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## **Hopkins Talks End Late Tuesday Without Agreement on Contract to Lift Low Wages**

- In first talks since governor's call for good-faith negotiations, Hopkins continues to offer across-the-board raise of just 1.5% in first year
- Hopkins' latest offer would still leave many workers relying on food stamps, Medicaid and other public assistance
- No new bargaining dates have been scheduled

**BALTIMORE** — Contract talks at Johns Hopkins Hospital ended late Tuesday night without an agreement between management and 2,000 caregivers. Hopkins management continued to offer an across-the-board raise of just 1.5% in the first year of its proposed contract.

These were the first negotiations since Gov. Martin O'Malley asked both sides to observe a one-week "cooling-off" period last Thursday. The Hopkins caregivers, members of 1199SEIU, had been set to begin a four-day strike on Friday, June 27.

The Hopkins caregivers called off the strike and agreed to the governor's call that both sides "continue negotiating in good faith." The Hopkins caregivers made a number of compromises in bargaining on Tuesday that would further reduce the overall cost of their proposed contract.

The union's current proposal would add an average of less than \$3 million a year to Hopkins' payroll costs. That's just 0.4 percent of Hopkins total payroll of \$754 million in fiscal year 2013. Hopkins made a profit of \$145 million in 2013 on revenues of \$1.9 billion.

Though neither side has indicated it will suspend negotiations, no new bargaining date has been scheduled. The one-week cooling-off period requested by Gov. O'Malley will end on Friday, July 4.

*With over 400,000 caregivers, 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East is the largest and fastest-growing healthcare union in America. Almost 10,000 caregivers in Maryland and D.C. are united in 1199SEIU. Together, they work to ensure quality care and good jobs for all.*