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SoutheastHEALTH officials have announced an increase in the minimum starting hourly wage to \$15 for all full-time and part-time workers at its hospitals in Cape Girardeau and Dexter and at outpatient clinics in Cape and Stoddard Counties. The increases will be reflected in paychecks issued October 28.

According to health system officials, the new minimum wage rate will be for all entry-level positions. Entry-level employees could be paid more than the minimum based on their education and years of experience. The current state minimum wage in Missouri is \$10.30.

SoutheastHEALTH President and CEO Ken Bateman said Southeast has a long tradition of caring for communities, including the SoutheastHEALTH community. “Each employee plays a vital role in providing exceptional care to those we serve. Over the past two years our dedicated team has managed increased patient volumes in challenging situations with incredible resilience. These pay increases acknowledge and recognize the burden placed on staff during this unprecedented time in our history. The increases also help address inflation and hopefully will ease some of that concern.”

SoutheastHEALTH is hiring for positions across all locations for clinical, non-clinical and support staff. Visit [SEhealth.org/careers](https://sehealth.org/careers) to learn more.

About SoutheastHEALTH

At SoutheastHEALTH, the region's premier healthcare system in southeast Missouri, our patients receive excellent care of the highest clinical quality, close to home. Within our network are more than 51 care locations in 11 communities, including hospitals, primary and specialty care clinics representing over 30 clinical specialties and extending care for patients in a four-state area. Learn more at [SEhealth.org](https://sehealth.org).

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