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AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE REACHED FOR NEW STAGGERED PAY RAISE

Montréal, September 24, 2014 - CNW/Telbec - The Fédération des médecins omnipraticiens du Québec (FMOQ) has confirmed that a new agreement in principle was reached this morning with the Québec government regarding a new staggered pay raise that was budgeted for and owed to family doctors. The agreement will be introduced to the Fédération's General Council for approval on October 4.

"The Fédération responded to the government's invitation to participate in stabilizing public finances, and has always acted openly and in good faith during discussions over the past several months with regard to staggering pay raises owed to family doctors. Though we find it unfortunate that the government has not respected the agreements reached in due form barely a few years ago, we are satisfied that we have reached an agreement and can move on to other things, particularly finding solutions to improve access to primary health care," affirmed Dr. Louis Godin, President of the FMOQ.

In fact, beyond matters related to doctors' remuneration, family doctors feel it is imperative that the government make access to health care its real priority and, in doing so, respect the agreements made during the last election campaign, especially regarding the establishment of super clinics. While family doctors look favourably upon any project that aims to reduce bureaucracy in the health network, gradually the debates over finances and structures have to give way to the priority of our fellow citizens: access to quality health care services at the right time and place.

"Family doctors always have the well-being of their fellow citizens at heart and work in the interest of all Québécois. A telling example of this is the considerable financial sacrifice made during this negotiation: increases initially planned for this year and next year will be spread out over the next eight years. Let's just hope now that others will do their part so that we can continue to improve the health services offered," concluded Dr. Godin.

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The FMOQ is an 8,000-member strong professional union representing the general practitioners of Québec. Its mission is to represent the professional and scientific interests of its members. For more information on the FMOQ, please consult its Web site at www.fmoq.org

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