

More than 75,000 Kaiser Permanente Unions workers could strike on 4 Oct

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Health care workers who serve millions of Americans could strike

Wednesday if Kaiser Permanente and union workers do not reach an agreement.

More than 75,000 [members](#) of the Coalition of Kaiser Permanente Unions are poised to strike, CNBC reported. The [union](#), whose contract expired Saturday, represents medical assistants, surgical and lab technicians, and pharmacists, among other staffers.

Workers and the nation's largest nonprofit, private health care provider failed to reach an agreement over the weekend. Staffing levels are a key issue, along with pay and benefits, CNBC reported.

"Kaiser executives refuse to acknowledge how much [patient care](#) has deteriorated or how much the frontline health care workforce and patients are suffering because of the Kaiser short-staffing crisis," Dave Regan, president of SEIU-United Healthcare Workers West, said in late September.

Kaiser has said that it has contingency plans to ensure continued patient care, CNBC reported. Negotiations are ongoing, said a Kaiser spokesperson Monday. The company, which is providing online [status reports](#), has said it is confident negotiations will be successful.

The coalition of unions has accused Kaiser of negotiating in bad faith and committing unfair labor practices. Members will strike if Kaiser executives do not take "dramatic action now to solve the Kaiser short-staffing crisis by investing in its workforce," the coalition said in a statement to CNBC.

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