

MENDOCINO COAST HEALTH CARE DISTRICT  
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MEMORANDUM

TO: MCHCD Board of Directors

FROM: Paul Garza, Jr.

DATE: July 30, 2026

SUBJECT: Monthly Report

Audits

Tonight we will be receiving audits from the period of 2020 through 2025. Annual audits are required by law for all public agencies but financial record keeping by previous Boards was so poor that audits for that last two years could not be completed. The completion of these audits is a necessary to receive reimbursement from Health Care Access and Information Agency – approximately \$450,000 – for prior work done on the Hospital, a requirement for maintaining a good bond rating for our voter approved ‘Measure C’ general obligation bond and meets the required standards for many others regulatory bodies.

By the time of this report, you will have heard much more from our audit firm about the difficulties. I would like to thank them for their hard and dedicated work bringing our District into financial and regulatory compliance.

I also want to recognize the diligent and dedicated work done by our District Administrator, Kathy Wylie and our CFO, Wayne Allen. On behalf of all of the taxpayers of our District, Thank You.

Partnership

Very recently our Hospital was named by Becker’s as one of four in California that have met the highest standard for communication between physician and patient. Across the country, 208 hospitals received a 5-star rating “based on publicly reported Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems measures. The physician communication star rating combines data from three HCAHPS survey questions and summarizes how well patients feel that their physicians explained things clearly, listened carefully to them, and treated them with courtesy and respect. The star rating is based on survey data collected from hospital patients July 2024 through June 2025. The figures are from CMS’ Provider Data Catalog and were released May 13”. Only 4 hospitals made that list from California - and our own Mendocino Coast Hospital is on the list. I have attached an announcement that explains this in greater detail.

Additionally and for second consecutive year, our Hospital was named by Becker's as one of the cleanest in the US. Hospital cleanliness plays a critical role in patient safety, infection prevention and overall patient satisfaction.

Congratulations to the Adventist Health Mendocino Coast physicians and staff!

#### Status of Seismic Retrofit and Modernization

The application to the City of Fort Bragg, Planning Department for the seismic retrofit has undergone initial review and we may get approval sooner than expected.

#### HR 1

We continue to learn more about the unfortunate effects of the "Big, Beautiful Bill" on our health care system. Becker's is reporting that many people who currently receive benefits from Supplemental Security Income (SSI) that lose their Medicaid benefits. Additionally, those applying for SSI payments may be deemed ineligible because of the new Medicaid work requirement. The failure to recognize the importance of health care to less fortunate members of our community is troubling.

#### WineSong!

This year's *WineSong!* celebration is scheduled for Friday, September 11 and Saturday, September 12. Last year the event raised enough funds to support a Computer Tomography Scanner (CT) for our hospital along with funds to support scholarships for Nursing and Allied Health students, and many other important health care initiatives in our community. As Terry Ramos, Chair of the Mendocino Coast Healthcare Foundation, stated:

WineSong! is much more than a celebration of world class wine and food — it's a powerful expression of community. Winesong 2026 will once again bring people together to support local healthcare and ensure our Mendocino Coast neighbors receive the care they deserve.

I strongly encourage all of you who are able to buy tickets and attend this wonderful event. All proceeds benefit healthcare in our community.



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Named as one of the nation's  
**Top Hospitals for Physician  
Communication**

We're proud to share that Adventist Health Mendocino Coast has been recognized by Becker's Hospital Review as one of California's top hospitals for physician communication, based on patient experience data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). We are one out of 208 hospitals in the nation and one out of only four hospitals in California who have made it to this prestigious list.<sup>1</sup>

This recognition is based on patient feedback and reflects what matters most—our patients' voices. The rating is based on how patients felt their physicians:

- \* Explained things clearly
- \* Listened carefully
- \* Treated them with courtesy and respect

Every conversation matters. Whether it's answering questions, easing concerns or helping patients understand their care, our physicians are committed to building trust through compassionate, clear communication.

Thank you to our dedicated physicians and providers for always putting our patients first and thank you to our patients for placing your trust in us.

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<https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/rankings-and-ratings/208-top-hospitals-for-physician-communication/>



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We are proud to share that Adventist Health Mendocino Coast has once again been named to Becker's Hospital Review's list of the Cleanest Hospitals in America, marking our second consecutive year receiving this national recognition. We join only 396 hospitals in the country on this prestigious list.

This achievement reflects our unwavering commitment to providing a safe, healing environment for every patient, visitor and associate who walks through our doors.

Becker's based the list on CMS' Patient survey (HCAHPS)-Hospital database, which included hospital ratings based on the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems surveys. This is a national, standardized survey of hospital patients about their experience during a recent inpatient hospital stay.

A special thank you goes to our Environmental Services (EVS) team, whose dedication, attention to detail and pride in their work help create the exceptional patient experience our community expects and deserves. Their efforts are seen in every patient room, hallway, waiting area and clinical space across our campus.

Hospital cleanliness plays a critical role in patient safety, infection prevention and overall patient satisfaction. This recognition is a direct reflection of the teamwork, professionalism and commitment demonstrated by our EVS associates every day.

Please join us in congratulating and thanking our EVS team for helping our hospital earn this prestigious national recognition.

