

## 2025 Federal Election: Current Health Policy Platform Commitments

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As Canadians head to the polls in the 2025 Federal Election, healthcare remains a key issue on the agenda. Here's a look at the major commitments from the political parties on health.

### Liberal Party of Canada

- Expand eligibility for dental care to include coverage for those 18 to 64.
- Maintain the Pharmacare program and ensure coverage for diabetes medication and contraception.
- Announced \$52 million in funding for 16 projects across Canada through the Foreign Credential Recognition Program, which would allow internationally trained professionals to get jobs in the health-care network and construction.<sup>i</sup>

### Conservative Party of Canada

- Maintain current pharmacare and dental care programs which aims to protect access to necessary medications and dental care for Canadians across the country.<sup>ii</sup>
- May impose mandatory drug treatment on minors and prisoners “when they are found to be incapable of making decisions for themselves”.
- Remove supervised consumption sites and promote recovery and rehabilitation approaches.
- Fund treatment for 50,000 Canadians in treatment centers with a proven record of success.
- Repeal the Canada Health Act and enable provinces and territories to set up mixed private-public universal systems and become fully responsible for health-care funding and management.
- Replace the Canada Health Transfer Cash payments with a permanent transfer of tax points of equivalent value, to give provinces and territories a stable source of revenue.
- Introduce legislation that would impose restrictions on abortions after the first trimester and only permit late-term abortions in exceptional circumstances.
- Amend the Criminal Code to outlaw the use of puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones and surgical procedures for transgender minors seeking gender-affirming care.
- Withdraw federal health care coverage for gender-affirming treatments for federal employees.

- Repeal Bill C-4, which criminalizes conversion therapy practices, and Bill C-16, which protects gender identity and gender expression from discrimination.<sup>i</sup>

### **New Democratic Party (NDP)**

- Strengthen public universal health care by expanding pharmacare, dental care, and mental health support for Canadians.
- Deliver full public pharmacare within four years, starting with 100 of the most prescribed medications, such as pain medication, antibiotics, and antipsychotics at an estimated cost of \$3.5 billion.
- Crack down on cash-for-care clinics that charge Canadians for basic healthcare services, which are typically covered under the public healthcare system.
- Ban U.S. companies from acquiring Canadian healthcare assets, to prevent further privatization of healthcare services and ensure that Canadian healthcare remains in public hands.<sup>ii</sup>
- Ensure every Canadian has a family doctor by 2030 through key initiatives including:
  - Support efforts to “close the gap” in healthcare across the country by increasing the Canada Health Transfer Funding to provinces by 1%.
  - Facilitate the recruitment of healthcare professionals by establishing residency opportunities for internationally trained doctors already residing in Canada.
  - Implement a pan-Canadian medical licensure system to facilitate the mobility of healthcare professionals and address regional healthcare needs.
  - Invest in the training and development of healthcare providers from northern and rural communities to address regional health care challenges.
  - Work in partnership with provinces and healthcare providers to improve efficiency and facilitate a patient-centered approach to healthcare delivery.
  - Collaborate with territorial governments to provide housing and facilities for family doctors and primary care teams to keep healthcare providers in the North.<sup>i</sup>

### **Green Party of Canada**

- Bolster public health care by expanding health insurance coverage, including mental health care.
- Make “medication free for everyone” through universal health care.

- Invest in the training and recruitment of additional healthcare professionals to reduce wait times and enhance the availability of home care and community-based care services.
- Improve access to reproductive health care and protect 2SLGBTQ+ rights and access to gender-affirming health care.<sup>i</sup>

### Bloc Québécois

- Advocate for a 35% increase to federal health transfers to counter the ongoing health-care crisis.
- Table a bill to amend the Criminal Code and allow people with an illness that will prevent them from consenting to making an advance request for medical assistance in dying (MAID) for provinces that have authorized the process.<sup>i</sup>

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### References

<sup>i</sup> CBC News: Federal Policy Platforms on Health Care; 2025.

<sup>ii</sup> CTV News: Policy Platform Tracker; 2025