

APRIL 17, 2026

Prime Minister Mark Carney

Health Minister Marjorie Michel

The Canada Health Act received Royal Assent on this day in 1984. It was passed unanimously by the House of Commons. It was and is one of the greatest nation-building achievements in the history of our country.

Today, the Canada Health Act and the future of public health care in every province and territory of Canada are in grave danger because of Alberta's Bill 11, which became law in December 2025. Bill 11, the Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2), allows physicians to treat patients in the public health care system while also charging them fees, creating a two-tiered system for those who can pay and those who cannot. This is a clear violation of the Canada Health Act.

Bill 11 also opens the door to private insurance companies, foreign and Canadian, to undermine Canada's health care system by offering private insurance to cover medically necessary care.

The dual practice/two-tier care provisions of Bill 11 in particular so undermines the Canada Health Act that, if allowed to continue, it will render this signature achievement of Canadian government without meaning. It will mean the end of fair, accessible, universal public health care in Canada.

Your government has the power to save Canada's universal health care by enforcing the Canada Health Act. We are writing today to tell you your government must use the Canada Health Act to block implementation of those parts of Bill 11 that are intended to open the door to American-style health care in Canada.

Is today – April 17, 2026 – going to be the last anniversary of the Canada Health Act?

The answer is in your hands.

Canadians will remember what you did.

Signed,

*Canadian Health Coalition*

*Friends of Medicare*

*British Columbia Health Coalition*

*Saskatchewan Health Coalition*

*Ontario Health Coalition*

*Coalition Solidarité Santé*

*Manitoba Health Coalition*

*Nova Scotia Health Coalition*

*Prince Edward Island Health Coalition*

*Canadian Labour Congress*

*Alberta Federation of Labour*

*Calgary District Labour Council*

*Lethbridge District Labour Council*

*Medicine Hat District Labour Council*

*Red Deer District Labour Council*

*Edmonton District Labour Council*

*Wood Buffalo District Labour Council*

*Unifor Canada*

*United Steel Workers, District 3*

*Public Service Alliance of Canada, Praries*

*Canadian Union of Public Employees, Alberta*

*Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions*

*BC Nurses' Union*

*United Nurses of Alberta*

*Saskatchewan Union Of Nurses*

*Manitoba Nurses Union*

*Ontario Nurses' Association*

*New Brunswick Nurses Union*

*PEI Nurses' Union*

*Registered Nurses' Union Newfoundland & Labrador*

*Nova Scotia Nurses' Union*

*Canadian Doctors for Medicare*

*Heath Sciences Association of Alberta*

*Alberta Union of Nurse Practitioners*

*Alberta Union of Provincial Employees*

*United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 401*

*Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 569*

*Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 583*

*Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 987*

*Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 8*

*Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 474*

*Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 1099*

*Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 2545*

*International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Local 146*

*Canadian Union of Postal Workers, Local 730*

*Canadian Union of Postal Workers, Local 710*

*International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 424*

*Customs and Immigration Union, Alberta Branch*

*Alberta Teachers' Association*

*Mount Royal University Faculty Association*

*Mount Royal Staff Association*

*Nonacademic Staff Association (University of Alberta)*

*Alberta University of Arts Faculty Association*

*Council of Canadians*

*Public Interest Alberta*

*Workers Resource Centre*

*Seniors United Now*

*Calgary Social Worker for Social Justice*

*Congress of Union Retirees of Canada, Edmonton Are Council*

*Social Impact Collective*

*Alternatives North*