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## Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly

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Good Day,

I am writing regarding the need for transparency around the growing number of hospital and emergency room service disruptions that are affecting communities like yours across Saskatchewan.

As you know, many rural communities are facing unexpected closures and reduced services at local hospitals. These disruptions create uncertainty and can mean longer travel times for care in life threatening situations. Most residents of rural Saskatchewan live between two hospitals and in an emergency must decide which direction to drive. I believe we all deserve to know what services are available in our communities.

I vividly remember, my daughter being involved in a serious accident on our farm and rushing to the local hospital. I would have been very upset if our local hospital was one that was closed without warning or had no imaging services (x-ray) available. Allowing someone to drive in the wrong direction in an emergency is unacceptable. This is an everyday risk in rural Saskatchewan.

I recently learned that the SHA tracks this data and has it available in-real time but only makes it available internally to SHA management. We learned about this website through an SHA internal memo (attached). We also have confirmed through an SHA official that the disruptions map exists but is not made available to the public.

This demonstrates that the SHA has the capacity to track disruptions and make them public in real time. Both highway hotline and SaskPower currently have live real time maps that provide service information and highway conditions. This same service is critically important in the healthcare context to keep people that live or travel through rural Saskatchewan safe.

Included is a copy of a petition calling on the government and the SHA to do just this and make available to the public the following:

- When hospitals and emergency rooms are open and closed
- If the hospital has in-person doctors or virtual doctors
- If any of the normally available diagnostic/imaging services aren't available

Please consider signing, distributing, and discussing this matter. Signed petitions can be returned to my office or the NDP caucus office at 265 – 2405 Legislative Dr. Regina, SK. In the meantime one of my colleagues or I would be happy to discuss this matter with you or your council so please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your time and for the work you do on behalf of your community.

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Shadow Minister of Seniors; Associate Shadow Minister of Health

**Essential Tasks:**

**10.** At any time, Leaders can access the full list and map of existing service disruptions by visiting the service disruption [SHA Service Disruptions - Home](#). This is a separate online location from the fillable form.

Permissions to the tracking tool are restricted, but consistent with access permissions to the SHA's internal COVID dashboard. Access for additional staff can be requested by a leader on their behalf – email [communications@saskhealthauthority.ca](mailto:communications@saskhealthauthority.ca).

Leaders are expected to check their unit disruption daily to ensure accuracy.

# Petition to the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan on Hospital Service Disruption Map

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Saskatchewan, wish to bring to your attention the following:

- That Saskatchewan hospitals are experiencing hundreds of disruptions in service, affecting patient care and putting people's lives at risk.
- That the residents of Saskatchewan deserve to know what care is available and when it is available in their community in real time such as emergency room wait times.
- That municipalities should not be responsible for maintaining a provincial responsibility like reporting healthcare closures.
- That the SHA maintains a service disruption map and a comprehensive list of available services but does not allow the public to access this information.

**We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan:**

Call on the Government of Saskatchewan to immediately make public the full list and map of existing service disruptions.

Name (Print)	Address (Print)	Signature	Phone

To ensure this petition is tabled in the Legislature, please return to:

**NDP CAUCUS OFFICE: Room 265 Legislative Building, Regina, SK S4S 0B3 (306) 787-7388**