

Where the Federal Political Parties Stand on Key Health Care Issues

Wherever possible, we have used the party's own words to describe their position (except where their verbal promises are contradicted by their actions). We will update this chart as the party's full platforms are released.

1. Renew the Health Accord

Commit to improving the federal government's share of health funding, not cut and download it onto the provinces.

2. Stop Privatization & Two-Tier Charges for Patients

Stop private clinics that undermine single-tier health care. Our money is better spent on care not profiteering.

3. Create Public Drug Program

A public drug program would better control too-high drug prices and put money towards safer, needed medications.

4. Improve Seniors' Care

Build a plan to meet the chronic care and longer term care needs of seniors and other Canadians, don't cut care for those most in need.

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Conservatives	Stephen Harper has refused to meet with provincial governments from across Canada to renew the Canada Health Accord and, with it, the funding formula for health care. His government announced a plan – without consultation – that will cut \$36 billion from health care funding to the provinces over the next 10 years compared to funding levels if the Accord was renewed. Under this plan, Ontario is the hardest hit of all the provinces; we lose \$8 billion.	Have said that they support the Canada Health Act, but while in power they have taken no action to protect Canadians from unlawful two-tier charges and privatization. They are not upholding the Canada Health Act.	Won't participate in any discussion on creating a national drug plan, in fact, they walked away from a committee with the provinces to create a public drug plan.	No action has been taken, but the proposed \$36 billion in cuts to health care funding will force provinces to cut and privatize more seniors' care.
Liberals	Committed to meeting with the provinces to renegotiate the Health Accord and funding formula. No specifics announced.	Committed to supporting the Canada Health Act and state that every Canadian must have access to publicly funded health care. No specifics on this.	Committed to “addressing the issue” of pharmacare. No specifics released.	Committed to work with provinces and territories in strengthening home care. No specifics beyond this.
NDP	Committed to meeting with the provinces to renegotiate the Health Accord and funding formula. No specifics announced.	Committed to better monitoring and prevention of extra-billing of patients and other additional fees charged by private clinics.	Committed in the media for extending public coverage for prescription drugs. No specifics beyond this.	Committed to improving home and long-term care. No specifics have been released.
Green Party	Committed to the renegotiation of the Health Accord. No specifics announced.	Committed to eliminating two-tier healthcare as quickly as possible.	Committed to creating a universal pharmacare program.	Has stated improving the existing chronic care system and expand home support and home care programs for seniors. No specifics released.