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PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES TOP PRIORITY FOR SUN MEMBERS

<<REGINA>> “Patients and Families First” remains the mantra of the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN) despite limited funds for health care in the provincial budget.

According to SUN Second Vice-President, Paul Kuling, “Nurses know that we can provide patient-centred care, and the system often fails patients. If we support patients and their families to make sure we are all working together to provide the best possible care, then all of us win.

“Despite financial constraints that Health Regions will face in the coming year, SUN remains committed to putting the values of patient-centred care into practice,” continues Kuling.

Earlier this year, SUN launched the “Patients and Families First Initiative” to support registered nurses in their continued efforts to be an integral part of the health care system and improve the patient experience. As part of the Initiative, a Challenge that will provide two \$10,000 awards for submitting the best patient care innovation – one to patients and patient advocacy groups, and one to SUN members - was also introduced. Already, there has been an extremely positive response from patients, the public, SUN members, and the broader nursing community.