



Bakersfield Memorial Hospital
420 34th St, Bakersfield, CA 93301

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Kern County Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Office
1115 Truxtun Avenue, Fifth Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Dear Board of Supervisors,

This letter serves to inform you of an important strategic decision concerning Bakersfield Memorial Hospital's long-term sustainability and future impact within our community. Effective June 30, 2026, we will not be renewing our hospital services agreement with the Grossman Burn Center, which will result in the closure of both their acute care beds and outpatient programs at our facility.

The Burn Center has played an important role in providing specialized burn care to the region. However, after an extended and deliberate evaluation process, persistently low patient volumes were found to significantly limit the efficient use of our highly specialized staff and resources. Patient safety, continuity of care, and responsible stewardship of healthcare resources remained central considerations throughout this review.

As part of this evaluation, we assessed regional capacity to ensure continued access to specialized burn services. Bakersfield Memorial Hospital will continue to provide immediate burn stabilization and emergency care through its emergency department. Patients requiring advanced burn treatment will be transferred through established pathways to designated regional burn centers, ensuring access to specialized care, including:

- **Burn Center at Grossman Burn Center**
7300 Medical Center Dr., West Hills, CA 91307
(800) 334-4325 or (818) 676-4000
- **Community Regional Medical Center Burn Center**
2823 Fresno St., Fresno, CA 93721
(559) 459-6000
- **LAC+USC Medical Center Burn Unit**
2051 Marengo St., Los Angeles, CA 90033
(323) 400-1000

We are committed to supporting our colleagues through this transition and will assist all interested staff in identifying and applying for other positions within the Bakersfield Memorial Hospital family. We have personally notified impacted employees and their union representatives.

This decision reflects our commitment to responsibly aligning resources with the most critical and sustainable healthcare needs, ensuring that Bakersfield Memorial Hospital remains a strong and reliable provider of care well into the future.

We appreciate the Boards continued leadership and oversight and welcome the opportunity to address any questions or provide additional information.

Sincerely,

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