

# Stronger public health care. It's time.



**Your voice can make a difference to the  
future of Canada's health care system.**

**We need a renegotiated Health Accord now.**



**unifor**  
theUnion | lesyndicat

Healthcare Council  
Conseil des soins de santé

# Tell the Minister of Health you're serious about health care

Through workplace and community outreach, Unifor is gathering signatures on a petition that will be presented to Federal Minister of Health Jane Philpott in July 2016. The petition outlines important steps the Liberal government must take to ensure that Canada's health care system can continue to provide quality care for all Canadians.

## Federal leadership is needed now

The Liberals promised during the 2015 federal election that they would re-negotiate a Health Accord with provinces and territories. They promised to invest \$3 billion within the next four years. No details have been announced yet, and that investment pales in comparison to the 2004 Accord which increased Canada Health Transfer funding by \$35.3 billion over 10 years.

For-profit health clinic user fees, extra billing and other violations of Medicare rights have sprouted up in several provinces recently. The federal government must respond to these violations and enforce the Canada Health Act.

## FAST FACTS on the Health Accord

- The Health Accord is the agreement between the provinces, territories and the federal government that ensures stable funding and sets national standards for the delivery of health services
- The 2004 Health Accord expired in 2014 and the Harper government chose not to renegotiate, instead making plans to cut \$36 billion from health funding
- The 2004 Health Accord had been successful in decreasing wait times for five key procedures through specific goals and accountability measures
- A growing and aging population means less in real per capita dollars for health services than in the 2004 Accord



**We need a renegotiated Health Accord.**

# We need a new Health Accord and it must include:

- A seniors' strategy to increase continuing care services for our aging population;
- A universal public drug plan that provides equal access to safe and appropriate medicines;
- A stronger federal role including adequate and stable funding; and
- A vigilant federal role in enforcing the principles of the Canada Health Act.

To order Unifor postcards that can be signed and sent to federal leaders, or copies of this pamphlet and other campaign materials, please email [healthcare@unifor.org](mailto:healthcare@unifor.org).

## Stay connected!

To stay informed, please visit [unifor.org/healthaccord](http://unifor.org/healthaccord).  
For related information on events and actions across the country, visit the Canadian Health Coalition web site at [www.healthcoalition.ca](http://www.healthcoalition.ca).



**Healthcare Council**  
**Conseil des soins de santé**