



HEALTH BENEFIT PROGRAMS IN CANADA

The Socio-Economic Impact of Cost- Containment Strategies

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The health sector in Canada: an evolving paradigm

There is an enormous amount of literature on the Canadian health sector. Health is among the top priorities for the average Canadian citizen. But, to say the least, even if the health sector is among the top industries in Canada in terms of jobs and investments and for its relative share of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the output of the sector is mediocre. Daily newspapers and pressure groups remind us that the system is oversaturated. So what is the solution to overcrowded hospital emergencies, to the lack of family doctors, to unacceptable waiting list for surgeries, an so on and so forth?

A fresh prospective approach to health services delivery is a must. It is not a matter of public or private funding. It is rather a matter of what can be supplied for the capacity, the ability and the willingness to pay of Canadians. No economic good is in unlimited supply. The same basic economic theorem does apply to health. Canadians must face a totally different paradigm: from an apparent free universal system to a restricted options system subject to limited financial and human resources.

The objectives of the report

The objectives of the report are fairly basic. The report will bring forward the key issues of the health sector in the coming decade. The objectives are straightforward.

- Establish a clear picture on how the system as it is, will evolve in the next 10 years under a sustain pressure originating among other factors from an ageing population.
- The dynamic of the main costs drivers of the health system will be modeled and their impacts measured.
- Finally, realistic solutions will be designed and achievable targets for quality health services will be submitted.

A must for stakeholders in the health sector

The report is a must for every stakeholder in the health sector either on the supply side of services or on the demand side.

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Costs and availability of the Report

The cost of the report is CAN \$7,250.00 (not including taxes). The cost includes a presentation of the results to the client representatives. Access to the data bank and other ad hoc request will be invoiced to the client on a privileged fee package.

The Health Benefit Programs in Canada report will be sent to client by the beginning of 2009.

Project Team

Mr. Pierre Boucher an experienced health economist will manage the project team. Mr. Boucher is knowledgeable in the prescription drugs industry as well as with many health professional organizations.

Mr. Michel Bissonnette is a strategist. He will look over the logistic of the project. He is well known in the health sector and more specifically in the chronic diseases sector.

Mr. Pierre Gauthier, lawyer, will complement the project team for the legal and ethic content of the health sector development. Mr. Gauthier has a high reputation among health professionals.

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