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The CFPC commends the recommendation for a universal public pharmacare plan

(April 19, 2018, Mississauga, ON) - The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) applauds the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health for recommending a universal, single-payer, public pharmacare plan. The CFPC continues to advocate for such an approach and has urged all federal political parties to adopt this model as part of its Report Card document, *The Role of the Federal Government in Health Care*.

"For the CFPC, this is not about costs and savings, although those are certainly benefits of moving to a universal pharmacare plan," says CFPC Executive Director and CEO Francine Lemire, MD CM, CCFP, FCFP, CAE. "For family doctors, it's a compassionate and sensible approach to making sure our patients receive the medications they need. No one should be put in a position where they have to decide between buying groceries or needed medications."

The CFPC strongly urges the federal government to adopt this recommendation from the Standing Committee on Health as a way to further equitable and compassionate care for everyone in Canada.

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