Fact Sheet: Canada Health Transfer Payments

DID YOU KNOW?

Demand for health care in Canada is expected to grow over the next 10 years due to:

- A growing population
- An aging population
- Health-care spending on long-term care and home-care expected to nearly double by 2031
- COVID-19 pandemic

Health-care spending was intended to be shared by the federal government and the provinces and territories.

In 2020-21, the Canada Health Transfer share was $45.9 billion, or 22 per cent of health spending.

Ontario is currently 9th out of 10 provinces in provincial health-care spending per person.

Provinces cannot do it alone. Ontario’s doctors strongly support the call by Canada’s premiers for the federal government to increase its share of funding to 35 per cent.

The Canada Health Transfer — intended to share the cost of health care with the provinces — has not been keeping pace with patient need.

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Calling on Ottawa to increase its share to 35% of health spending.

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 17-10-0010-01, Table 36-10-0145-05, CHI National Health Expenditure Trends, 2020