

Medicare

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TAKING CARE
OF BUSINESS

Facts and Insights

- ⊙ Medicare makes it cheaper to run a business in Canada because Canadian employers don't have to provide basic health care for their workers. This lowers the cost of being in business and that gives Canada a real competitive edge with the rest of the world.
- ⊙ Medicare means that businesses operating in Canada only pay out 1% of gross pay for health benefits for their workers. American employers pay out 8.2% - eight times more!
- ⊙ Medicare means increased job mobility. We don't have to worry about losing our health insurance if we move or switch jobs - this makes us more willing to move to wherever work is in Canada and business likes that.
- ⊙ Medicare means a healthier and more productive workforce - people can access care, be diagnosed and treated quickly.
- ⊙ Medicare means increased administrative efficiencies for businesses because they don't need to hire expensive human resource consultants to explain the ins and outs of complex private insurance schemes.

Obvious Conclusions

- 🔗 Protecting and building our Medicare is the best way to ensure Canada continues to be an attractive place for business to invest.
- 🔗 Any debate on the future of Medicare must recognize its contribution to the competitiveness of Canadian business.

*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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