

Public Services

Seniors - Track Record & Campaign Promises

			
<p>Expanded CPP and increased funding for home care, but decisions to continue Harper-era cuts to health care transfers and lack of protection for pension plans have reduced the impact of the positive measures.</p> <p>Enhanced CPP coverage to steadily increase benefits levels to 1/3 of pre-retirement income still falls short of the doubling of CPP that the labour movement has traditionally seen as needed.</p> <p>Will increase Old Age security by 10% for seniors who are 75 or older.</p> <p>Failed to protect private sector pension plans by giving pensioners first priority when companies enter bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings.</p> <p>Providing \$6 billion over 10 years for home care, but decision to continue Harper-era cut to federal transfers for health care will reduce the impact.</p> <p>Providing \$1 billion over 4 years for home care infrastructure.</p>	<p>Opposed expanding the CPP.</p> <p>Proposed Health and Social Programs Guarantee would only increase the Canada Health Transfer and the Canada Social Transfer by 3%, which will make it difficult for provinces and territories to maintain funding for programs like home care and will make it impossible to expand them.</p> <p>Will leave decisions to provincial and territorial governments about whether services like home care or long-term care are publicly funded and delivered.</p> <p>Will increase the age credit by \$1,000.</p>	<p>Supports further enhancement of the CPP, developing national standards for home care and long-term care and enshrining them in the <i>Canada Health Act</i>.</p> <p>Will create a Pension Advisory Commission to develop a long-term plan to protect and enhance Old Age Security, boost the Guaranteed Income Supplement, and strengthen the Canada Pension Plan.</p> <p>Will work with patients, caregivers, and provincial and territorial governments to develop national care standards for home care and long-term care and include them in the <i>Canada Health Act</i>.</p> <p>Will develop and support violence prevention strategies to protect front-line staff and ensure a safe working environment.</p> <p>Will make the Canada Caregiver Credit refundable to provide thousands of dollars to the lowest-income caregivers. Many caregivers have given up work completely to be able to care for a loved one.</p>	<p>Proposes national objectives for home care and long-term care and expansion of CPP, but proposes risk sharing for pensions and funding some of CPP enhancement from existing pensions.</p> <p>Will develop, with provincial and territorial governments, a set of national home care objectives in a National Home Care Policy.</p> <p>Will increase CPP in phases, with “some of the increase could be covered by redirected reductions in workplace pensions for those with workplace pensions. Redirected GIS savings could be used to offset some of the required contribution increase.”</p> <p>Will resist the shift to voluntary defined contribution plans with inefficient and expensive fees for a myriad of market-driven plans.</p>