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Pharmacy Lower Mainland Integration

HEU members in Lower Mainland pharmacies to be transferred to Fraser Health as part of consolidation exercise

As part of massive reorganization underway in Lower Mainland health authorities, pharmacy operations will be managed by the Fraser Health Authority.

Health employers have now served notice that they have set April 1, 2011 as the target date for transferring employees in pharmacy operations in Providence Healthcare, the Provincial Health Services Authority and the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority to Fraser Health.

For most employees, the transfer to a new employer won't affect the location of their work.

Under the 2010 – 2012 facilities collective agreement, the union negotiated a number of provisions to protect members' rights and benefits in the event of transfer to a new employer. Many of these rights are protected under a "template agreement" negotiated earlier this year.

HEU has also established a committee that includes members from pharmacy in each of health authorities. The committee is engaged in ongoing meetings with health authorities in order to protect members' interests during this period of change.

Any significant new developments will be posted on the union website <www.heu.org>.

In the meantime, you should raise any concerns or questions you may have about the transfer with your HEU shop steward.

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