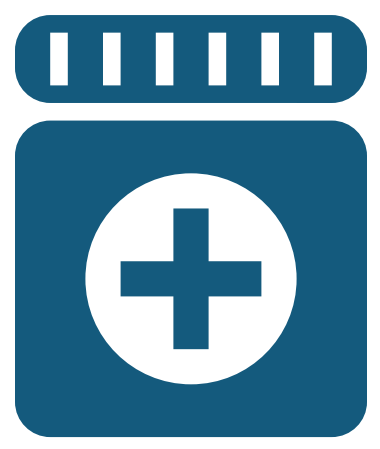




PHARMACARE

GUELPH & WELLINGTON TASK FORCE FOR POVERTY ELIMINATION / 2019



3 million

Canadians do not fill their prescriptions because they can not afford it



Canada

is the only country in the world that has a universal healthcare system that excludes prescription drugs



1 million

Canadians borrowed money to pay for prescription drugs

1/3



of working Canadians do not receive employer-provided health benefits. Women and young workers are less likely to have coverage.

73%



of working poor respondents from Guelph-Wellington indicated they do not have health benefits



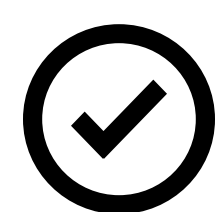
1 in 5 Canadians

struggle to pay for their prescription medicine

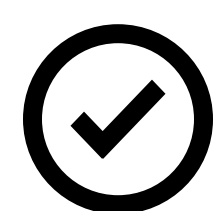
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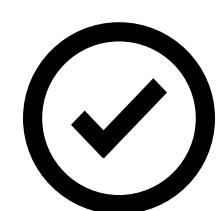
SOLUTION



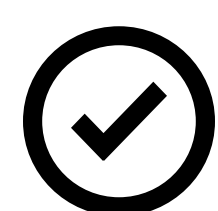
Universality: Coverage for all residents of Canada on equal terms and conditions.



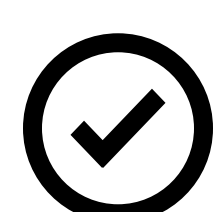
Public, Single-Payer Administration: A publicly administered and delivered program that is integrated with the Medicare systems in which it operates, directly accountable to the public it serves, and leverages single-payer procurement to maximize purchasing power for the entire Canadian population.



Accessibility: Access to covered medications without financial barriers or other impediments.



Comprehensiveness: Coverage for as many medications as judged safe and effective by scientific evidence and based on the best value for money. Ensure the public servant experts who select medications for coverage are appropriately insulated from political pressures and marketing campaigns.



Portable Coverage: Continuous and consistent coverage for residents who move within Canada.

Source: 2019 Consensus Principles for Pharmacare

LEARN MORE

Watch Judy and Gary's story and learn about the impact that unaffordable prescription drugs can have:

http://www.aplanforeveryone.ca/watch_the_video

Read the 2019 final report of the Advisory Council on the Implementation of National Pharmacare:

<https://bit.ly/2L5XFCL>

Read about the Community Health Centres' call for universal pharmacare:

<https://universalpharmacare.wixsite.com/ontario>

TAKE ACTION

Ask a candidate:

Nobody should be forced to choose between paying for groceries and paying for the medication they need. How will your party ensure that everyone has access to prescription drug coverage, regardless of their income, age, or where they work or live?

Sign the petition:

<http://www.aplanforeveryone.ca>

