

CUPE Ontario Election Fact Sheet

Health Care

The Health Care Workers' Coordinating Committee (HCWCC) brings together locals representing more than 60,000 members in Ontario's hospitals, long-term care facilities, homecare, LHINs and emergency services. We are hospital dietary, service and maintenance workers, registered practical nurses, engineers, clerical staff, personal support workers, and ambulance and paramedical personnel.

CUPE Ontario has been fighting for four hours of hands-on care for our seniors in long-term care homes. We've lobbied to increase health care funding to keep up with inflation, population growth, aging and usage. We've been calling for an increase in staffing to address the violence that is becoming commonplace in the health care sector.

Liberals 15 year record:

- The Ontario Hospital Association states the system is on the brink of crisis due to chronic underfunding
- Lack of funding has created hallway medicine
- Underfunding has led to an increase in violence in hospitals

Conservative platform:

- Silent on almost all health care issues
- Promised to cut \$6 billion from budget will almost guarantee less money for health care
- Will find 'efficiencies' which is code for cuts, contracting out and firing our members

We don't have to choose between **BAD** and **WORSE**.

The Ontario NDP will:

- Legislate a minimum care standard of four hours of hands-on care a day for seniors in long-term care
- Universal drug & dental care for everyone
- End hallway medicine by increasing hospital funding immediately by 5.3% (\$916 million) annually for five years
- Create 2,000 hospital beds immediately
- Invest over \$19 billion in hospital capital expansion over 10 years
- Immediately increase home care funding by \$300 million & eliminate wait list
- Create 40,000 more long-term care beds, including 15,000 new beds over next five years
- Stop layoffs of frontline health care workers

Demand Better. On June 7 - Vote NDP.