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Joint Communication - Mendocino Coast Health Care District and Adventist Health Advance Towards an Optimized Agreement

Adventist Health and Mendocino Coast Health Care District (the District) are making steady progress on optimizing the existing agreement to provide access to healthcare on the coast. Both organizations share a mutual goal to retain Adventist Health's expertise in providing quality healthcare for the community. Over the next month and a half, Adventist Health and the District will continue working together on the details of an updated partnership which would result in changes to the existing agreement.

Conversations between both organizations are resulting in a healthy path forward. We are working towards a mutually agreed-upon outcome that best serves the community. This shared goal unites us in our efforts. Both organizations will work to provide a weekly joint statement to keep the community informed.

"I am grateful for the good faith efforts made by our partners at Adventist Health," said Paul Garza, Chair of Mendocino Coast Healthcare District. "I look forward to an enhanced agreement that is a win-win for both entities and the communities we serve."

"I appreciate the passion and dedication our friends at the District have for our local community hospital," said Adventist Health Northern California Network President Eric Stevens. "The community can be confident that both organizations are reaffirming our investment in helping keep healthcare local through a sustainable model."

As the costs for providing healthcare continue to soar, tapping into existing government reimbursements will be important for both entities. Despite one third of all critical access hospitals across California not being able to break even, we believe there is a path forward for Adventist Health Mendocino Coast. The District and Adventist Health are committed to working together to access government funding to maintain healthcare for our rural, frontier, critical access hospital.



More information may be found at the District's website:

<https://www.mendocinohcd.gov/>

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