

## GET INFORMED ...

Visit one of the following websites for more information on Public Health Care in Canada.

[www.savemedicare.ca](http://www.savemedicare.ca)

*Save Medicare* is a partnership between *Canadian Doctors for Medicare* and the *BC Health Coalition*. They are fighting to protect our public health care system.

[www.canadians.org](http://www.canadians.org)

The *Council of Canadians* fights for economic and social justice. They are one of the organizers of the National Day of Action.

[www.CanadianDoctorsForMedicare.ca](http://www.CanadianDoctorsForMedicare.ca)

*Canadian Doctors for Medicare* believes in better Medicare for all Canadians. They promote reform and innovation within the Public Health Care System.

[www.2014healthaccord.ca](http://www.2014healthaccord.ca)

A partnership between the *Council of Canadians* and the *Canadian Union of Public Employees* that is campaigning to protect, strengthen and expand Medicare.



# KEEP HEALTH CARE PUBLIC!

## HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO ...

Write, call, or email your government representatives and share your concerns:

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[www.sohc.ca](http://www.sohc.ca)

Canadians need stable and adequate funding from the federal government to protect public health care.

Princeton has seen several improvements to its health care system over the past several months. Without guarantees imbedded in the Canada Health Accord, further improvements will be difficult or impossible. In fact, with proposed federal cuts, we stand to lose many of our recent gains.

Rather than maintaining our health services, the federal government plans to reduce their share of public health care funding.

Just when we need the federal government to step up and pay its fair share, they propose massive cuts that will mean fewer health services and a loss of programs in acute, residential and home care.

For health care equality and fair funding across Canada, we need the federal government to sit down with the premiers to renegotiate a health accord now!

### **PUBLIC HEALTH CARE IS THE ONLY SUSTAINABLE WAY TO CARE FOR ALL CANADIANS.**

Our public health care system provides better care at lower cost. We spend roughly half of what the private US system spends per person, and we get better coverage and health outcomes.

### **THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S PLAN FOR BC HEALTH CARE FUNDING:**

- First, cut \$36 billion from health care funding (that's a \$5 billion cut for BC) and starve the system so that it's impossible to provide the services we need.
- Second, allow profit-making into health care as a way to fix the system.
- The result: a first class health system for those who can afford to pay for private health care and another broken system for those who can't.



As Canadians, we value our public health care system. It takes care of us when we're sick, no matter whether we're rich or poor. Without a Health Accord that guarantees our rights under the Canada Health Act, we could soon see a US-style system, where the average family pays \$16,000 per year for health care.

### **WHAT IS A HEALTH ACCORD?**

A Health Accord is an agreement between the provinces, territories, and federal government.

An accord is the only way we can ensure equal access to health services across Canada.

### **WHY IS A NEW HEALTH ACCORD IMPORTANT?**

It's the only way we can:

- guarantee stable and fair health care funding
- ensure equal access to health care across provinces and territories
- enforce national standards so everyone gets high quality care
- stop gouging through extra-billing and illegal fees
- expand health coverage to medicines, mental health, and seniors' care

### **WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE DON'T GET A NEW HEALTH ACCORD?**

- federal funding will fall to 18%, from its original 50% share
- inequality between provinces will grow
- wait times will lengthen
- patient care will suffer
- Canada will move to a two-tiered system where only those with money will have access to quality health care services