

The healthcare professionals say YES to the tentative agreement



Asked to vote in a referendum vote held this past February 4, the healthcare professionals voted 87% in favour of the tentative agreement concluded between the FIQ and the Government of Québec last December.

The nurses, licensed practical nurses, respiratory therapists and perfusionists can be proud of this agreement negotiated by them, for them!

An illusion of protection of the healthcare professionals against reprisals

On February 10, the Federation presented a memorandum to the *Commission des finances publiques*, which is holding special consultations and public hearings on Bill No. 87, An Act to facilitate the disclosure of wrongdoings within public bodies.

After careful analysis of Bill No. 87 and its applicability to the 66,000 healthcare professionals who practice in the Québec health and social services network, the FIQ feels that it creates the illusion of protection of the healthcare professionals against reprisals, when wrongdoings are revealed.

Check out fiqsante.qc.ca, where the memorandum will soon be posted.

The basket of ensured services must not be limited



On January 29 last, the FIQ tabled a memorandum with the *Commissaire à la santé et au bien-être* (Health and Welfare Commissioner), as part of his public consultations on the basket of ensured services. “At the FIQ,

we believe that there are problems in the healthcare network and that they must be addressed. We also believe that the issues related to the control of healthcare expenditures must be reviewed so that resources are better used in favour of the patients. We welcome the reflection of the Commissioner, but we do not believe that the resolution of the problems in the public healthcare network goes through a reduction in the ensured basket of services, quite the contrary”, stated the president of the Federation, Régine Laurent that day.

Touring Alma



The president of the FIQ, Régine Laurent, made a visit to Alma this past February 2. She met with several healthcare professionals to talk about the tentative agreement, concluded between the FIQ and the Government of Québec, as part of the renewal of the collective agreement of its 66,000 members.

Rally to save the CPE's



On Sunday, February 7, large rallies were organized in the four corners of Québec in support of childhood educational services. The FIQ took part. Several representatives and activists from the Federation participated in the rally in Montréal, dressed in their lab coats, to protest against the cuts in the CPE's.

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New editorial from the OHS Committee

The new editorial from the OHS Committee, entitled “Training/education: a prevention, motivation and mobilization tool, even more necessary in a period of reorganization” is now online at fiqsante.qc.ca. Enjoy the read!