



# City of Methuen

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**MAYOR MANZI ANNOUNCES HEALTH CARE AGREEMENT**  
*One Year Contract Allows For Continued Savings*

Today, Mayor William Manzi announced an agreement with the City of Methuen's Section 19 Coalition, representing both school and city municipal employees, on a one year contract for municipal health care. The agreement is an extension of last year's agreement, allowing the City to appropriate approximately \$1.4 million less than last year for health care. This agreement will allow Methuen a smooth transition to the new municipal health care law that appears poised to pass the Legislature in this budget session.

“Bringing change to Methuen's health care plan with the goal of providing outstanding health care to our employees and reducing overall costs to Methuen's property tax payers has been a major goal for my Administration. Rising health care costs ultimately cost our employees jobs and force our citizens to put up with decreased services. This agreement will help us to preserve jobs and services, said Mayor Manzi. “I thank the Public Employees for their willingness to work with Methuen to create a more equitable health care plan that more closely resembles the health care plan utilized by state employees.

Mayor Manzi has been a consistent and vocal supporter of changes to the laws governing the delivery of municipal health care, working with the Massachusetts Mayor's Association to bring needed reform to this process.