

Appendix 1 (as submitted by the authors): Supplementary data

Box 1: Sources of data and methods

Meetings

The interchanges between the provincial/territorial (PT) and federal governments on health care funding since the 1990s are well-documented in publicly released communiqués and associated documents from the following sources.

Premiers: The premiers meet at least annually during the summer months and have occasional interim meetings. Before 2004, these records are available from the Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat (CICS; searchable by keyword and date, <https://scics.gc.ca/en/newsroom>). Since the establishment of the Council of the Federation (Cof) in 2003, records are available from www.canadaspremiers.ca/newsroom (indexed chronologically).

Health ministers: Health ministers meet sporadically. The last meeting was in June 2018. The format is generally a 2-day meeting, with PT health ministers meeting on the first day, and the federal health minister joining for the second day. Provincial and territorial ministers usually issue a communiqué, with joint statements more rarely issued from the second federal and PT day of meetings. Records are available from the CICS Web site.

First ministers: Three First Minister's meetings on health have occurred since the 1990s, in September 2000, February 2003 and September 2004. Records are available from the CICS Web site.

Financial data

Federal contribution to Medicare pre-established programs financing — fiscal year 1976/77

Federal contribution: Table 7.26 Contributions to the provinces under the Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services Act, Year ended Mar. 31, 1977 (does not include Quebec), and Table 7.27 Contributions to provinces under the *Medical Care Act*, year ended Mar. 31, 1977.¹

Provincial and territorial spending on hospitals and physician services: Tables F.2.1.1 Provincial/territorial government health expenditure by use of funds in millions of current dollars, Canada, 1974/75 to 2019/20, and F.3.5.1 Provincial/territorial government health expenditure by use of funds in millions of current dollars, Quebec, 1974/75 to 2019/20.²

Federal contribution to Medicare and to total PT health spending — fiscal year 2019/20

Federal cash contribution: see reference 3.

Federal tax point contribution: see reference 4. Series ended 2013/14, thereafter escalated to 2019/20 by annual percentage changes in the total value of the tax points as calculated by the Department of Finance Canada.⁵

Provincial and territorial spending on hospitals and physician services and total PT health spending: Table F.2.1.1.²

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