

Canadian Office & Professional Employees' Union

On February 26, 2019, the Ontario Government introduced the **People's Health Care Act, 2019** (Bill 74). This Act proposes the establishment of a single **Health Agency– Ontario Health (the Super Agency)** and the establishment of local Ontario Health Teams that will connect health care providers and services around patients and families.

The People's Health Care Act, 2019 will transition the following agencies to Ontario Health:

- Cancer Care Ontario
- Health Quality Ontario
- e-Health Ontario
- Trillium Gift of Life Network
- Health Shared Services Ontario
- Health Force Ontario Marketing and Recruitment Agency; and
- 14 Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs)

According to Natalie Mehra, the Executive Director of the Ontario Health Coalition the Minister of Health Christine Elliot and the Ford government have given themselves vast new powers to order health service closures, transfers, mega-mergers, and the power to privatize and to facilitate the for-profit privatization of significant parts of the public and non-profit health care services.

The Health Coalition believes that the legislation does not deal with the public's need for healthcare, nor does it improve any single service. It opens no new hospital beds, nor does it provide improved home care services or mental health services or any other kind of care.

The Ontario Health Coalition is conducting town hall meetings across Ontario and a mass health care rally at Queen's Park in Toronto on April 30, 2019. For more details about the town hall meetings and the April 30, 2019 rally, check the Ontario Health Coalition website at www.ontariohealthcoalition.ca

COPE Ontario encourages all COPE Locals and members to attend the town hall meetings and the April 30, 2019 rally at Queen's Park.

COPE Ontario is working with the Ontario Health Coalition and other labour bodies to protect health-care jobs so that we can retain a health care system that serves all Ontarians.