

AGM Motion: New Health Accord

WHEREAS the original 2004 federal Health Accord (2004 Ten Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care) expired at the end of March 2014; and

WHEREAS the new federal Health Minister has indicated plans to work with provincial and territorial counterparts on establishing a new health accord; and

WHEREAS BC has one of the highest elderly populations in Canada and that the portion of seniors is expected to increase to 25% of population by 2036; and

WHEREAS the federal Liberal party in the last election campaigned on a promise to negotiate a new accord with long-term funding, the BCCPA recommends:

- That the provincial government as part of any new Health Accord advocate that the following elements be included:
 - The establishment of an age-adjusted Canada Health Transfer that reallocates funding to provinces such as British Columbia with higher and growing portions of seniors;
 - New and/or reallocated funding to improve capacity and build infrastructure, reduce wait times and support new continuing care models for residential care and home support; and
 - Meet commitments outlined in the federal Liberal platform including a long term agreement on funding; invest \$3 billion over the next four years to deliver more and better home care services for all Canadians; develop a pan-Canadian collaboration on health innovation; as well as improve access to necessary prescription medications, particularly for seniors.