

Our Government's Work on IMPROVING HEALTHCARE in Burnaby North-Seymour Summary Report 2025 - 2026

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INTRODUCTION

Universal Healthcare: Our Core Commitment

The promise of universal public health care is at the heart of Canada's social contract. No matter where you live or what you earn, you should be able to see a doctor, get the medications you need, and access care without going into debt. Our government has maintained that promise, and dramatically expanded it.

Since 2023, we have launched the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP): the largest expansion of public health coverage since medicare, now covering over 6.3 million Canadians. We have introduced National Pharmacare legislation. We are delivering the Canada Disability Benefit, a landmark new income support for working-age Canadians with disabilities. And we have committed nearly \$200 billion over 10 years to clear backlogs, hire more workers, and improve primary care through bilateral agreements with every province and territory. The Spring Economic Update 2026 (SEU 2026), released April 28, 2026, extended support for mental health, disability benefits, Indigenous health, and sport, continuing to build a healthcare system that works for every Canadian in Burnaby North-Seymour.

This summary report highlights our government's work for 2025-2026. For a full record of investments from 2015 through 2024, please visit TerryBeechMP.ca/reports.



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AT A GLANCE

Healthcare by the Numbers

Key investments since 2023, updated with Budget 2025 & Spring Economic Update 2026

DENTAL & PHARMACARE

6.5M+

Canadians Enrolled
in CDCP (June 2026)

\$900/yr

Average Savings
Per Patient Under
The CDCP

28,000+

Oral Health Providers
Participating In The
CDCP

4

Provinces & Territories
with signed Pharmacare
agreements

DISABILITY & MENTAL HEALTH

\$6.1B

Canada Disability
Benefit: Payments
Since July 2025

\$500M

Youth Mental Health
Fund over 5 years

9-8-8

24/7 Crisis Line:
Call or Text
anytime

\$345M

SEU 2026: New
Disability Tax Credit
Relief Over 6 years

10-YEAR HEALTH PLAN & WORKFORCE

~\$200B

10-year health plan with
bilateral agreements with
every province and territory

\$50M

Foreign Credential
Recognition: more
healthcare workers faster

\$2B

Indigenous Health Equity
Fund over 10 years

DENTAL CARE

UPDATED, AS OF APRIL 2026

Canadian Dental Care Plan

The Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) is the most significant expansion of public health coverage in Canada since the creation of medicare. Backed by a \$13 billion investment over five years, it extends dental coverage to Canadians who have no private insurance, an estimated nine million people.

Where we are now

As of June 2026, over 6.5 million Canadians are enrolled in the CDCP, with over 4.5 million having already seen an oral health provider. More than 28,000 oral health providers are now participating, representing close to 100% of active providers in Canada. Eligible Canadians are saving an average of \$900 per year on dental services including cleanings, fillings, and dentures.

Renewal for 2026–27

If you or a family member is enrolled in the CDCP, annual renewal is required to maintain coverage. The CDCP renewal period for the 2026–27 benefit year runs from April 15, 2026, to June 1, 2026. Applications from new eligible Canadians open on June 2, 2026.

Regular dental care reduces the risk of cardiovascular disease, stroke, and diabetes complications, conditions that disproportionately affect seniors and lower-income Canadians. The CDCP is a health equity measure, not only a dental measure.

6.5M+

Enrolled as of
June 2026

4.5M+

Have already
received dental care
under the plan

\$900/yr

Average savings
per eligible patient

28,000+

Oral health providers
participating

canada.ca/dental-care-plan · canada.ca/health-canada (November 2025, April 2026)

10-YEAR HEALTH PLAN

To Transform Health Care

Through the Working Together to Improve Health Care for Canadians plan, the federal government is investing close to \$200 billion over 10 years: including \$46.2 billion in new funding, to clear backlogs, cut wait times, expand primary care, and improve health data. Bilateral agreements have been signed with every province and territory.

Improving healthcare in British Columbia

The Canada – British Columbia agreement commits \$1.2 billion over three years, focused on:

- Developing innovative care models so nurses can spend more time with patients
- Increasing access to electronic health records for BC residents
- Expanding rural and remote health services
- Growing the healthcare workforce through credential recognition and training

Budget 2025 adds further national investments that benefit BC residents. A \$5 billion Health Infrastructure Fund over three years will support upgrades to hospitals, emergency rooms, and urgent care centres across the country, while a \$97 million Foreign Credential Recognition Action Fund over five years will work with provinces to speed up licensing for internationally trained health professionals.

Pharmacare coverage in BC has also expanded. The federal government signed a \$670 million agreement with BC over three years to provide universal access to contraceptive and diabetes medications, devices, and supplies, along with free coverage of menopausal hormone replacement therapy for BC residents.

canada.ca/health-canada · canada.ca/bc-bilateral-agreement (2023–2025)

Hiring more healthcare workers

We increased the maximum forgivable Canada Student Loan by 50% for doctors and nurses practising in underserved rural and remote communities, up to \$30,000 in loan forgiveness for nurses and \$60,000 for doctors. More healthcare workers in the system means shorter wait times and better access to a family doctor for families in Burnaby and North Vancouver.

PHARMACARE

National Pharmacare, First Phase

In 2024, the federal government introduced the Pharmacare Act (Bill C-64): the first step toward universal national pharmacare. The first phase focuses on two critical drug categories: contraceptives and diabetes medications.

BC, Manitoba, Prince Edward Island, and Yukon have signed pharmacare agreements, together representing over 60% of the \$1.5 billion earmarked for the initial rollout. These agreements ensure that patients in those provinces and territories have free access to the covered medications.

Negotiations with remaining provinces and territories are ongoing. The government remains committed to expanding coverage to more medications over time.

\$1.5B

Ear marked for
Pharmacare
initial rollout

4

Provinces/territories
with signed
agreements (incl. BC)

2

Drug categories covered:
contraceptives & diabetes
medications

canada.ca/pharmacare-act · canada.ca/department-finance (2024–2025)

CANADA DISABILITY BENEFIT

UPDATED, BUDGET 2025 & SPRING ECONOMIC UPDATE 2026

Canada Disability Benefit

The Canada Disability Benefit is a landmark new federal income support for low-income, working-age Canadians with disabilities: filling the gap between the Canada Child Benefit and Old Age Security. It supplements, not replaces, existing provincial and territorial supports.

Payments underway since July 2025

Budget 2024 committed \$6.1 billion over six years (and \$1.4 billion per year ongoing) for the Canada Disability Benefit. Payments began in July 2025, with eligible Canadians receiving up to \$2,400 per year.

Budget 2025: reducing the access barrier

A key challenge was the cost of obtaining a Disability Tax Credit certification, required to access the benefit. Budget 2025 addressed this with \$115.7 million over four years for a one-time \$150 supplemental payment for each DTC certification giving rise to a Canada Disability Benefit entitlement, directly off setting the application cost.

Spring Economic Update 2026: additional DTC support

The SEU 2026 introduced further legislative changes providing \$345 million over six years (and \$86 million per year ongoing) in combined Disability Tax Credit relief and increased payments under the Canada Disability Benefit and Child Disability Benefit. These changes also allow provincial and territorial public guardians and trustees to certify for the DTC on behalf of adults in their care, removing a longstanding barrier.



[budget.canada.ca/2025](#) · [budget.canada.ca/update-miseajour/2026](#) · [canada.ca](#) (2024–2026)

MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health Investment

Mental health is healthcare. Our government has made sustained investments to ensure that Canadians, especially young people, can access the support they need.

Youth Mental Health Fund

The Youth Mental Health Fund commits \$500 million over five years to expand access to mental health services for young Canadians. This includes funding for school-based mental health supports, community-based services, and digital mental health tools.

9-8-8: National Crisis Line

The 9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week across Canada, call or text 9-8-8 for immediate, confidential support in English and French. Since its launch, hundreds of thousands of Canadians have reached out.

Kids Help Phone

Kids Help Phone is Canada's only 24/7 e-mental health service for young people, available in English, French, and 100 other languages. The government has invested to ensure it remains accessible and sustainable for every young person who needs it.

Mental Health Promotion Innovation Fund

The Mental Health Promotion Innovation Fund invests \$46.3 million from 2019 to 2029 in community-based programs promoting mental health among children, youth, and caregivers, with a focus on health equity for First Nations, Inuit, Métis, LGBTQ2+, newcomers, and other groups facing disproportionate barriers.

SUPPORT RESOURCES

Crisis line: Call or text 9-8-8: 24/7, free, confidential

Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868: 24/7, youth, 100+ languages

VictimLinkBC: 1-800-563-0808: toll-free, 24/7, multilingual

BC 211: Dial 2-1-1: community and social services

canada.ca/mental-health · canada.ca (2024–2026)

HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE

Foreign Credential Recognition

Canada faces real healthcare worker shortages. Too many internationally trained nurses, doctors, and other professionals have their credentials rejected or face years of delays before they can practise. Our government committed \$50 million for Foreign Credential Recognition in healthcare, reducing red tape so skilled workers can contribute sooner. BC has tripled its seats for the Practice Ready Assessment program for international medical graduates. The federal government's investment supports streamlined pathways so that a trained physician from overseas can practice in BC, not years after arrival, but months.

canada.ca/foreign-credential · hc-sc.gc.ca (2024–2025)

Indigenous Health Equity

Indigenous Peoples in Canada face persistent and systemic health disparities rooted in colonialism. Our government is committed to closing those gaps through co-developed, culturally appropriate programs, not one-size-fits-all federal mandates.

Indigenous Health Equity Fund

The \$2 billion Indigenous Health Equity Fund over 10 years supports First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities to improve health outcomes through culturally safe services. The government has been engaging with Indigenous leadership since spring 2023 to co-design the program's delivery.

Healthy Indigenous Communities

The SEU 2026 committed continued investment in modernising the delivery of health services for Indigenous communities, ensuring access to the health products and services that people need to thrive. This builds on the \$4.3 billion in funding for essential services, including health, included in the SEU 2026 for Indigenous communities.

canada.ca/indigenous-health · budget.canada.ca/update-miseajour/2026 (2023–2026)

SPRING ECONOMIC UPDATE 2026

NEW: SPRING ECONOMIC UPDATE 2026

Healthcare Measures

Sport investment, from playground to podium

The Spring Economic Update 2026 invests \$755 million to expand access to sport across Canada, creating opportunities for Canadians to build community, make use of existing and new infrastructure, and support world-class athletes. It also announced up to \$9.8 million for the Canada Soccer National Training Centre, supporting the planning and design of a permanent home for soccer in Canada. Community sport reduces reliance on healthcare by improving physical and mental health outcomes, and it gives young people in Burnaby and North Vancouver a reason to get active.

Indigenous communities

The Spring Economic Update provides \$4.3 billion for essential services in Indigenous communities, including health benefits and culturally relevant education, advancing the government's commitment to reconciliation and improving health equity outcomes.

Gender-based violence: safe housing support

The SEU 2026 ensures that survivors of gender-based violence have access to safe housing: recognising that stable shelter is a precondition for physical and mental health recovery. This connects directly to the government's broader housing and health equity commitments.

Disability Tax Credit: streamlined access

As noted above, the SEU 2026 provides \$345 million over six years in DTC and disability benefit relief, plus \$42.5 million for Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to process applications faster and more accurately, reducing the burden on Canadians with disabilities.

\$755M

Sport investment, from community to elite athletes (SEU 2026)

\$4.3B

For Indigenous communities, health, education, essential services

\$345M

Disability Tax Credit relief over 6 years

\$42.5M

CRA funding to process DTC applications faster

budget.canada.ca/update-miseajour/2026 · canada.ca (April 28, 2026)

WOMEN'S HEALTH RIGHTS

Protecting Women's Rights in Healthcare

Access to reproductive healthcare is a fundamental right. Our government's Pharmacare legislation ensures that contraceptives are covered under the first phase of national pharmacare, making them free or significantly more affordable for Canadians in provinces with signed agreements, including BC.

We remain committed to ensuring that access to reproductive healthcare services is protected across Canada, and that no Canadian faces financial barriers to the care they need.

canada.ca/pharmacare-act (2024–2025)

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The healthcare challenges facing families in Burnaby North-Seymour are real, and so is the progress. Over 6.3 million Canadians now have dental coverage they never had before. Disability benefit payments are flowing. The crisis line is answered 24/7. And we are continuing to invest in the healthcare workers, infrastructure, and equity programs that will define the health of our community for generations. I will keep fighting to make sure Burnaby and North Vancouver get their fair share of these investments.

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If you are in immediate danger call 9-1-1.

If you or someone you know is thinking about suicide, call or text 9-8-8: available 24/7.