

TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE dismantling

of the health and social services system and childcare services!

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The real goals of the Barrette reform: **PRIVATIZING SERVICES**

The government is hiding its real objectives. Bill 10 is part of a whole series of measures the Liberal government is taking that are all aimed at weakening our public health and social services system.

To understand what's in store, we have to look at Bill 10, but also Bill 15 on workforce management and control, the plans for superclinics announced by the government... and remember Bill 33, which the Charest government forced through with closure in December 2006, when Philippe Couillard was minister of health and social services.

Will Bill 33, the Liberal government had already thrown the door wide-open to the private sector in health care. Since then, many surgeries have been done in private clinics. **And just too bad if you don't have insurance or can't afford to pay!**

BILL 10 WILL EXPAND THE PRIVATE SECTOR'S SCOPE

Minister Gaétan Barrette's Bill 10 will increase privatization:

- The minister will force the new mega-institutions to conclude service agreements with the new superclinics or other private businesses. These superclinics will increase the volume of surgery done hospitals in all regions of Québec.

The Liberals are putting together all the necessary conditions for the privatization of funding and the establishment of a significant private insurance market.

The development of private health insurance will mean huge bills for individuals and families and tremendous profits for private companies!

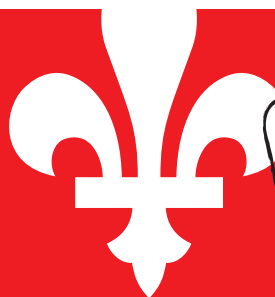
If Bill 10 is passed, we can expect to see skyrocketing costs and the emergence of a two-tiered health and social services system like what exists in the United States.

We have every right to ask:

What price will the population pay for the privatization of our health and social services system?

- Wait times for services will grow, because of the cuts and workforce controls (Bill 15).
- Implementation of activity-based funding will let businesses know the precise cost of each intervention.

Québec's health-care system would become a huge business opportunity for insurance companies and private medical firms. Medical specialists and insurance company shareholders would benefit, but certainly not us.



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