

P3S Are Not the Only For Profit Health Care Services We Need to Guard Against

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The Medical Reform Group is encouraged by the Friday announcements of the new Premier and Health Minister regarding construction of two badly needed hospitals in Brampton and Ottawa.

Said Dr. Rosana Pellizzari, “We will of course be holding the government to its promise to make the contracts public, and we will be examining those to be sure that the government has got the best value for our money.”

“At the same time,” noted Dr. P.J. Devereaux, principal investigator on a recent series of analyses of for profit and not for profit health services, “we continue to be concerned that the government has not enunciated a clear policy on health services, and that there has so far been no mention of the fate of the former Tory government’s proposals to sign agreements with for profit operators for equally important MRI and CT scanning services.”

He continued, “We have asked to meet with the Minister of Health on an urgent basis, and will be seeking assurances that the government will apply the same logic to specific health services as to hospital construction.