



UFCW 663 Knowlan's Negotiations Update

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THE GOOD

Knowlan's last offer in negotiations:

1. Full-Timers at top and above scale get \$1/hr raise each year, new Classified Assistants hired after ratification have an extra step added to their progression, no change to wage scales for existing full-timers - will progress annually on existing wage scales.
2. Part-Timers at top and above scale, get \$0.65/hr raise each year.
3. Courtesy / PT Maintenance at top and above scale, get \$0.50/hr raise each year.
4. All Part-Timers - the company finally agreed to our Union proposal and will maintain part-time raises every 6 months. **Almost 2,000 members across employers signed petitions to support part-timers and the company heard it.**
5. The company is easing healthcare increases and spreading the burden evenly over 2.5 years.
6. Knowlan's moved to proposing a 3 year contract (not 4 years).

THE BAD

Some surprises that Knowlan's is holding firm on:

1. Limits to how much vacation time can be saved and rolled over year to year.
2. For courtesy / PT maintenance and part-time - No to more guaranteed hours and no change to the two existing scales, which start at \$12.00 and \$13.25. When was the last time the company hired someone at \$12.00 or 13.25?
3. Language that if you get any unscheduled raise (whether for doing a good job, minimum wage goes up, or otherwise) your next scheduled raise goes down or is skipped.

THE UGLY

1. Knowlan's proposal to go to a 90%/10% cost share will drastically limit our future ability to keep healthcare affordable.
2. Those who need family coverage in the next contract are projected to pay over \$70 per week.
3. The company is proposing to use our Health Fund reserves to save them money and keep rates artificially low for this contract. This means **rates will, by default, spike MUCH higher after this contract.** How do we maintain good, affordable healthcare this way?
4. The potential upside for the company? **Pay less \$ on fewer people by making coverage less affordable for families.** The company keeps saying at the table, "we want to drive behavior."

		Weekly Cost for Employees					
	Who you have covered	Today	Rest of 2025	Starting Jan 2026	Starting Jan 2027	Starting Jan 2028	March 2028 (next contract) projections*
FT	Just You	\$20	\$30	\$35	\$40	\$16.53	\$20.38
	You + Spouse	\$20	\$30	\$35	\$40	\$33.88	\$41.77
	You + Kids	\$20	\$30	\$35	\$40	\$33.05	\$40.75
	Family	\$20	\$30	\$35	\$40	\$57.02	\$70.30
Mod PT	Just You	\$10	\$15	\$18	\$20	\$16.53	\$20.38
Ancillary	Just You	\$1	\$1.50	\$1.75	\$2	\$0.75	\$0.86

*Projected using the MRMC Trustee adopted rates for 3/27-2/28 plus 7.5% trend increase with a 90%/10% Split

JOIN US AT BARGAINING!

Our Union Bargaining Committee has rejected the Company offer. It does not address enough of our needs and priorities.

Next negotiations are on April 9 at Crowne Plaza Hotel, 3131 Campus Dr., Plymouth, MN 55441. Negotiations are open to all members.

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