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a publication for the people of University Hospital

The University Hospital has been informed by District 1199, National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees, that members of its UH bargaining unit are planning "informational picketing" for today (Monday, Sept. 29) from 2 to 5:30 p.m.

The Dist. 1199 picket action apparently has been called in reaction to organizational changes that the Hospital has instituted in the housekeeping and unit management departments.

Members of Dist. 1199 have been reminded in a memo from University Hospital, released on Friday, Sept. 26, that such actions as picketing are expressly prohibited in the current contract between the Hospital and their Union. Although picketing is sometimes practiced in labor-management disputes, Dist. 1199 agreed in the 1986 contract that such action would not be taken.

The Hospital believes that there are appropriate forums for the settlement of such matters, but that picketing, since it is forbidden in the contract, is not one of them. The Hospital is seeking a decision on the picketing issue from the American Arbitration Association (AAA), and a hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. today in Boston before the AAA hearing officer.