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Health provider unions achieve tentative agreement with SAHO

Saskatoon: The three unions representing 25,000 health care providers reached a tentative agreement today with the Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO) and the health regions, after over two years without a collective agreement.

Despite arduous bargaining conditions imposed by SAHO, the unions managed to attain a four-year deal, which is fully retroactive to April 1, 2008.

Details of the tentative agreement will be released once the information is shared with members and ratification vote meetings are held.

The province's health care providers include special care aides, home health aides, licensed practical nurses, food services workers, laundry, housekeeping and activity personnel, sterile processing workers, maintenance, administrative, clerical, therapeutic and recreational workers, and medical technologists and technicians.

The CUPE Health Care Council represents 12,600 health care providers in five health regions; the Service Employees International Union represents 11,000 health providers in four health regions and the Saskatchewan Government and General Employees Union represents 2,000 health care providers in three health regions.

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