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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CMA firmly believes that a coordinated national action plan is required in order to ensure that all Canadians have access to quality health care as well as to achieve a more equitable distribution of health care resources.

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) is a national organization representing over 60,000 physicians and medical students across Canada. The CMA believes that it is essential to strengthen the health care system in order to ensure that all Canadians have access to quality health care.

The CMA has identified several key areas where action is needed to improve the health care system in Canada. These include:

1. Improving the quality of health care
2. Ensuring the financial sustainability of the health care system
3. Enhancing the accessibility of health care
4. Strengthening public health services

The CMA recommends that the federal government take the lead in developing a national health care strategy that addresses these key areas.

Recommendations:

1. Establish a national health care strategy that addresses the key areas identified above.
2. Ensure that the proposed strategy includes measures to improve the quality of health care, ensure financial sustainability, enhance accessibility, and strengthen public health services.

The CMA calls on all levels of government to work together to develop a comprehensive and effective national health care strategy that ensures that all Canadians have access to quality health care.