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Nursing Note

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Bill 11: The Privatization of Alberta Health Care

For generations, Albertans have lived by a simple promise: when you're sick, you get care. Your income, your address, or your position in life doesn't matter. That's the Canadian way. That's the Albertan way.

Bill 11 shatters that promise. It creates a shortcut for the wealthy, while everyone else waits.

It allows doctors to charge patients directly for medically necessary care

calls it reform. It isn't. It's abandonment.

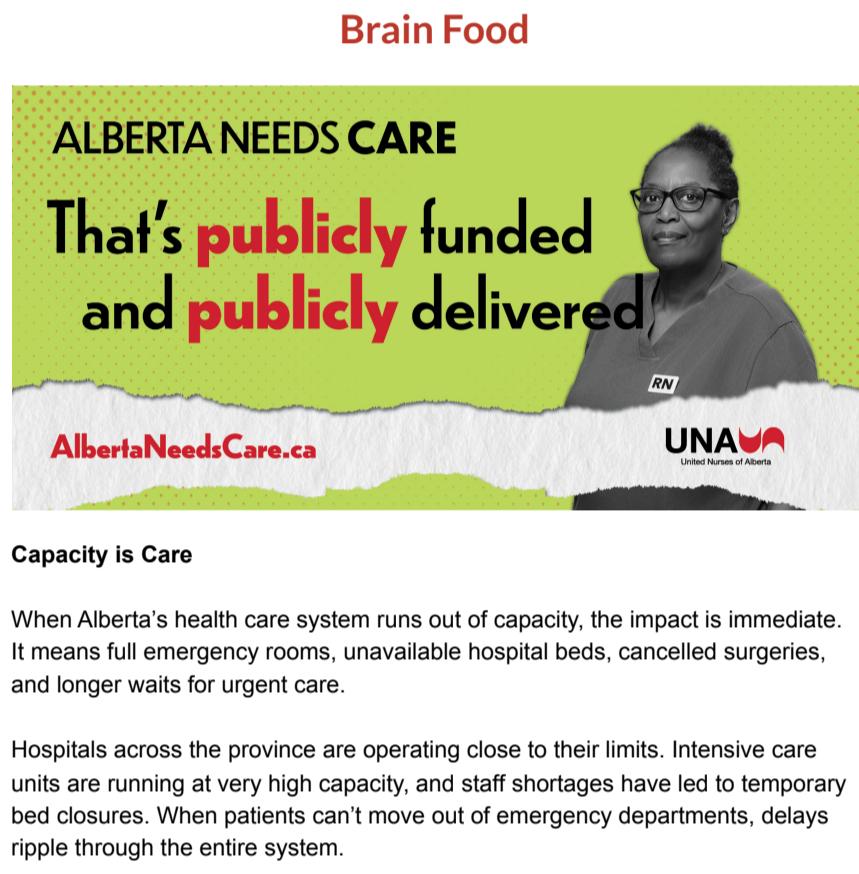
They promise shorter wait times; ask them to show you how.

Right now, doctors, nurses, and operating rooms are already stretched to their limits. Shifting these limited resources to serve patients who can pay **doesn't create new capacity**. It prioritizes those who can afford to jump ahead. That means the rest of us face longer waits for care that should be available to everyone.

Private clinics charge more, and profits go to shareholders, not hospitals. Meanwhile, you still pay taxes to support the public system that loses staff and resources to private services. If you or your loved ones choose, or need, to use private care, you may end up paying twice: once through your taxes and again out of pocket. And if you can't afford private care, you're still

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seeking help at an ER, seniors waiting for a bed, and stretched in overcrowded facilities. When capacity is cushion for unexpected emergencies, and anyone can

timely access to care is at risk.

Strengthening the system means making room for patients, supporting staff, and ensuring care is there when it's needed most.

Learn more about our [Alberta Needs Care campaign](#).

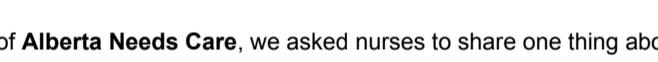
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What Nurses Are Saying

happening in our health system?

As part of **Alberta Needs Care**, we asked nurses to share one thing about the joys, challenges, and realities of their work, and with their permission, we'll be sharing those voices with you each month.

Here's what nurses had to say this month.



The image contains three small, rectangular photographs arranged horizontally. Each photograph shows a close-up of a piece of paper with handwritten text on it. The first photograph shows a green piece of paper with the beginning of a sentence. The second photograph shows a green piece of paper with the text 'I appreciate 'be the change' and a blue piece of paper with the text 'We can'. The third photograph shows a blue piece of paper with the beginning of a sentence.

Three sticky notes with handwritten messages of encouragement:

- Deserve! Focus could expand from just life-saving measures, and contribute to their whole wellbeing. ❤️
- Continue to Care with a smile
- Proud to be NURSE and to serve community.

A collage for Family Day. On the left, a pink background features a yellow star, a blue cloud, a watermelon slice, and a red bow. The text "HAPPY FAMILY DAY" is written in a black, stylized font. On the right, a photograph shows the Canadian flag flying in front of a majestic, snow-capped mountain range.

<p>Family Day is a chance to celebrate the people who show up for us, in the big and small, everyday moments.</p>	<p>Canada Flag Day commemorates the first time the red-and-white maple leaf was officially raised on February 15, 1965.</p>
<p>It's about sharing meals, checking in, helping out, and taking time to be together.</p>	<p>The flag is a symbol of unity, diversity, and shared values, and this day invites</p>

communities and reliable services are in supporting families at every stage of life, so everyone has the care and support they need to thrive.

A graphic for Black History Month. The text "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" is written in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. The background is a dark grey with abstract, flowing shapes in red, orange, green, and yellow. The shapes are irregular and organic in form, creating a sense of movement and diversity. The overall design is modern and celebratory.

Black History Month

Black History Month is a time to recognize and celebrate the achievements, leadership, and lasting contributions of Black communities in Canada.

As Canada marks 30 years of Black History Month, the month invites reflection on the barriers Black communities continue to face, while celebrating Black excellence and the meaningful impact Black Canadians make in communities across the country every day.

resources, even the best intentions fall short.

This Valentine's Day, we're highlighting a simple truth: **capacity is care**, and building a health care system that can

Let's Connect

spread the word about how, together, we can support Alberta's nurses.

A row of four red circular icons with white symbols: a 'f' for Facebook, a camera for Instagram, a 't' for Twitter, and a play button for YouTube.

