

Call or Write the Premier About Bill 8

WHY?

Bill 8 will force hospital and long-term care CEOs and Boards of Directors to enter into “ accountability agreements “ with the Minister to get funding. In British Columbia accountability agreements forced CEOs to cut support and administration budgets by 7% last year. Widespread contracting-out of support, clerical and diagnostic work is how they managed. Ontario’s Minister of Health supports the regionalization of support services. Bill 8 can used to contract-out many hospital and long-term care support services, including labs.

WILL IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE?

All of the lobbying that members have done so far forced the province to introduce amendments to Bill 8 on March 9. Those amendments mean that Bill 8 can’t open or over-ride your collective agreement. Your call will make a difference

WHAT SHOULD I SAY?

Please tell the Premier’s staff that Section 3 of Bill 8, dealing with Accountability Agreements, should be pulled. Please tell them that you don’t support the regionalization or privatization of hospital or long-term care support services. And please tell them that if they won’t drop the Accountability Agreements that they should extend the public hearings on Bill 8.

HOW DO I REACH THE PREMIER?

416-325-1941.

If you are calling long-distance tell them that and they will call you right back at their expense.

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