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Improving Access to Healthcare in the Outaouais

Access to timely, high-quality health care, close to home and in a language people understand, is fundamental to the well-being of individuals and communities.

In the Outaouais, physicians, health-care workers, and patients continue to raise serious concerns about mounting pressures on the health-care system. These challenges are affecting access to services and placing significant strain on both patients and professionals across the region.

I have shared these concerns with the Office of the federal Minister of Health to ensure that the serious challenges being raised by many Quebecers, particularly in the Outaouais, are clearly understood.



At the same time, it is important to recognize that health care is primarily a provincial responsibility, and the federal government cannot intervene in the development or application of provincial legislation. Residents are encouraged to share their concerns directly with their provincial representative, as Members of the National Assembly are best positioned to act on matters related to provincial legislation and the organization of health services in Quebec.



At the federal level, I continue to advocate for the Outaouais by working collaboratively with provincial partners to improve access to care in the region. This work includes:

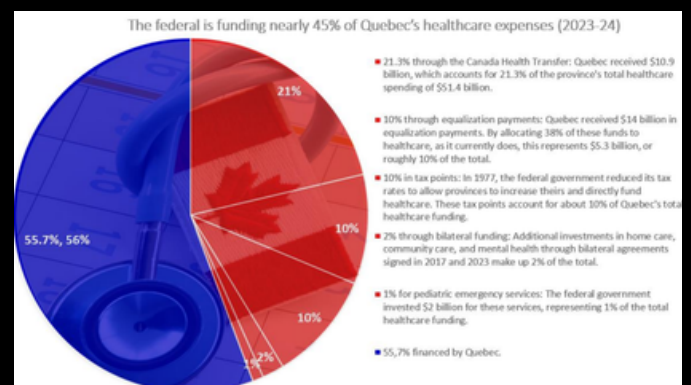
- Supporting stronger recruitment and retention of health professionals
- Improving access to health services in the region
- Ensuring that federal health investments reach the communities that need them most

In 2024, I wrote to Quebec's Minister of Health to outline the urgent need for these measures: Improving access to health care in Outaouais - Sophie Chatel.



The federal government also provides Quebec with significant, stable, and predictable funding for health care through the **Canada Health Transfer** and bilateral agreements. We cover roughly 45% of the province's healthcare expense, but it is the province's responsibility to ensure that its entire population has access to the healthcare it needs.

Here is an informative Quebec graph on how federal contributions to Quebec's healthcare can be broken down for 2023-2024: :



I remain deeply committed to listening to the concerns of residents, patients, and healthcare professionals in the Outaouais, and to sharing them with the appropriate federal and provincial partners.