

Medicare

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IT'S ALL ABOUT EQUALITY

Facts and Insights

Most nations proclaim a passionate love of equality. And, most nations do little to prove it. Canada is not most nations.

One of our basic operating principles is to use public policy in unique and daring ways to ensure and promote practical, day-to-day, equality. Medicare is our best example. No one single public policy instrument has ever done more to let us live up to our equality ideal.

But, as governments desert and diminish Medicare they desert and diminish our commitment to equality for all.

The campaign to respect, restore and expand our Medicare is, for equality-seeking communities, not just about better medical care. It is also about a campaign to respect, restore and expand the equality of persons with disabilities, people of colour, women, gays, lesbians, bi-sexual and transgendered persons, and aboriginals in Canada.

Obvious Conclusions

Governments must provide adequate and stable long-term public funding for Medicare.

Governments must prohibit any further commercialization and privatization of our Medicare because every private dollar spent on health care is a step backwards for equality.

*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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READ the National Union backgrounder paper called **Canada's Medicare: It's about Equality for Canadians with Disabilities** and other health care information: www.nupge.ca
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CONNECT with your neighbours and get involved in a local Medicare campaign; get fresh information; get email addresses for your MP and your MLA; link up with a trade union:
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