

IN 2004,

Canadian premiers
unanimously called on the
federal government to initiate a

NATIONAL PHARMACARE PROGRAM.



Had this been implemented
from 2006 to 2015, the
Canadian healthcare system
would have saved a collective
\$62 BILLION

IN CANADA:

**\$22.34
BILLION**

is spent annually
on drug coverage



**\$12.15
BILLION**

public dollars
spent on drug
coverage



**\$5.65
BILLION**

spent on
private sector
drug plans



**\$4.53
BILLION**

in out of
pocket costs
for Canadians

\$7.25 BILLION

from the healthcare system
is wasted, per year

\$17.1 million per day

\$14,000 per minute



Estimated National
Pharmacare costs

\$15.087 BILLION



**CANADA PAYS MORE FOR DRUGS, PER CAPITA THAN:
France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom,
all countries with national pharmacare programs.**

SOURCES:

https://nursesunions.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Down_The_Drain_Pharmacare_Report_December_2017.pdf
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