

# HEAT

HEALTHCARE EDUCATION ACTIVIST TEAM  
An HHC Municipal Labor Subcommittee Project

## ALERT

### *Public Health Care Under the Knife*

**T**HE NYC HEALTH AND HOSPITALS CORPORATION has concluded the first year of its four year restructuring plan to address a deficit of \$1.2 billion dollars. Clinics services have been cut and there are over 900 less staff. In addition, HHC will face an additional \$150 million in cuts due to proposed cuts in Medicaid if the proposals from the Medicaid Redesign Team are implemented by Governor Cuomo and the New York State Legislator. DC 37, other unions and community advocates are concerned that these recommendations will sharply cut services, staffing levels and outsource critical core services impacting the patients' safety and health.

**DC 37 opposes HHC's proposal to contract-out Brooklyn Central Laundry** work to Unitex, Inc., Sodexo, Inc. and Nexera, Inc. and lay off 200 dedicated laundry workers, a violation of an HHC agreement with the local community and the union. This plan could result in inventory control problems, delivery delays (since Unitex is located in Mount Vernon, New York and responsible for the laundering of the linen and other items) and jeopardize the safety and health of the patients and workers.

**DC 37 also opposes HHC plans to lay off half of the skilled trades' workers.** Without in-house trades' titles, HHC will be forced to rely on outside contractors, negatively impacting the quality of repair and maintenance work and endangering HHC's high ratings with the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations.

**Join us in speaking out against this plan.** Please call on the City Council, Governor, and state and federal legislators and urge them to allocate additional funds to help HHC meet its uncompensated care costs and keep valuable services in place and workers on the job.

**Call Mayor Michael Bloomberg at 212-788-3000, City Council Speaker Christine Quinn at 212-788-7000, and your City Council member at 212-788-7100.**

**Call Governor Cuomo and your state legislator toll-free at: 1-877-255-9417**

**Call Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand or your Congress member toll-free at: 1-877-762-8762**

For more information regarding HEAT, contact your local union or union representative or go to the DC 37 website at [www.dc37.net](http://www.dc37.net).

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