

# Organize your Ontario Health Coalition Workplace Referendum to protect public healthcare.



Do you want our public hospital services to be privatized to for-profit hospitals and clinics? Share your opinion.

## Planning your local's Ontario Health Coalition workplace referendum on health care privatization in Ontario

- Take your proposal to your local executive board as soon as possible and request their support.
- Assign workplace referendum lead or leads (must be individuals who have the time to take on the work).
- Alert your employer: outline your request and get their agreement in principle.
- If applicable, coordinate with other unions or CUPE locals in your workplace.
- Connect with your local health coalition for instructions and materials (Ontario Health Coalition to supply contacts).
- Connect with CUPE Ontario volunteer Leila Paugh for support and updates (she will track CUPE locals' progress around the province).
- Determine how many local members will be needed to prepare and run a workplace referendum from May 15 to 22. Suggested roles include:
  - a main contact for each work site;
  - “get out the vote” volunteers to put up signs, make phone calls, answer questions, etc.;
  - poll clerks to schedule voting times and staff voting table throughout the week;
  - returning officers responsible for securing ballot boxes and returning them to local health coalition representatives when the votes are over.
- Call out for volunteers, and assign duties and tasks.

Remember, you can join up with other CUPE locals or even other unions in your workplace to hold a workplace referendum.

Your local health coalition is there to help, as well as the team from CUPE Ontario: Leila Paugh ([campaigns4@cupe.on.ca](mailto:campaigns4@cupe.on.ca)), and Campaign Coordinator Kelly Belbin ([kbelbin@cupe.on.ca](mailto:kbelbin@cupe.on.ca)).