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## **Health Provider Bargaining Update: collective bargaining with SAHO extended as provider unions table comprehensive proposal package**

Your SGEU, CUPE and SEIU-West bargaining committees met, both with our coalition partners and individually, from July 24 to July 30 (inclusive) to develop a comprehensive proposal package for SAHO in an effort to accelerate the bargaining process. The package contains common proposals and some individual union proposals.

The committees worked very long hours, and on the morning of Saturday, July 29, the coalition presented a comprehensive package to the SAHO Bargaining Committee. This package includes a proposal to create a bargaining association. Our plan is to work together to create some labour stability within the health care system for our members, patients, clients, residents and employers.

The coalition bargaining committees believe this package may form the basis of an agreement. We are now waiting for a response from SAHO. The coalition bargaining committees continue to be available for negotiations July 31 and August 1.

All three Provider Unions are holding strong, and working collaboratively to try to achieve the best deal possible for our respective memberships.

Thank you to all members for your continued support.