

## Maine Med Nurses Stand With Maine Health Interpreters

As nurses at Maine Med, we see first-hand the critical importance of our in-person interpreters. They are highly skilled professionals who support our patients that do not speak English as a first language.

As such, in-person interpreters are the literal voices of these patients, and simultaneously the voices of the patients' doctors, therapists, and of course, their nurses.

Just like nurses, in-person interpreters are there for patients in happy times, like the birth of a child; and in difficult times, like when they must deliver a diagnosis of a terminal disease to a patient and their family.

And so, in-person interpreters deserve the dignity and security of a generous union contract. Yet Maine Health is, so far, unwilling to agree to the reasonable terms proposed by the interpreters.

Maine Health must treat its in-person interpreters with dignity and respect.

We support this contract fight and stand with the Maine Health interpreters as they continue to demand dignity and respect for themselves and their patients.

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