Prince Edward Island
CANADA

BACKGROUNDER

# Health Expenditures

| Health Spending Over the Past Five Years | | | | |
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| **Program** | 2007-2008 | 2011-2012 | $ increase | % increase |
| Home Care | 11.8M | 18.3M | 6.5M | 55% |
| Hospital Services | 175.8M | 219.6M | 43.8M | 25% |
| Long-term Care | 56.1M | 68.8M | 12.7M | 23% |
| In-province Medical Services | 67.5M | 93.6M | 26.1M | 39% |
| Out-of-province Medical Services | 28.6M | 40.4M | 11.8M | 41% |
| Primary Care | 29.4M | 38.4M | 9.0M | 31% |
| Provincial Pharmacy Programs | 28.3M | 34.6M | 6.3M | 25% |

- Public sector health spending in Prince Edward Island grew by 30.6% in the past five years, from $425 million to $555 million.
- Compared to five years ago, we now spend 25% more on hospitals services, 39% more on in-province physician services, 23% more on long term care, 22% more on provincial pharmacy programs and 55% more on home care.
- Health now takes 40.1% of the provincial budget. We spend 40 cents from every taxpayer dollar on health which means we have less for other public services that are important to health such as education and environment.
- Health spending increased by an average of 6.4% a year since 2007, much higher than provincial revenue or economic growth.
- Total health expenditure as a percentage of provincial GDP was projected to be 17.2% in 2011 for Prince Edward Island – the highest among the provinces. Source: 2011 CIHI National Healthcare Expenditure Report
- The proportion of federal funding for health in our province has declined considerably in recent years. In 2011/12 federal transfers accounted for approximately 21.8% of the provincial budget, which is down from 25.6% in 2007/08.
- Island taxpayers now spend an average of $3,865 a year on health care operations for each man, woman and child in the province, more than the national average of $3,575. (Based on data from the 2011 CIHI National Healthcare Expenditure Report)
- The amount of money we spend on health care has become a serious challenge. One solution is to use existing resources better without adding more.