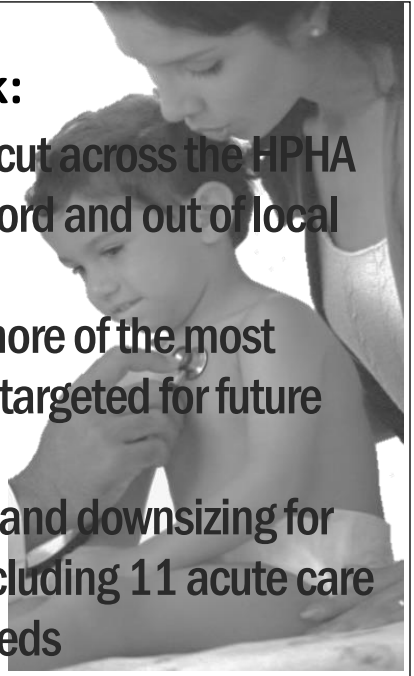


HOSPITAL SERVICE CUTS

are underway at the Huron-Perth
Healthcare Alliance (HPHA)

On the Chopping Block:

- Acute care services being cut across the HPHA and centralized into Stratford and out of local towns.
- St. Mary's is being given more of the most unstable services that are targeted for future cuts.
- In addition, there are cuts and downsizing for services in entire HPHA including 11 acute care beds and 6 chronic care beds



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HOSPITAL SERVICES**

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For patients: more travel, longer waits, care further from home.

These proposed cuts are deep. Often our beds are already full and waits for home and long-term care are already excessive. The proposed cuts would mean:

- A backlog of people waiting in the emergency department and more pressure to discharge patients quicker and sicker
- Higher rate of re-admissions as patients are discharged before they have recovered sufficiently to go home safely.
- Patients transferred to hospital sites where beds are available – outside of their community
- Members of families may be dispersed to different sites across the HPHA to receive health care services.
- Patients may be transferred multiple times between sites in Stratford, St. Mary's, Clinton and Seaforth.
- More instability for small hospitals in Seaforth and St. Marys where acute care services are being dramatically cut. This plan also affects employment; Registered Practical Nurses are in danger of losing their jobs – this has implications on the safety of patients and hospital staff

Billions of dollars are being cut from the health care that you and your family count on.

Ontarians are paying the price for years of the deepest tax cuts in the country for corporations and the wealthiest, by curtailing health funding by \$3 billion.

That is billions in real dollar cutbacks over the last 5 years – and for years to come if we don't stop them.

Ontario Has Lowest Hospital Funding in Canada

Ontario Public Hospital Spending Per Person 2012 (Current \$) Compared to Other Provinces

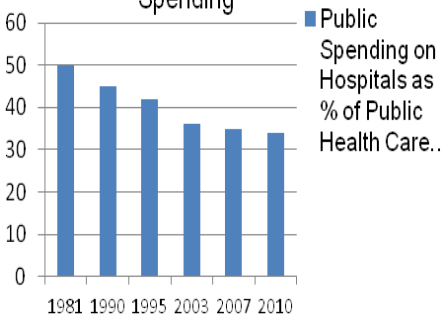
Newfoundland	\$ 2,519
Alberta	\$ 2,194
New Brunswick	\$ 1,962
Manitoba	\$ 1,843
PEI	\$ 1,831
Saskatchewan	\$ 1,784
Nova Scotia	\$ 1,762
British Columbia	\$ 1,557
Quebec	\$ 1,381
Ontario	\$ 1,372
Avg. other Prov's	\$ 1,870
Difference Ontario vs. Other Provinces	\$ 498 less per person x 13,529,000 Ontario population = \$6.7 billion less

Ontario 8th of 10 Provinces in Overall Health Funding

Ontario Public Health Care Spending Per Person 2012 (Current \$) Compared to Other Provinces

Newfoundland	\$ 5,399
Saskatchewan	\$ 4,952
Alberta	\$ 4,896
Manitoba	\$ 4,816
PEI	\$ 4,663
Nova Scotia	\$ 4,463
New Brunswick	\$ 4,377
Ontario	\$ 3,963
British Columbia	\$ 3,937
Quebec	\$ 3,792
Average Other Prov's	\$ 4,588
Difference Ontario vs. Other Provinces	\$ 635 less per person x 13,529,000 Ontario population = \$8.6 billion less

Hospital Funding is Shrinking as % of Ontario's Health Care Spending



Source: Ontario Ministry of Finance, Provincial Budgets 1982, 1990, 1995, 2003 or health health information

Ontario is one of the richest provinces in Canada.

By every measure, most or all other provinces do better than Ontario in funding hospitals, health care and other services. There is no reason that we can't too. It isn't about money. It's about paying for corporate tax cuts.

FACT

The HPHA cuts jeopardize the future of our hospitals and worsen access to care

The HPHA is making cuts across all hospitals sites in the Alliance. It is also moving to centralize acute care hospital services in Stratford. Their plan is to cut acute care beds from Clinton, Seaforth and St. Marys and move non-acute care services to these hospitals.

These non-acute care services are the least stable of the hospital services and are the most likely to be cut in the future.

One-third of the acute care beds in St. Marys are being cut. As beds are cut, higher hospital occupancy will mean that patients are sent further away from their home hospital to get the care they need.

These cuts will have a serious impact on access to health care and will cause inconvenience and suffering as patients are transferred across sites of the HPHA.

Across Ontario, entire hospital sites are being closed; for instance, in Niagara, 5 community hospitals are under threat of complete closure. What will bed realignment mean for the future of the HPHA?

The cuts have gone too far. The Ontario government must fund Ontario's hospitals adequately. Together we can protect these services.

Save Our Services!

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