

The Saskatchewan Universal Health Act

One Health Card, One Healthcare

SASKATCHEWAN made a promise over half a century ago.

A **Single Payer Plan** that provides **high quality medical services** at **\$0 point of care**.

We chose to **publicly care** for, instead of **privately gain** from, one another.

It's time to deliver on that promise **in full**.

The New Coverage:

Mental Health:

Comprehensive stepped-care therapies, addictions services, Evidenced Based Modalities.

Vision Health:

Yearly exams, Basic Frames, All Lenses

Hearing Health:

Yearly Exams, Hearing Aids, Implants when medically necessary

Pharmacare:

All Medically Necessary Prescriptions

Dental Care:

Cleanings, Fillings, Restorative, Orthodontics when medically necessary

Community Care:

Expanded Home Nursing and Care, Rehab, personal support, respite spots

Long Term Care:

Publicly owned, mandatory minimum staffing ratios

How it Works

Just bring your Health Card. Any Medically Necessary service is covered at Opt-In Clinics and new Community Health Centres. Providers bill the Province, not you.

What is deemed **Medically Necessary** is determined between you and your doctor acting within professional standards.

Professional Standards are **set by Benefit Councils made up of actual clinicians**, not bureaucrats. There will be a Benefit Council for each of the seven health areas so distinct needs are met.

No duplicate private insurance. No extra billing. No passing the costs off to the employees.

How We Pay

A payroll tax for employees and employers, **replacing private insurance premiums**, called the **Universal Health Levy** in the following, independently advised, actuarial corridors:

Employee Pays: 2.0% - 3.5%

Employer Pays: 2.5% - 5.5%

The revenue goes into a **Universal Health Fund** locked to insured services, administration, and stability reserves.

Most Importantly the UHL cannot be clawed back from your paycheck by your employer.

Increasing Staff

Health Programs will have **Increased Seating** and **Practice Ready Pathways** for the **Internationally Educated**.

Return-to-Service Scholarships and grants to ask those who retired or left the profession to return to service.

Integrated pipelines with SaskJobs and the Saskatchewan Century Corps (SCC) to train, place, and retrain anyone who steps up.

The Big Picture

This means no more hospitals as dental clinics, because you can go get the care you need when you need it at any dental clinic, just by using your Health Card.

This means no more guessing what the board in the classroom says, because you can get the right glasses at any optometrist, just by using your Health Card.

This means no more lost conversations and connections, because now you can get the right hearing aids, just by using your Health Card.

This means no more suffering alone in the dark, because you can get mental health treatment that suits your needs, just by using your Health Card.

This means no more wondering if you can afford to take care of yourself in your old age, because you can go to any public facility, just by using your Health Card.

This means no more choosing to leave your home before you're ready, because you can get home care for all your needs, just by using your Health Card.

This means no more choosing between medications you can afford, or the ones you actually need, because your meds are covered, just by using your Health Card.

It means you don't choose between health and wallet.

Its not crazy,

Its Saskatchewan.

