

It's Time to Take a Stand

Our local public hospital & home care services are at serious risk from escalating cuts & privatization

Maternity units, labs, physio, entire wards, even entire hospitals are at risk of closure as a result of funding cuts. For 9 years in a row the Ontario government has set funding levels for hospitals at less than the rate of inflation. For the last 4 years, funding has been frozen at a 0% increase. In real-dollar terms this means hospital budgets can't keep up with inflation, let alone population growth and aging.

Year after year, more and more services are cut. After decades of downsizing, hospital staff are cut to the

bare bones. And virtually every service cut from our local hospitals is privatized. Patients face a growing array of user fees, like outrageous parking fees, and are being charged hundreds or even thousands of dollars for private clinics, home care and long-term care.

Now, the government has a plan to contract out and privatize virtually all our home care system, and start up competitive bidding again unless we stop them.

We fund our health care. It is supposed to exist to provide care for us. It is time to take it back!

Days of Action

Rallies at senior government Ministers' offices

Hamilton Niagara Ottawa Region

12 p.m. Friday May 22 Rally at Jim Bradley's office
2 Secord Dr., Unit 2, St. Catharines

12 p.m. Friday June 12 Rally at Bob Chiarelli's office
201-2249 Carling Ave., Ottawa

From Hamilton: 10 a.m. Rally at Ted McMeekin's office then join the car/bus cavalcade to Jim Bradley's office in St. Catharines
299 Dundas St. E. Waterdown

Southwestern Ontario

12 p.m. Friday June 26 Rally at Deb Matthews' office
242 Piccadilly St., London

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