



Health care needs us – now

Public health care is at risk. We can save it, if we act now. This urgent fight counts on CUPE members being on the front line to stop privatization and demand reforms that strengthen and modernize health care.

The federal government is all talk and no action. It's letting corporations and some provinces push privatization and prey on the sick and vulnerable. While the Romanow report rejects most for-profit care, it doesn't close the door on privatization and public private partnerships (P3s). We must slam that door shut.

Only massive mobilization and an all-out fightback will force governments to act in the public interest, protecting and expanding a health care system that's public from top to bottom. CUPE members are key to the fight – in our workplaces and communities, in the streets, at the ballot box and pressuring governments – especially the federal government.

Act now for public health care.

CUPE
on the front line

Privatization alert

From hospitals to housekeeping, privatization continues to threaten public health care. The evidence is clear: patients, health care workers and communities can't afford the dangerous costs of for-profit care.

Health support workers are especially at risk. Governments and employers are targeting food, laundry, housekeeping and other support work. Yet these services are vital to recovery and healing. The attack is already underway in British Columbia, where the Liberal government has ripped up health care contracts to clear the way for massive contracting out and privatization.

CUPE members from every sector are organizing to protect these jobs and services. They're also fighting to stop for-profit hospitals and clinics. P3 hospitals bring major cuts in beds and staff, cuts that can threaten lives. For-profit facilities drain money from care into corporate pockets, eroding quality, access and accountability – and putting good jobs at risk.

Across the country CUPE members are joining with other Canadians to defend jobs and services, resisting profits anywhere in the health system.



Not a penny to profits

It's happening in each and every sector and workplace. CUPE is organizing for action like never before. That includes a cross-country workplace canvass to count thousands of members into this urgent campaign.

Count yourself in – today.

By signing up, you're pledging your support for public funding and delivery of all health care. You're sending a

strong message to federal and provincial governments that every penny of health spending must go to care – not corporate profits. You're also telling corporations and employers that you reject privatization of any part of the health care system.

The canvass will also build rapid response networks that help members resist privatization threats as they arise.

Please fill in
both sides
of card

Public Health Care
Count me in!

I will take action to save
public health care.
My first step is signing
this pledge.

Signature

Public Health Care
Count me in!

I am committed to
protecting public health
care from privatization
and contracting out.

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Count me in!

I will work to ensure
not one penny of public
health care spending goes
to corporate profits.

I call on federal and
provincial governments
to implement CUPE's
five-point plan to save
public health care.

Taking action

Along with the coast-to-coast canvass, CUPE members are organizing on other important fronts.

We will be on alert, taking swift action to stop any privatization threat in our communities.

We will fight to defeat pro-privatization governments in upcoming provincial and federal elections.

We will resist government and employer attacks on our collective agreements.

We will continue to expose the dangers and failures of privatized and contracted out care.

We will work to strengthen community health coalitions.

We'll demand reforms that improve and strengthen public health care.

Name: _____

CUPE local: _____

Workplace: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal code: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

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Count me in!

- Send this message to federal and provincial politicians.
- I want to get involved with the campaign. Sign me up to help out.
- Keep me informed about the health care campaign. I will support future actions to stop privatization and for-profit care. The best way to reach me is by:
 phone fax email

Public works best

Experience and research across Canada and around the world confirm a simple fact: Public funding and delivery ensures we get the care we need – when we need it, while protecting important jobs and keeping our communities strong. It's time for urgent action to save public health care.

CUPE's five-point plan to strengthen and expand public health care:

- Stop and reverse the privatization of health care
- Increase federal funding for all health care – acute care, long-term care, mental health, home and community care and palliative care
- Rebuild public health care and expand it to include national home care and prescription drug programs
- Improve access to quality care by expanding primary care
- Exempt health care from trade deals, including NAFTA and GATS

Stay informed and on top of actions to save public health care. Visit CUPE's web site at cupe.ca.



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