

# LONG-TERM CARE

CUPE Ontario/OCHU

Bill 140:  
Long-  
Term  
Care  
Act



## Without a minimum standard of care, who knows how much care she'll get?

The Liberal government is proposing a new law for Ontario's nursing homes, homes for the aged and rest homes. Bill 140 will replace 3 major pieces of legislation affecting almost 75,000 seniors as well as thousands of personal care workers. But there are big problems.

There is nothing in the proposed law that ensures that our frail and elderly living in long-term care facilities will get the care they need.

Alberta provides 3.5 hours of care per day to each resident. While other provinces are aiming for this standard, Ontario's front line caregivers are struggling to provide the daily care required

by each resident within the couple of hours allocated by their facility.

That's just not good enough – for our seniors and for the front line caregivers trying to do the job that they were hired to do.

The Liberals made a promise to guarantee a certain level of hands-on care per resident per day. It's time they kept it.

**3.5 hours of care each day.  
Make it the law.**

Ontario  
Health  
Coalition

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“Ontario Liberals are committed to reinstating the standards of care for nursing homes that were removed by the Harris-Eves government.”

**Dalton McGuinty – another broken promise?**

“There are not enough hands to provide the care these elderly residents require and deserve.”

**Personal Care Worker, Long-Term Care Facility**

“Call or write your MPP. Let’s force the Liberals to live up to their care commitment and provide more public hearings on this crucial issue.”

**Sue Schmidt, Chair, CUPE Ontario Health Care Workers Coordinating Committee**



## A commitment to quality care.

### **Adequate Funding for Front Line Care**

There is only one way to ensure that our family members receive a minimum of 3.5 hours of care each day. And that’s to provide adequate funding for required front line staffing. Resident care suffers because there is not enough staff in many homes and the number of hours allotted to care is simply not enough. Heavy workloads mean that there is insufficient time for baths, foot care, appropriate food, recreation and exercise.

Is this the level of care the Ontario Government envisages for the next 20 or 30 years? Is this the care that you want to receive should you need to access a long-term care facility as you grow old?

Dalton McGuinty promised to reinstate minimum standards. Bill 140 must include a 3.5 hour minimum care standard to protect our families and loved ones, now and in the future.

### **Accountability for Public Tax Dollars**

CUPE Ontario, OCHU and the Ontario Health Coalition are calling for a provincial funding model as part of Bill 140 – one that ensures uniform provincial standards and accountability for public money in all homes – those run by non-profit and for-profit providers.

Only in this way can Ontarians be assured that their tax dollars are funding front line care for seniors, not increasing profits.

## **Send a message to your MPP. 3.5 hours. Make it the law.**

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