



January 25, 2022

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Hon. Christine Elliott
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
5 - 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Elliot:

As part of the response to the health care staffing shortage, your government has temporarily increased the wages of Personal Support Workers (PSWs) in long-term care, hospitals, home care and community care.

Despite this commitment, in many hospitals this policy has not been implemented for the most recent extension of the wage adjustment. The hospitals have told our union's local leader that they have not received the paperwork required from the government. We have contacted the Ministry of Health and they have assured us that hospital PSWs are covered, but the payments still are not forthcoming.

We know you have made the treatment of PSWs an important issue. But, as you will appreciate, this problem is creating serious concern for hospital PSWs. Can you please request that the Ministry of Health work with us and the affected hospitals to resolve this issue as quickly as possible?

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Hurley", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Michael Hurley
President, Ontario Council of Hospital Unions-CUPE