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Research:

Based on an online study conducted from November 22 to November 25, 2019, among 800 adults in British Columbia.

Methodology:

The data has been statistically weighted according to Canadian census figures for age, gender and region in British Columbia. The margin of error—which measures sample variability—is +/- 3.5 percentage points, nineteen times out of twenty.

BC Health Coalition

As you may know, Dr. Brian Day from the private health care clinic Cambie Surgery Centre is challenging the public health care laws to allow doctors who work in the public health care system to also work in the private, for-profit health care system where they can bill patients for services that are covered by the public system. How closely have you followed this legal challenge?

- Only three-in-ten British Columbians (31%) are following this case "very closely" (7%) or "moderately closely" (24%).
- Attention to the case is higher among those aged 18-to-34 (38%) than those aged 35-to-54 (31%) and those aged 55 and over (24%).

How often do you (or a member of your immediate family) access a public health care service in British Columbia?

- A third of British Columbians (33%) say they access public health care in the province once a year or less often, while 14% do so 7 to 11 times a year.
- Almost half (45%) say they access public health care services 2 to 6 times a year, and 8% do so once a month or more often.
- Three-in-ten of British Columbians (30%) say a member of their immediate family accesses public health care in the province once a year or less often, while 16% say they do so 7 to 11 times a year.
- Almost half (44%) say a member of their immediate family accesses public health care services 2 to 6 times a year, and 10% say they do so once a month or more often.

On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is "Not strongly at all" and 5 is "Very strongly", how strongly do you support our public health care system?

- Two-in-five British Columbians (42%) answered "5" (very strongly), and three-in-ten (31%) answered "4".
- The top two answers were selected by almost three-in-four respondents (73%).

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? – "Access to health care in British Columbia should be based on need rather than ability to pay"

- Nine-in-ten British Columbians (90%) agree with this statement, including 64% who "strongly agree."

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? – "The increase of for-profit private-pay health care services will only help the

wealthiest British Columbians who can pay to access health services faster."

- Four-in-five British Columbians (80%) agree with this statement, including 48% who "strongly agree."

In your view, should doctors in British Columbia who work in the public health care system also be able work in the private health care system, and bill privately for services to those who can pay, even if that means patients in the public system may wait longer for care?

- More than half of British Columbians (55%) think doctors should not be allowed to do this, while one third (34%) believe they should be able to do this.

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