

The Pharmacy Reform Bill has been a thorn in our sides for too long. It seems that the fight is endless with no resolution or confirmed business platform. 150 million dollars sounds wonderful, but where is it going? How will the “designated” funds be allocated? In the exhausting effort to fight the Dalton McGuinty office it has become abundantly clear just how affected our patients will be as the government continues to pass legislation with such little regard to its voters (our patients). The future looks bleak indeed.

The passing of this Bill will mean job loss and pharmacy closures; it is inevitable as many of us can not survive this vague platform. As technicians are laid off, who will contact the nurses, clinics, doctors, fax, provide appropriate assistance and obtain Lu Codes by fax. Who will investigate NIHB and IFH coverage let alone who will pay for the time and cost of such daily adventures.

As pharmacists will be forced to take on many of the tasks technicians would normally follow through on, this will leave little time for pharmacist to do what they should be doing. In my mind, the technician’s job is to assist the pharmacy, pharmacist, and its’ patients in any way that allows the pharmacist to achieve his/her primary responsibility: patient care, health outcomes and counseling.

Technicians need to keep in mind that this is just as much our fight as it the pharmacists. We must work together to find a resolution and act as one. We all have the same goals and concerns for our patients. I urge that you do whatever you can to fight the McGuinty agenda.

- Educate to your patients
- Talk to your friends
- Assist in the petition.
- Call your local MPP or email directly with your concerns.

Without your support, not only will we face job loss, but as a caregiver myself, I do not relish the thought of my pensioner mother having to pay for faxes to doctors because pharmacies will no longer be able to afford such luxuries.

Stop the Cuts

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