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Special call on legislation on violence against health care workers

Legislation that makes assaulting a health care worker a more serious offence is stalled in a committee of the Canadian Senate. The amendment is to the Canadian Criminal Code and it passed through parliament and has gone to the Senate for approval. We have written every Senator asking them to pass the amendment, but we need your help.

Join us for a call to talk about this and the one simple thing you can do to help, October 15th at 7 p.m.

Dial: 1-833-946-1544



Trojan Horse Tour attacks privatization of hospital surgeries

A giant Trojan Horse will visit every community where CUPE has hospital workers and many others, to draw attention to the much higher costs of surgeries moved out of hospitals to private clinics. The full tour schedule can be found [here](#)

With a provincial election coming in the spring, CUPE and the Ontario Health Coalition will draw attention to the fact that waiting times for cataract surgeries have gone up since privatization of cataracts was stepped up. Costs are more than 2.5 times as much as in public hospitals. Please come to the event in your community.

A new regulation hurts PSWs.

Join the teleconference call to talk about action

Ontario is hurting personal support workers (PSWs) with a new regulation that denies them basic legal rights.

Every other regulated profession (nurses for example) has an independent process for dealing with malpractice complaints, which is subject to the basic standards of law and also subject to appeal to the courts.

None of these features are being applied to PSWs, which means that they could lose their license to practice and have no ability to appeal the decision. Effectively they could be prevented from ever working as a PSW again and have their reputation badly hurt. We are organizing a lobby effort to push for real legal protections for PSWs.

Join the special call on November 18 at 7 p.m. to talk about it.

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OCHU-CUPE study highlights the shortage of hospital beds and the desperate need for more staff

Ontario needs to add 16,000 new hospital beds and fill the 25,000 vacant positions in our hospitals over the next 10 years, a study released by the Ontario Council of Hospital Unions- CUPE found.

The study was released over the month of August in 20 Ontario communities.

The Ontario government plans to add just 3,000 beds over 10 years

CUPE estimates that the cost of adding the new beds and staff would be an additional \$2 billion a year.

Ontario is facing a tidal wave as the baby boom generation ages, as our population grows and as medical advances mean that people can live much longer with conditions which would have been fatal 10 or 20 years ago.

The Ontario government promised to end hallway medicine during the last election campaign. But there are now more than twice as many people on stretchers in hallways in 2024 as there were in 2021.

