

93.12PU Policy Update: Equality of Health Care Services for Canadians

[Whereas,] Rationale:

Canada has a well established system of universal health care which guarantees equality of service to all citizens regardless of financial circumstances or provincial or territorial location. Federal participation in the funding of this system has ensured equality of service across Canada, but this equal access to quality health care has already been threatened by the passage of Bill C-69 in 1991, which gradually reduced federal financial contributions to health care. Bill C-20 will freeze federal contributions to health care until 1994-95.

Health care has been a concern of the National Council of Women for many years. In 1980, it forwarded a resolution asking the government to ensure that the universality and excellence of the Medicare system be maintained.

[RESOLVED,] The National Council of Women of Canada urges the Government of Canada to commit itself to continued and adequate budgeting support for Medicare to ensure equality of service in health care for Canadians in all provinces and territories.