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Statement on Hartford HealthCare's Recent Acquisition of Bankrupt and Struggling Hospitals

AFT Connecticut Vice President for Healthcare Bill Garrity, RN, made the following comments in response to A.G. Tong's agreement with Hartford HealthCare to protect access to quality, affordable healthcare:

“Our primary message continues to be focused on building strength for the caregivers at both Manchester Memorial and Rockville General Hospitals. The healthcare workers at these facilities have weathered years of instability during the Prospect Medical Holdings bankruptcy process. Our goal is to ensure they are empowered to advocate effectively for themselves and for the patients they serve.

“Support and solidarity for these physicians, nurses and health professionals remain our number one priority. We welcome any agreement that empowers the Office of the Attorney General to have their backs. The oversight provisions in this deal—particularly those regarding service preservation and price transparency—are essential tools, but they are most effective when the frontline staff have a seat at the table.

“AFT Connecticut will remain vigilant in working with Hartford HealthCare to help provide the resources, safe staffing levels, and respect necessary to deliver the high-quality care these communities deserve. We are ready to work to ensure this new chapter is defined by stability and worker-led advocacy, not just a change in corporate ownership.”

Link:

[December 29, 2025 Release: Attorney General Tong Announces Agreement with Hartford Healthcare to Help Protect Against Cost Increases and Preserve Professional Freedom for Physicians in Acquisition of Prospect Medical's Manchester Memorial and Rockville General Hospitals](#)

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