MENDOCINO COAST HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
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MEMORANDUM

TO: MCHCD Board of Directors

FROM: Paul Garza, Jr.

DATE: November 19, 2026

SUBJECT: Monthly Report

Adventist Health, Mendocino Coast

Our hospital continues to achieve measurable, objective high standards of care. It is one of five hospitals in California with the highest ranking for patient-physician communication. It is one of the cleanest hospitals in the US for the second consecutive year. It also has the lowest morbidity of any hospital in the Adventist Health System (28 hospitals) and has the best safety record among them. I am hopeful these accomplishments will become better known in our community.

Election

All of you are aware of the sea change in the US Congress. It is expected that the next session of Congress will work on rolling back the health care provisions of the 'Big, beautiful Bill' that has already contributed to the closure of some rural hospitals and has caused many to lose health care coverage. It is also possible that greater extensions of health care coverage will take place beyond the rollbacks including a Medicare type program for children. While such changes remain speculation at this point, such 'rollbacks' and new initiatives have the potential to create greater access to care in our community.