CFPC applauds recommendation to adopt a national universal pharmacare plan

(June 12, 2019, Mississauga, ON) - The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) applauds the Advisory Council on the Implementation of National Pharmacare for today’s announcement recommending a universal, single-payer, public pharmacare plan for Canada. 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*.

“The CFPC has long advocated for a universal national pharmacare plan,” says CFPC Executive Director and CEO Francine Lemire, MD CM, CCFP, FCFP, CAE. “We hope that the council’s recommendations will be heeded by all parties going into this year’s federal election. Such a program would provide welcome relief to many families struggling with affordability of necessary medications. This is about compassion and equity.”

A recent poll commissioned by the CFPC confirmed that universal national pharmacare is one of the top three health care priorities for Canadians.

The CFPC advocates for the adoption of a universal national pharmacare program in lead up to and during the 2019 federal election.

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