

Protecting and Building Canada's Medicare

A People's Contract

As a candidate for public office in the election I have heard from my constituents that health care is a priority issue.

While the Romanow Commission and the First Ministers' meeting have established some positive measures for putting Canada's health care system on a stable and sustainable footing it is time to take the next steps.

I hereby support and, if elected, will work towards the implementation of the following three items of a health care agenda.



I will work to end the expansion of private, for profit, health care.

Because:

- Private health care does not shorten wait times
- Private health care bleeds health professionals from the public system
- Private health care undermines the shared commitment of Canadians to Medicare



I will place a priority on improving and expanding Senior Care services.

Because:

- The current range of services available to Canada's seniors is insufficient
- The proportion of Canadians over the age of 65 is increasing dramatically
- \bullet Improved availability of Senior Care services decreases demand on the institutional health care system
- Seniors need and deserve to be treated with dignity and respect in all matters especially health care



I will work to promote the establishment of a national PharmaCare program to cover not just catastrophic medications but all medically necessary drugs.

Because:

- Drug costs are skyrocketing
- At a time when advances are being made in the pharmaceutical treatment of many illnesses, increasing numbers of people are denied their benefits due to a lack of financial means

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