

## 5 nurses will get back pay

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KINGSTON — Nurses working at Benedictine and Kingston hospitals have won \$6,000 in back pay, according to the union representing them.

Five nurses who are employed by Nistel Inc. won the pay “as a result of the employer’s unilateral change to its on-call policy,” according to the union, the New York state Nurses Association.

“Our union ... filed an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations board when our on-call policy was changed without our receiving any notice,” said Julia Motti, who is one of the nurses.

Sylvia Murphy, a spokeswoman for HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley, which operates Kingston and Benedictine hospitals, said the union’s complaint is not with the alliance, but with Nistel, and would not comment further.

In addition to the back pay, the union also won the rescinding of unjust discipline against a member.

“This was a critical step because the affected member was an active participant in the nurses’ union organizing drive and continues to be active today,” the union said in a press release