June 22, 2022

Hon. Greg Fergus, MP
Minister of Health

Re: Council of Federation meeting and Canada’s health funding priorities (health workforce, primary care, labour mobility)

Dear Minister Fergus,

I write to you as Chair of the Council of Federation, in advance of the Ministerial Conference on the Canada Health Accord, and Canada’s health funding priorities. This letter is provided as guidance to inform the Council of Federation meeting and to provide context to discussions about the federal role in health care financing.

Canada’s health care system is funded primarily through a health accord that has provided a guaranteed block of federal dollars to provinces and territories. This system of financing has provided stability and predictability, enabling health systems to plan and deliver health care services. However, this financing model is now insufficient to address the changing needs and demands on health systems.

The federal government has a unique role to play in this context, one that is critical to the sustainable delivery of high-quality health care. This role includes:

1. Supporting innovation and research: Investing in research and innovation is essential to improving health outcomes and addressing emerging health challenges. The federal government can provide targeted funding for research and development in areas that are critical to health care, such as chronic disease management, health technology, and public health.

2. Supporting primary care: Primary care is the foundation of our health care system. The federal government can support initiatives that enhance the capacity and accessibility of primary care, such as expanding access to telehealth services and investing in the training and retention of primary care providers.

3. Supporting the health workforce: The health workforce is critical to the delivery of high-quality care. The federal government can support initiatives that address the training and retention of health professionals, including nurses, doctors, and allied health professionals.

4. Supporting health system integration: The federal government can support initiatives that promote integrated care and improve the coordination of health services, such as enhancing the role of primary care in the delivery of health services.

In conclusion, the federal government has a critical role to play in supporting the health care system. This role includes investing in research and innovation, supporting primary care, supporting the health workforce, and promoting health system integration.

Sincerely,

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Health Canada

[Date]
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Dr. Katharine Smart
President of the Canadian Medical Association
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Ethics and medical professionalism

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Dr. Juliette Frideres
President of the Canadian Medical Association

February 09, 2022

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TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Ethics and medical professionalism

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TOPICS
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Health human resources
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**Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers**

**Policy Recommendations:**

1. All health care workers should be mandatorily vaccinated against COVID-19 as per provincial and territorial regulations.
2. Effective communication and education are essential to ensure compliance with vaccination mandates.
3. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) supports vaccination of health care workers to protect patients and staff from COVID-19.

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**Documents**

- Global vaccine equity
- CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Global vaccine equity

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