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Swedish presentation themes

- **One year to next Parliamentary election**
- **Primary health care – three-day guarantee proposed**
- **Parliamentary committees to assess changes in:**
 - **long-term sick leave**
 - **increased age limits for pension benefits**
- **Gender equality – new Government agency**
- **Regional restructuring – no news**

Parliamentary election is approaching

- One year to next Parliamentary election
- Unclear Parliamentary election to be expected
- Health topics will be important election issues

Committee on Primary Health Care

- **First report in May 2017**
- **Swedish weakness – long waiting times**
- **Proposal for three-day time limit for medical assessment – by appropriate profession**
- **Three-day proposal harshly criticized**
- **Norwegian PHC system positively discussed in media**

Gender equality – next steps

- **Parliamentary approval for Government agency for gender equality – by 2018**

Several Parliamentary Committees in 2018

- **On long-term sick leave management:**
 - **supportive measures for persons on sick leave**
 - **reforms of regulations to support return to work**
 - **adaptation to flexible labour markets, including project assignment and flexible hours**
- **On increases of individuals' life-long work years**
 - **increased lower limits for public pension benefits**
 - **regulatory measures for supplementary and private pensions**
 - **ideas to lower labour market entry age for youth (?)**

Regional restructuring

- **No political momentum on the cancelled proposal for merger of Swedish regions – from 21 to six**
- **Regional restructuring not on the political agenda**