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Home Care Controversy



The Liberals say the provincial government could save a lot of money if some family members were paid to provide home care services. Leader Yvonne Jones says while there is a section which states that special circumstances are sometimes granted to allow a family member to provide the care for a fee, many families say that is not being offered. As well, she says in many rural and remote areas there aren't enough home care workers to go around. Jones is calling on government to take another look at the policy and make revisions to allow for special circumstances. Jones says she doesn't buy the argument that it would open the door to system abusers. Jones says to keep a person in long term care today costs the provincial government more than 225 dollars per day.