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Albertans have been paying more and more for health care, but are not getting better results. Our system ranks near the bottom in Canada when it comes to wait times for most critical health care treatments and procedures. Simply put, we have a broken, bureaucratic, inefficient, and wasteful health care system.

Alberta's centralized bureaucracy prevents patient care decisions from being made by the

professionals actually treating patients. We know there is a better solution, but the PC government continues to return to the same failed playbook.

Wildrose will sit down with doctors and nurses to make sure that the concrete changes they are asking for really happen. We need a system that cures the patient, rather than focusing on the procedure, provider, and bureaucracy.



Creating a Patient-Centred Health Care Model

- Expand the patient-care based funding model to include community-based out-patient health services, primary care services, and publicly contracted community based surgical service facilities, allowing health care funding to follow the patient to the provider of their choice, and encouraging greater use of non-hospital services
- Empower patients to take control of their health care experiences by creating a publicly accessible and secure patient health care portal so patients are able to access their own health care records, referrals, appointments, publicly-paid billing fees, and other pertinent information
- Establish a system to track and report, in real-time, health care system performance measures, surgical and emergency room wait times, bed availability, and other important health care metrics
- Attach this performance measure tracking system to the Patient Health Care Portal to allow patients personalized and real-time updates on wait times and availability for the services and treatments they personally require
- Focus on preventative care and strategies to drive down long term health costs and deal with chronic care

Lower Wait Times

- Reduce wait times by finding savings in extravagant Alberta Health Services executive pay, perks, severance and wasteful bureaucracy, and reinvesting the savings directly into funding additional surgeries and other health procedures
- Reallocate funding for home care, supported housing, assisted living, long-term care facilities, and palliative care hospices to provide patient-friendly choices and needs-based alternatives to hospital care
- Implement a 'Wait Time Guarantee' that will reduce surgical and specialist wait times by funding needed services for Alberta patients outside the provincial system should timely access to medically necessary procedures be unavailable; the cost up to the Government rate to have that same procedure performed in the public system would go to the health provider
- Investigate and examine ways to address the more than \$1 billion of estimated annual fraud in our health care system



Empower Local Decision Makers and Front Lines

Mental Health and Addictions Strategy

- Encourage health care professionals to come forward when they see waste or fraud by protecting whistleblowers
- Gradually decentralize the delivery of health care services to the local or facility level
- Create a single unified electronic health care record allowing and records to flow quickly and without barriers between health care professionals within Alberta and nationally
- Reallocate funds for proven community and non-profit organizations that work to prevent, assist and treat those suffering from addiction, abuse and other mental health issues
- Reallocate more dedicated mental health beds to offer an improved level of care and to reduce the unnecessary use of acute care beds
- Invest in preventative care strategies that reduce overall system costs
- Establish community counselling services in existing health facilities that offer same-day access and service for those seeking mental health and addictions treatment

