

STATEMENT - RHODE ISLAND - AUGUST 25, 2025

Joint Statement: Caregivers Begin Returning to Butler Hospital, Marking a Major Step Toward Restoring Vital Behavioral Health Services

In a joint statement posted to both <https://wearebutler.org/> and <https://butlerinfoforyou.org/> Butler Hospital and the members of SEIU 1199NE issue the following statement:

On behalf of both Butler Hospital and the members of SEIU 1199NE, we are proud to announce that as of Sunday, members have begun returning to work, and the process is continuing each day as more caregivers come back to their patients. This is an important step toward the full restoration of all services that thousands of patients rely on at Butler Hospital each year. Butler Hospital is a beacon of hope for individuals and families who need behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment. We look forward to working together to strengthen our hospital's ability to meet the needs of its patients, employees, and the entire community while advancing the vital mission of Butler Hospital.

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ABOUT SEIU 1199NE

District 1199 SEIU New England represents 29,000 health care and service workers in Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Southeastern Massachusetts. In Rhode Island, 1199 SEIU NE represents almost 5,000 members. 1199 SEIU NE is affiliated with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) - a union of over 2 million members across the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada. SEIU has been a national leader in pushing the growing Fight for \$15 and a Union movement.