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The Canadian Medical Association, the national medical organization representing over 60,000 Canadian physicians, is pleased to present its Pre-Budget Submission for the 2022 fiscal year. This submission provides a comprehensive overview of the current state of the health care system in Canada, as well as recommendations for improving access to care, enhancing system funding, and promoting system performance.

The submission outlines key issues facing the health care system, including the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, increasing demands on the health care system, and the need for continued investment in our health care infrastructure. The submission also highlights the importance of system funding and performance, with recommendations for increasing investment in primary care, strengthening mental health services, and improving access to necessary medical equipment and resources.

The Canadian Medical Association is committed to working with stakeholders to address the challenges facing the health care system and to ensuring that all Canadians have access to high-quality, accessible, and affordable health care. We look forward to engaging with policymakers and decision-makers to advance these priorities.

We recommend:

1. Increasing investment in primary care to improve access to care and enhance public health.
2. Strengthening mental health services to address the growing demand for mental health support.
3. Improving access to necessary medical equipment and resources to ensure that all Canadians have access to high-quality care.

We call on policymakers to:

1. Support the implementation of our recommendations to address the challenges facing the health care system.
2. Work with stakeholders to develop sustainable solutions to improve access to care and enhance system performance.

We support:

1. Policies that promote the integration of primary care and public health services.
2. Investments in research and innovation to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of health care delivery.
3. Strategies to address the social determinants of health and reduce health inequities.

We urge all levels of government to:

1. Collaborate with each other to develop a comprehensive approach to health care funding and performance.
2. Work with stakeholders to develop a sustainable and equitable system that prioritizes the health and well-being of all Canadians.

We believe that by working together, we can create a more equitable, accessible, and sustainable health care system for all Canadians.