



# AFSCME Council 65 Talking Points re Sutter Health's Proposed Acquisition of Allina Health

The Minnesota Attorney General's Office has created a landing page on their website specific to 'Proposed Hospital System Transactions' which provides information as to the requirements under which transactions are permitted under the law. AFSCME members and concerned colleagues, friends and family members are encouraged to submit concerns to the Attorney General's Office via this QR code, the form on their website, or via phone at 651-296-3353 or 800-657-3787.

All information submitted is considered private information under Minnesota law and is not discoverable by the Employer. The Attorney General's Office will also host town hall sessions regarding the proposed acquisition by Sutter Health; stay tuned for updates on how to attend those sessions.



Submit your comments here!

## Providing Input- What to Highlight

**Who You Are:** Name your role at Allina and your reason for concern(s) for yourself, your colleagues, patients, and larger community.

### Areas of Concern and How to Address Them:

#### Worker Protections and Collective Bargaining-

- We were glad to see both Sutter Health and Allina Health release statements noting that they intend to follow current collective bargaining agreements but we know this isn't enough reassurance about long term changes in working conditions.
- Sutter Health has made proclamations about their use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) within their existing facilities; expanded use of AI across Allina Health facilities could lead to a reduction in the number of frontline worker positions and to a degradation of patient care.
- Workers need and deserve assurances from both health systems that they intend to honor pension obligations, are committed to stable employment for frontline workers and that working conditions will be maintained. Workers deserve secure, stable jobs; we also know that a stable workforce serves to best support patient care.



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## Healthcare Access and Affordability-

- We are concerned by Sutter Health's record of business practices leading to higher health care costs
- We know that Minnesota patients and their families cannot afford higher healthcare costs or reduced access to healthcare services
- Minnesota has already faced the closure of healthcare facilities statewide and the consolidation and closure of specialty programs, even within facilities owned by Allina. Healthcare workers and their communities cannot bear the brunt of further health system consolidation and facility closures that disrupt and close access to patient care and to jobs in our communities.
- Our communities across the state deserve clear communication from Allina Health and from Sutter Health concerning their plans for existing facilities and services offered.

## Make the Ask:

- Encourage the Attorney General's Office to require safeguards and public accountability for this acquisition.
- Ask for transparency for Allina staff, patients, and the public alike
- Request town halls hosted by the Attorney General's Office in all communities and regions of the state directly impacted by this proposed acquisition.
- Include anything else important to you!