

Minister of Health

Which locals are directly impacted:

CUPE 204 - Winnipeg Regional Health Authority	CUPE 3753 - River East PCH operated by Extencicare
CUPE 204 - Shared Health	CUPE 4270 - Southern Health - Santé Sud
CUPE 500 - Riverview Health Centre	CUPE 4281 - Extencicare Charleswood
CUPE 1475 - Extencicare Oakview Place	CUPE 4860 - Extencicare Kildonan
CUPE 2136 - Extencicare Valleyview Care Centre	CUPE 5546 - Salem Home
CUPE 2180 - Extencicare Tuxedo Villa	CUPE 5556 - Rest Haven Care Home
CUPE 2421 - Extencicare Heritage Lodge	CUPE 5559 - Calvary Place PCH
CUPE 2526 - Extencicare Hillcrest	CUPE 8600 - Northern Health Region
CUPE 2719 - Extencicare Maples PCH	

CUPE Manitoba Priorities:

1. Establish minimum staffing levels across the health care system to improve patient/client/resident care and standardize workloads.
2. Eliminate private sector delivery of public health care - end our reliance on private agencies in our hospitals, care homes, and in homecare.
3. Invest in health and safety of staff and patients by replacing contracted-out security services with in-house security, including expanded use of the Institutional Safety Officers.
4. Revise the Health Sector Bargaining Unit Review Act to include all community and facility positions and workplaces that were excluded by the previous government.

Why it matters:

CUPE pulled together to elect a government that is committed to expanding public health care, and fighting the types of American two-tier health care the previous PC government favored. But there is no time to take our foot off the gas. While much of the damage of the previous government has been reversed, there is a lot left to accomplish.

The previous government took an ideological approach to our health care bargaining units, setting up roadblocks that separated thousands of hard-working health care staff from unionization. That must be reversed, to protect every health care worker in Manitoba with a union.

The previous government fired thousands of health care support workers, and while this government has been hiring them back, we need legislation to help protect us from these harmful cuts in the future, with nation-leading legislation on minimum staffing levels.

In addition, the cuts and chaos the previous PC government brought into our health care system resulted in systemic reliance of private for-profit staffing agencies. And while we have seen the tide begin to turn, and reliance on staffing agencies is declining, there is a lot more to do to get those private agencies out of our workplaces, and out of Manitoba, permanently.

Finally, while the employer claims to care about protecting staff and patients, far too many of them still use private companies to provide security services. We need to invest in in-house security, to ensure that the people providing security services are professionally trained and know the staff, the facilities, the clients, and our communities.