



ONTARIO PC CAUCUS IDEAS

BACKGROUND



PATHS TO PROSPERITY: PATIENT-CENTRED HEALTH CARE

- The Ontario PCs' *Paths to Prosperity: Patient-Centred Health Care* is the third in a series of discussion papers aimed at providing positive, fresh ideas for fixing the root causes of problems facing our province.
- The latest paper proposes a number of reforms designed to improve the health of Ontarians, enhance the patient experience and reduce the per capita cost of health care.
 - For example, the paper proposes eliminating two layers of middle management – the 14 Local Health Integrated Networks (LHINs) and the 14 Community Care Access Centres (CCACs) – and using this money for home care and frontline patient care instead.
 - According to data from the 2010-11 LHIN annual reports, which were not released until after the election, the average failure rate for all LHINs when it comes to meeting their health targets is 77 per cent:

LHIN	Health Targets Met	Success Rate (%)
LHIN 1 – Erie St. Clair	3 of 13	23
LHIN 2 – South West	2 of 14	14
LHIN 3 – Waterloo-Wellington	3 of 14	21
LHIN 4 – Hamilton-Niagara	2 of 14	14
LHIN 5 – Central West	1 of 13	8
LHIN 6 – Mississauga-Halton	6 of 14	43
LHIN 7 – Toronto Central	3 of 14	21
LHIN 8 – Central	5 of 14	36
LHIN 9 – Central East	4 of 13	31
LHIN 10 – South East	5 of 14	36
LHIN 11 – Champlain	2 of 14	14
LHIN 12 – North Simcoe-Muskoka	4 of 13	31
LHIN 13 – North East	0 of 14	0
LHIN 14 – North West	3 of 13	23

- Instead of LHINs and CCACs, the white paper proposes building off of existing high-performing health infrastructure in 30 to 40 Ontario hospitals to create health hubs, which will organize, plan and commission services for the patients in their respective regions.
 - For example, the health hubs would be required to integrate acute care with primary care, home and community care and long-term care into a seamless partnership.
 - In addition, each hub would establish a permanent, physician-led Primary Care Committee to integrate primary care physicians into local health care planning and to scrutinize their ongoing performance.
 - The paper also proposes investigating options of coordinating municipally-run public health units and emergency medical services with the hubs.
- The first two papers in the series, *Affordable Energy* and *Flexible Labour Markets*, have already redefined public debate in Ontario in these two important fields. All three white papers can be found at www.ontariopc.com/paths-to-prosperity.