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Jones Demands Action from the Liberals on Health Care

(Queen's Park) – Sylvia Jones, MPP (Dufferin-Caledon), today called upon the Liberal government to support those who do not have a family doctor, and who are struggling to obtain access to their medical files.

“I have heard from one family that has been told it would cost over \$1200 for a family of four to access their medical files, and they do not even have a family doctor to give it to,” said Jones.

Jones asked the Minister of Health and Long Term Care today during Question Period if he thinks charging a family of four this amount to access their files is fair, and the Minister refused to answer.

“People without a family doctor are being treated like second-class citizens by the McGuinty government,” said Jones. “This particular family does not have access to all the services in our health network. With no medical file and no access to a family doctor, the McGuinty Liberals are leaving Ontarians in the cold.”

The Minister tried to deflect the attention off his Ministry, claiming the fees are regulated by the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons. However, the College does not have any jurisdiction when medical files are sent to a record storage and retrieval service, as they were in this case.

“Hundreds of families will be affected by the huge rates these records and retrieval services are charging,” said Jones. “It's time the McGuinty Liberals develop a strategy to ensure more doctors can practice in this province, and that Ontarians are receiving the best health care possible.”

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