

The Role of Governments in Canada's Health Care System

Federal Responsibility	Provincial/Territorial Responsibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Setting and administering national principles for the system under the Canada Health Act ● Financial support to the provinces and territories ● Funding and/or delivery of primary and supplementary services to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First Nations people living on reserves ○ Inuit ○ Serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces ○ Eligible veterans ○ Inmates in federal penitentiaries ○ Some groups of refugee claimants. ● Health protection and regulation (e.g., regulation of pharmaceuticals, food and medical devices) ● Consumer safety ● Disease surveillance and prevention ● Support for health promotion and health research ● Health-related tax measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Administer and deliver most of Canada's health care services, with all provincial and territorial health insurance plans expected to meet national principles set out under the <i>Canada Health Act</i> ● Administration of health insurance plans ● Planning and funding of care in hospitals and other health facilities ● Services provided by doctors and other health professionals ● Planning and implementation of health promotion and public health initiatives ● Negotiation of fee schedules with health professionals