Health Care Coverage for Migrants: An Open Letter to the Canadian Federal Government

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Health Canada’s consultation on new health-related labelling for tobacco products
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CMA Code of Ethics and Professionalism
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Documents
CMA CODE OF ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM

The CMA Code of Ethics and Professionalism includes ethical principles and professional responsibilities that guide the practice of medicine. The Code is intended to provide a framework for ethical decision-making in medical practice, and it is intended to apply to all members of the CMA, regardless of their specialty or area of practice.

In the Code, the code of ethics and professional responsibilities are divided into three sections: the Code of Ethics, the Code of Professional Conduct, and the Code of Professional Responsibility. The Code of Ethics outlines the fundamental principles that guide the practice of medicine, while the Code of Professional Conduct provides specific guidance on ethical issues that arise in the practice of medicine.

The Code of Professional Responsibility addresses the responsibilities of members of the CMA to their patients, to the public, and to each other.

The Code of Ethics and Professionalism is intended to serve as a guide to the ethical conduct of medical practitioners, and it is intended to promote the trust and confidence of the public in the medical profession.

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Health Canada consultation on Canadian drugs and substances strategy
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Lancet Countdown 2018 Report: Briefing for Canadian Policymakers
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Open letter to Ontario Minister of Health about the newly proposed “Consumption and Treatment Services” model

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TOPICS
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Documents

October 11, 2018

Roxanne Flaherty
Minister of Health

We write on behalf of the Canadian Medical Association to express serious concerns about the newly proposed “Consumption and Treatment Services” model for the Provincial Integrated Substance Use Services (PISUS) in Ontario.

We are deeply concerned that the public will be subjected to a new, highly intrusive, potentially dangerous, and stigmatizing model of service delivery. This model is based on locating supervised consumption sites within uniformed police stations, where people will consume illicit drugs under strict supervision (with no integrated medical or mental health care). This is a concerning departure from the harm reduction principles that underpin our current policy on drug-use through the harm-reduction approach. This political initiative will set a dangerous precedent for other health-care services.

As physicians, we are concerned about the fact that patients will be forced into taking medications under strict supervision. This approach not only stigmatizes users of substances but also fails to address the root causes of the drug problem. Instead of addressing the underlying issues, this model perpetuates the idea that drug use is a criminal activity.

We are also concerned about the potential for this model to lead to an increase in drug-related deaths. Supervised consumption sites have been associated with increased drug-related deaths, particularly among clients who are already using drugs under medical supervision.

We urge the government to reconsider this model and to develop an evidence-based approach that prioritizes harm reduction and public health. We believe that integrating medical and mental health care services, along with social support and harm reduction strategies, would be a more effective and humane approach.

We look forward to discussing these concerns with you and your team.

Sincerely,

Roxanne Flaherty
Minister of Health
Meeting the demographic challenge: Investments in seniors care

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Documents
Canada's Food Guide
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2018-06-06

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Documents
Lessons from the frontlines: A collaborative report on Pandemic H1N1
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Ensuring equitable access to health care: Strategies for governments, health system planners, and the medical profession

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Documents
The built environment and health

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Documents

The Canadian Medical Association Policy on the Built Environment and Health

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