



April 7th, 2026

To: USW Health Care Local Union Presidents and Recording Secretaries

Greetings:

This letter is to advise you that the 2026 USW Health Care Workers Council Conference will be held October 4 - 8, 2026 in Providence, RI. Our conference theme is, "Healing with Strength, Leading with Unity" and the agenda is designed to empower attendees with the tools necessary to engage rank and file health care workers and build an even stronger HCWC. Local union leaders are strongly encouraged to send representation from each healthcare bargaining unit.

The HCWC Conference is an important part of our International Union's commitment to support our healthcare worker members through education, collective bargaining, legislative action, and organizing.

Conference Dates

Arrival:	Sunday, October 4, 2026
Registration:	Sunday, October 4, 2026, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday, October 5, 2026, 6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Conference Schedule:	Monday, October 5, 2026, 8:30 a.m. to Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 5:00 p.m.
Departure Date:	Thursday, October 8, 2026

Conference Registration

Early bird registration fee for the conference is \$225 and must be completed by June 1, 2026. After June 1, 2026, the registration fee is \$275. You may register online, by email, or by mail. Registration will close on Friday, September 4, 2026.

Health Care Workers Council

United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union

- **Online registration:** Visit the HCWC Conference registration at <https://events.usw.org/registration/hcwc2026.aspx> and follow the instructions. Either pay online with a credit card or mail a physical check to the address listed below. U.S. locals may also pay by eCheck. Please include a list of delegates or a copy of your registration confirmations if a check is mailed.
- **Email registration:** Email the enclosed registration form to Lisa Nutter at lnutter@usw.org and mail a check to the address listed below.
- **Mail registration:** Mail the enclosed registration form and check to the address below. All checks should be made payable to *USW Secretary-Treasurer*, with “2026 HCWC Conference” on the memo line of the check.

United Steelworkers
Attn: Lisa Nutter
60 Boulevard of the Allies, Room 905
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Hotel Information

Conference Location: The Omni Providence Hotel
1 W. Exchange Street
Providence, RI 02903

We were able to secure a conference rate of \$199.00 plus tax per night. To receive the group rate, reservations must be completed by September 4, 2026.

You will be responsible for making your own room reservations. To obtain the group rate, you can reserve online at <https://bookings.omnihotels.com/event/providence/usw-healthcare-conference> or call 1-800-THE OMNI and ask for the USW HEALTHCARE block.

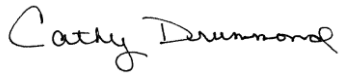
Airline Travel

In cooperation with Direct Travel, we have made special arrangements for air transportation to the conference. You are responsible for making your reservations. Please call 1-877-499-1149 and select prompt “4” (group meetings). When calling, please identify yourself as a participant in the USW Healthcare Conference. Please call between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday; otherwise, an after-hours transaction fee will apply if the call is outside of these regular business hours.

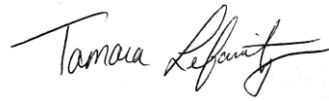
If you have any questions regarding the registration process or conference details, please contact Lisa Nutter at lnutter@usw.org or (412) 562-2377. We look forward to your local’s participation in what promises to be a very exciting conference.

In accordance with our established policy, the International Union will not be responsible for the cost of delegate(s) participation. Your local union must bear any expenses for attendance, including airfare and hotel fees.

In solidarity,



Cathy Drummond
Director, District 11
Health Care Workers Council Chair



Tamara Lefcowitz
Health Care Workers Council Coordinator

cc: International Executive Board (via Email)
District Directors (via Email)
Staff Representatives (via Email)
HCWC District Coordinators (via Email)