduce from two years to 18 months

We also did some housekeeping under the Letter of Understating #1 - Mutual Agreement to Adjust Full Time Equivalents.

We also deleted Letter of Understanding #3 - Hours of Work

#### **Keep wearing red to show your support!**

Take selfies and group photos while wearing red and send them to <a href="mailto:photos@aupe.org">photos@aupe.org</a> to share on AUPE's social media. When we show our solidarity, it shows Carewest that bargaining matters to us.

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Please contact a member of your negotiating team if you have any questions.