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TO: ALL HEALTH MEMBERS
FROM: SHELLEY WARD, PRESIDENT
DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2008
SUBJECT: ANOTHER HEALTH CARE REVIEW?????????

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UPSE has been notified by the Department of Health that the Government has hired an outside company to do a review of the Health Care Services of PEI. This same company recently completed a review of Nova Scotia's Health Care System.

I have been in contact with our sister union, the Nova Scotia Government Employees Union (NSGEU), and have received information that this company has presented a three hundred (300) page report with one hundred and three (103) recommendations for the Nova Scotia Government to consider for implementation.

Without getting into details of the recommendations, UPSE has reviewed them and they are far from labour friendly and far from rural friendly when it comes to delivery of health care services. The recommendations made to the Nova Scotia Government promote services in rural areas to be moved to central locations in the province thereby implementing privatization of some services and consequentially causing hardships for many Nova Scotians.

UPSE strongly believes that this company will suggest similar recommendations to our Liberal Government through their final report and that the future of Rural PEI health service, to name one service, will be in jeopardy.

UPSE will not be a partner in this initiative that Liberal government is bringing forth and we are encouraging UPSE members to avoid taking part in the consultation process.

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