

COMMENTARY: 7KH ODWHU WUDQVIHU RI /+,1 VHUYLFHV WR 2QWDULR +HDW
WKH JRYHUQPHQW KDV FUHDWHG WR HVWDEOLVK VFRUHV RI 2QWDULR
7KH JRYHUQPHQW VXJJHVWV LW ZLOO WUDQVIHU VRPH /+,1 VHUYLFHV
DQG FRPPXQLW\ FDUH VHUYLFHV WR 2+7V 2QFH IXOO\ IRUPHG WKH
EXVLQHVVHV ORQJ WHUP FDUH KRPHV FRPPXQLW\ FDUH VHUYLFHV
+RZHYHU WKH SODQV RI WKH JRYHUQPHQW DQG WKH 2+7V DUH QRW IX
DQG WUDQVIHU WKH /+,1 VHUYLFHV DW WKLV WLPH &RQQHFWHG ZLW
H[DFWO\ ZKDW RWKHU ZRUN ZLOO WUDQVIHU IURP WKH /+,1 WR 2QWD

Three issues to point out:

7KH HDUO\ WUDQVIHU RI 2YH QRQ &83(DJHQFLHV W RABOQWADUARD +HDOW
bargaining unit issues at Ontario Health may be dealt with before the arrival of CUPE members ZKR PD\ EH
WUDQVIHUUHG ZKHQ VRPH /+,1 ZRUN LV HYHQWXDOO\ WUDQVIHUUHG WR 2Q

+RPH DQG FRPPXQLW\ FDUH work currently done by the LHINs, may be assumed by OHT partners VXFK DV KRVSLEWDOV KRPH FDUH WKH SURYLG\ WKH WUXULQJ DV
DQG IDPLO\ SK\VLFLDQ SUDFWLFHV H[HUFLVH ADJJLQJ WKH
LQ &(2V 7KDW UHGXFV
DW EHVW QHW RQO\ UHC
KRPH FDUH FRUSRUDW
LQGLXVWU\ DQG KRPH
WUDQVIHUUHG WKH JRYHUQPHQW
VDYH PLOOLRQ DQQ
WKURXJK 2QWDULR +HDW
WKH JRYHUQPHQW
YHQ WKH HOLPLQDWXU
WKLW HDU RI SRVLWL
DJHQFLHV WKDW ZLOO E
KHDOWK FDUH LQ WKH
2QWDULR +HDW WKH
XHQFH HHSRGLXGDF
LWLRQ YUDFWLRQ RI WKH
FXW ORUHRYHU WKH)L
\$FFRXQWDELQW\ 2L FH
SURJW FRUSUDWLRQV
WKDW WKH JRYHUQPHQW
SODQV ZLOO UHTLUXH E
LQ DV HWXO DQXQF
LQGLXVWU\ KRPH FDUH VH
FDUH JHW WKH FDUH DQ

: KLOH this whole restructuring is very troubling and not fully thought-out

WKH DVVXPSWLRQ RI WKLW ZRUN E\ IRU SUR 2YH QRQ &83(DJHQFLHV W RABOQWADUARD +HDOW
ZKLFK SOD\ WKH OHDG UROH LQ WKH KRPH FDUH WKH SURYLG\ WKH WUXULQJ DV
SUDFWLFHV ZRXOG LQ SDUWLFXODU UDLVH VHULW\ WKH JRYHUQPHQW
WUDQVIHUUHG WKH JRYHUQPHQW
VDYH PLOOLRQ DQQ
WKURXJK 2QWDULR +HDW
WKH JRYHUQPHQW
YHQ WKH HOLPLQDWXU
WKLW HDU RI SRVLWL
DJHQFLHV WKDW ZLOO E
KHDOWK FDUH LQ WKH
2QWDULR +HDW WKH
XHQFH HHSRGLXGDF
LWLRQ YUDFWLRQ RI WKH
FXW ORUHRYHU WKH)L
\$FFRXQWDELQW\ 2L FH
SURJW FRUSUDWLRQV
WKDW WKH JRYHUQPHQW
SODQV ZLOO UHTLUXH E
LQ DV HWXO DQXQF
LQGLXVWU\ KRPH FDUH VH
FDUH JHW WKH FDUH DQ

But there is considerable 'corporate' support for this restructuring

E\ WKH IRU SUR 2YH QRQ &83(DJHQFLHV W RABOQWADUARD +HDOW
FKDQJHV GHVSLWH OLWWOH SXEOLF LQIRUPDWLRQ DERXW /+,1 HOLPLQDWXU
WKLW HDU RI SRVLWL
DJHQFLHV WKDW ZLOO E
KHDOWK FDUH LQ WKH
2QWDULR +HDW WKH
XHQFH HHSRGLXGDF
LWLRQ YUDFWLRQ RI WKH
FXW ORUHRYHU WKH)L
\$FFRXQWDELQW\ 2L FH
SURJW FRUSUDWLRQV
WKDW WKH JRYHUQPHQW
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FDUH JHW WKH FDUH DQ

CUPE adamantly opposes the privatization of health care

/+,1V DUH RQH RI WKH IHZ EHDFK KHDGV RI SXEOLF KHDOWK FDUH LQ WKH
FDUH LQGLXVWU\ /+,1 ZRUNHUV SURYLGH VROLG SXEOLF HHSRGLXGDF
SDWLHQWV DQG KDYH ZRQ GHFHQW ZRUNLQJ FRQGLWLRQ YUDFWLRQ RI WKH
7KLV LV XQGHU WKUHDW
FXW ORUHRYHU WKH)L
\$FFRXQWDELQW\ 2L FH
SURJW FRUSUDWLRQV
WKDW WKH JRYHUQPHQW
SODQV ZLOO UHTLUXH E
LQ DV HWXO DQXQF
LQGLXVWU\ KRPH FDUH VH
FDUH JHW WKH FDUH DQ

ORVW KRPH FDUH SURYLGHUV DUH SULDYDWH IRU SURJW FRUSUDWLRQV
are strong indicators that patient care case management and team
assistant work will be turned over to home care providers 7KLV FUHDWHV

D ELJ FRQALFW RI LQWHUHVW ZKHUHE\ WKRWH SURYLG\ WKH WUXULQJ DV
ZRXOG DOVR EH KDYH RYHUVLJKW RI ZKDW SDWLHQWV JHW WKH FDUH DQ

