

Medicare

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WE CAN AFFORD IT!

Facts and Insights

- Our health care system costs us less today than it did ten years ago. Today, health care spending accounts for 9.4% of GDP versus 10.1% in 1992.
- The U.S. has the most commercial and most expensive medical system in the world. They spend 14% of GDP on health care.
- In 1998 Canada spent \$1,828US per person on health care, while the U.S. spent \$4,178US per person.
- Every Canadian has health care coverage while 43 million Americans are not covered and millions more are under-covered.
- Study after study shows Canada's universal health care system is:
 - more FAIR,
 - more COST-EFFICIENT
 - more EFFECTIVEthan any private health care system.

Obvious Conclusions

- Governments must provide adequate and stable long-term funding for Medicare.
- Forget private health care and the American way. It's far more than we can afford.

Our Medicare celebrates the triumph of solid values AND sensible economics!

TAKE Action

Speak out for the good of your health. No one can do everything—but every single one of us can do something.

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