



## Pharmacare

The National Association of Federal Retirees is the largest national advocacy organization representing active and retired members of the federal public service, Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and retired federally appointed judges, as well as their partners and survivors.

As the organization moves further into 2023, one of its advocacy priorities is pharmacare. Canada is the only country in the world with a universal health care system that does not also provide universal prescription drug coverage. As a result, Canadians consistently pay among the highest prices for prescription drugs, and 20 per cent of our population does not have adequate coverage to meet their needs.

A national pharmacare program was a vital part of the platform on which the current government was elected and formed an important part of the platforms of several other parties. The implementation of pharmacare in Canada has been studied and recommendations to the government have been made. It is now time for the federal government to act by working with the provinces, territories and private insurers to implement a national pharmacare program that is universal, public, comprehensive, accessible and portable.

Federal Retirees has a proud history of advocacy on behalf of our close to 170,000 members and all retirees. With our volunteers and members from coast-to-coast, we continue this tradition of strong, smart advocacy campaigns to protect our members' earned pensions and benefits, and to support good policy that improves the lives of all Canadians in retirement.

For more information about pharmacare, please visit

<https://federalretirees.ca/en/advocacy/our-priorities/pharmacare>