



HEALTH CARE

Health Accord

The 2004 Health Accord was a 10 year agreement between the provinces and the federal government; it provided the provinces with stable funding and it stabilized our health-care system by setting goals and objectives to improve the quality, accessibility and sustainability of our public health care system. This Accord expired on March 31, 2014 and the federal government is refusing to renegotiate it. Consequently, New Brunswick will see it's funding reduced by \$715 million over the next 10 years.

Failing to renegotiate the Health Accord eliminates any control the federal government has to ensure provinces are complying with the five principals of the Canada Health Act: public administration, comprehensiveness, universality, portability and accessibility.

The provincial conservative government must take a strong stance for the population of New Brunswick and demand that their federal counterparts negotiate a 2014 Health Care Accord that will protect, strengthen and expand universal public health care. If all Premiers stand together, they can send a strong and united message to Prime Minister Harper to stop undermining our public health care and to negotiate with the provinces.

We have to take action now if we want to save public health care in New Brunswick. We simply cannot have a two-tier health care system: one system for the wealthy, and another broken system for the rest of us.

Health care in New Brunswick

Every New Brunswicker deserves a public health care system that guarantees medical coverage regardless of where they live or what stage of their life they are in or their ability to pay. Furthermore, research shows that a publically delivered health care system is the most cost effective service.

Over the last few years, we have seen many cuts to health care in our province and it has to stop. The service, the safety and the quality patient care cannot and must not be compromised for the population of our province.

During the next provincial election, ask the candidates:

- What are your thoughts on the renewal of the Health Care Accord?
- Do you believe that health care should only be delivered by a public system?
- What are your thoughts to the cuts we have seen recently to health care in our province?