

[Sutter Case Watch] BREAKING: Sutter Health Settles Massive Antitrust Suit to Avoid Trial

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The historic court case against Sutter Health alleging [anticompetitive contract practices](#) took an unexpected turn today when Judge Anne-Christine Massullo of the Superior Court of San Francisco dismissed the jury, announcing that Sutter has reached a preliminary settlement with the California AG and class action plaintiffs.

Opening arguments in the case were set for October 21, after it was [delayed from October 10](#) due to an insufficient number of jurors. The trial was estimated to last about 12 weeks and would have put the spotlight on the details of Sutter Health's contracting practices, which will now remain hidden.

The terms of the settlement are confidential, and the court indicated preliminary approval hearing of the final settlement will take place in February or March 2020.

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