Enforce the Canada Health Act – stop user charges for patients

Petition to the House of Commons, Prime Minister & Minister of Health

We, the undersigned citizens and residents of Canada, draw the attention of the House of Commons to the following:

WHEREAS:

Ontario's Doug Ford government has redirected thousands of surgeries from public hospitals to private, for-profit clinics and hospitals, and;

The private MRI/CT and cataract surgery clinics are extra-billing patients, charging user fees, and manipulating patients -- particularly elderly patients -- into paying thousands of dollars when they go in for care, and;

Patients are reporting exorbitant charges of $4,000, $8,000, even up to $11,000 for cataract surgery in Ontario's private clinics, as well as hundreds of dollars for access to primary care in private for-profit nurse practitioner clinics, and;

The Canada Health Act bans user fees and extra-billing of patients & requires that our medical care be funded by taxes (OHIP) and provided without financial barriers, based on Canadians' medical need not how much money a person has, and;

No patient should be forced or manipulated into paying for their cataract and other surgeries, MRIs and CTs, and primary care – in fact these charges are just what the Canada Health Act was set up to prevent, therefore:

We, the undersigned, call on the Government of Canada to uphold and enforce the Canada Health Act and take all possible measures to stop the Ford government from violating it..

Signature	Address (street, city, province, postal code)	Pls put check mark ☑ & write your email for updates & info from the Ontario Health Coalition

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