# PUBLIC HEALTH CARE CHEAT SHEET

Not all political commitments are equal. Here are some keywords to look for in parties' health care platforms.

### KEEP IT PUBLIC

## FUND IT FAIRLY

LOOK FOR

Support public health care

Stop for-profit health care

Address wait times

Improve access

Enforce the Canada Health Act

Increase federal funding

Tie health care dollars to health care services

Enforce the Canada Health Act

Encouraging health care "choices" — it's often a code word for increased privatization of health care services

Two-tiered system

No mention of funding

Austerity measures

Cuts to services

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#### **EXPAND IT**

#### **PHARMACARE**

#### SENIORS' CARE

A plan that is:

Universal

Public

Comprehensive

Accessible

Portable

National strategy

Improve access and quality of

care

Additional funding tied to

national standards

No mention of a national pharmacare plan

A public/private system

Only "filling in the gaps" - e.g. with a program that provides pharmacare only for a certain demographic

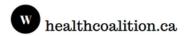
Reducing the price of medication through bulk purchasing only

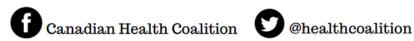
Allowing provinces to opt out

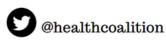
No mention of a seniors' care strategy

No additional resources to address the shortfalls - e.g. money only for "new" programs

Increased privatization - e.g. building new private facilities or Public-Private Partnerships (P3s)







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