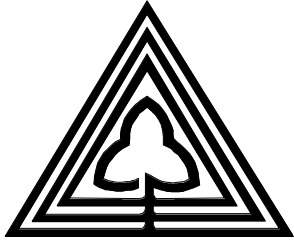


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Home Care now provided at the Paramed Office in Pembroke:

In our last bulletin, we reported on a pilot project of the Windsor/Essex CCAC and Leamington Hospital, where home care services were being provided in the hospital by staff employed by home care agencies.

A member of local 481 at the Renfrew County CCAC sent us a recent issue of the CCAC newsletter. An article called "New nursing care centre combines convenience and efficiency" glowingly reports on a project of the CCAC in Pembroke.

"A nursing care centre has been opened in Pembroke to offer services such as dressing changes, catheter care, injections, and the administration of intravenous medications...Nurses working in the clinic do not have to waste time in transit, and they have the flexibility to be caring for more than one patient at a time...The clinic also offers a new level of

convenience for clients, freeing them from the need to wait at home for a visiting nurse to arrive."

The nursing care centre is located at the Paramed office in Pembroke and is open from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. and again from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The article reports on two similar clinics in Ottawa which are located in shopping centres.

We're interested in hearing from other locals about home care services in their communities which are being delivered in clinics and hospitals.

Managed Care Discussion Papers now available:

In January of 1998, the Ministry of Health invited representatives from CCACs and provider associations to meet on a regular basis to respond to issues as they emerged in the course of the implementation of the managed competition process. This committee, called the Managed

Competition Stakeholder Committee (MCSC) has as its aim "to facilitate a dialogue among .. key stakeholders that will enhance the effectiveness of the process."

As a result of a Freedom of Information Request, a number of discussion documents have been released. They deal with the following issues:

- Disclosure requirements
- Notification requirements
- Contract management
- Rate consideration
- Transition in the managed competition process
- Validation process in the RFP process
- Volume for Pricing

If you would like a copy of any of these documents, contact Barb Linds at OPSEU head office. 1-800-268-7376 extension 203, or blinds@opseu.org

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We're distributing *Take Action* by e-mail and fax only, as well as posting it on our website: www.opseu.org *Take Action* is about two-way communication. We'll provide you with information about home care policy and about what

our locals are up to. We hope you'll let us know what you think. Please post *Take Action* on your union bulletin board and copy it for your colleagues. Contact us to get on our e-mail list.