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MEMBERSHIP GUIDE
SPRING 2025

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OUR TOP FEDERAL PRIORITIES FOR 2025

Home Care & Community Care

CARP is urging governments to recognize that a 'home first' approach will take pressure off other parts of the health system and improve the care provided to our seniors. Over 95% of our members tell us they want to age in place, but the majority of spending is focused on institutional care. It is paramount that federal and provincial governments work together to significantly expand investments in the amount of home care provided. CARP demands an increase in support for in-home, respite care and day programs - to help seniors stay safe and age in place.

Old Age Security Protection & Strengthening

CARP demands the protection and strengthening of Old Age Security (OAS) including an immediate 10% increase for ages 65-74, matching the payments for seniors 75-plus. To protect widows and widowers from poverty, Canada must boost the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) survivor benefit by 25%. CARP supports a national Pension Plan and stands in opposition to provincial claims to the CPP funds.

End Mandatory RRIF Withdrawals

Today, Canadians must convert their RRSPs (Registered Retirement Savings Plan) to RRIFs (Registered Retirement Income Fund) starting at 71, and begin drawing down those funds each year. CARP continues the fight against mandatory RRIF withdrawals, which puts seniors at risk of outliving their retirement nest egg. Older Canadians deserve the right to be in control of their savings and their financial retirement strategy based on their individual circumstances and needs.

Frauds Prevention, Enforcement & Redress

Frauds and scams are the number one crime committed against seniors in Canada, estimated to be billions of dollars annually - with close to 95% of going unreported. CARP demands stronger protections, enforcement and more severe consequences for those who perpetrate frauds against seniors. Over the last decade Canada has implemented a *prevention through education* strategy which has failed our seniors.

Vaccinations expert-recommended free for all

CARP advocates for increasing vaccine accessibility, improving preventative medicine and reducing healthcare costs in Canada. Canada should provide seniors all five major **Health Canada, NACI-recommended** vaccinations, at no out of pocket expense. (Influenza, RSV, COVID, Pneumococcal and Shingles). The federal government should support a universal seniors vaccination strategy with the provinces. We urge the federal government to continue to fund vaccinations against COVID for all ages, and for influenza for those over 65. By focusing on vaccine accessibility, CARP aims to enhance the health of older Canadians while potentially reducing overall healthcare costs in the long term.

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