



PRESS RELEASE

Premiers join medicare advocates in calling for federal reinvestment in health care

July 16, 2015 (St. John's, NL): After a week of activities organized by health care advocates from across the country calling for federal leadership to ensure universal access to public health care, the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador Paul Davis has announced that he and his provincial counterparts are asking the federal government to increase the health-related transfers to the provinces.

"We are pleased to have the Premiers join our call for Federal reinvestment in health care," says Melissa Newitt, Interim National Coordinator of the Canadian Health Coalition. "A 25% contribution from the Federal government would move us in the right direction but it does not end there. We need federal leadership to create a National Drug Plan and a National Strategy for Seniors Care."

Canada's public health care system is dependent on the leadership of our federal government to ensure stable funding and universal quality care for everyone. The current federal government has consistently neglected its leadership role and has promised \$43B in cuts.

"Health care is the number one priority in Canada and it is clear that voters expect strong positions from our Federal parties. All eyes will be on their next move," says Newitt.

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