

WINNERS

MNA members at Sparrow and St. Lawrence hospitals in Lansing won a 3-year contract with 5 percent per year pay increases, additional step increases of 2.5 percent and longevity bonuses for nurses at the top of the pay scale. Nurses also won expanded staffing and the first “no single lift” policy in Michigan.

New Jersey hospitals and nursing homes must publicly post the number of licensed or registered health care professionals on each shift under state law enacted with support of New Jersey nurses.

RNs and Nurse Practitioners at the **Ingham County, Michigan Health Department** voted overwhelmingly for representation by the Michigan Nurses Association over the incumbent independent union.

FAST FACT

90,000 deaths result from 2 million health care-related infections each year, according to estimates by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

IN THE NEWS

Who Needs Doctors? Who’s Asking? *U.S. News and World Report* with — could you believe it? — a registered nurse on the cover.

The article inside described the bigger role nurses are fulfilling in health care, while the critical shortage of nurses was graphically depicted in a separate box in the same article.

Seems the unanswered question is still: How do we get — and keep — the nurses we need?

AFL-CIO Considers Restructuring

Proposals to restructure the AFL-CIO to generate growth, strengthen the union movement and help working families are on the agenda for the March meeting of the federation’s Executive Council. Final action is scheduled for the July convention. UAN President Cheryl Johnson is a member of the AFL-CIO Executive Council. To check out the many proposals under consideration, go to:

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DATES

- March 14-16..... AFL-CIO Department for Professional Employees Conference, “Organizing Professionals in the 21st Century (Arlington, VA)
- March 15-16..... Legislative Action Program (Washington, DC)
- March 16-17..... National Labor Assembly (Washington, DC)
- March 18-19..... NVAC National Leadership Development Seminar, (Washington, DC)
- May 6-12..... National Nurses Week

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