



CPhA POSITION STATEMENT

National Pharmacare Program

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CPhA believes that all Canadians should be able to access medically necessary medications, regardless of income. In terms of renewed discussions on a pan-Canadian pharmacare program, CPhA believes the focus of such discussions should be on the following three priorities:

1. Addressing the existing gaps in coverage between public and private systems (the uninsured and the under-insured)
2. Protecting Canadians from undue financial hardship for needed drug therapies
3. Ensuring that the structure of any such program protects patients' access to a stable supply of clinically and cost-effective medications

Furthermore, CPhA believes that any new pan-Canadian pharmacare program should also address Canadians' access to a consistent and comparable level of pharmacy and pharmacists' services across the country. As the national voice of pharmacists in Canada, CPhA provides the expert advice and guidance required by governments to ensure Canadians have access to pharmacists and appropriate drug therapies.