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## Survey finds doctors unhappy with proposed fee cuts and labour talks

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Ontario's doctors are resolved in their battle with the provincial government over \$1.1-billion in fee cuts for physicians.

The cuts were imposed unilaterally by the province after talks broke down between the Ontario government and the Ontario Medical Association, which is bargaining on behalf of doctors.

A new poll shows that some are so fed up they are ready to pull up stakes.

"That's going to be bad news for Ontarians and also bad new in terms of the quality of health care that they receive," said Nik Nanos of Nanos Research.

Nanos told 680News this survey is one of the largest survey's of Ontario doctors.

"Four out of every ten physicians in Ontario said they would consider moving to another jurisdiction. That doesn't mean that they will move but that they would consider it," said Nanos.

The survey found that one-third of doctors said they would contemplate pushing up their retirement while more than three-quarters feel the province's stance on doctors fees will not boost young people's plans to practice medicine.

37 per cent say they will have to cut some staff in their office to deal with the province imposed cuts.

80 per cent of doctors said they feel the government is not playing fair at the table and 90 per cent said they want to see a conciliator brought in to resolve the dispute.

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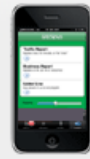
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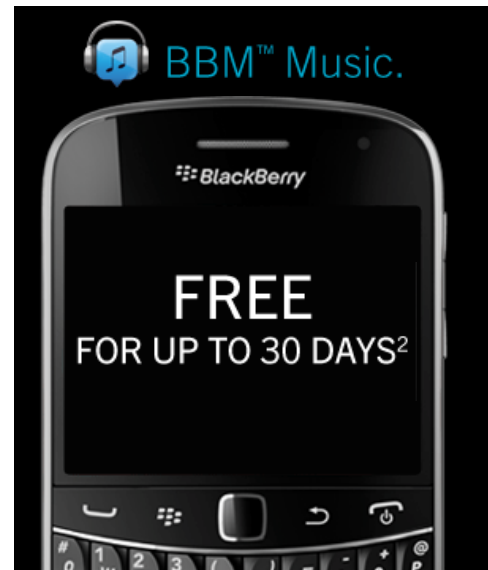
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