



HEALTHCARE POLICY

Universal. Bilingual. Accountable. Public.

The Canadian Party of Quebec believes that healthcare is a right — not a privilege. We are committed to delivering a **modern, flexible, and bilingual healthcare system** that respects the **Canadian Charter**, responds to **local realities**, and **puts patients before politics**.

Protect Public Healthcare and Reject Dubé's Reforms

Keywords: Public | Reform | Choice

We oppose the CAQ's Bill 15 and the creation of Santé Québec, a top-heavy bureaucracy that centralizes power in Quebec City and strips local communities and professionals of their voice. We support a **pluralistic, publicly funded system** that gives space to both public and accredited local private providers, under universal access rules.

The CaPQ believes that **public and private healthcare providers must work together**, not in competition. Coordinating their efforts under shared standards allows the system to **expand capacity, reduce wait times**, and unblock services where the public system alone is falling short. This means regulated, Charter-compliant private clinics and professionals can supplement public services — without undermining universal access or equity.

Quebec should also **reconsider its fiscal policy and permit public health insurance to cover private surgeries**, as is already allowed in several other provinces. This change would give Quebecers more flexibility and timely access to medically necessary care — especially for non-emergency procedures currently subject to long public wait times.

When used effectively, this kind of collaboration offers greater flexibility at the community level, while still keeping healthcare **publicly funded, universally accessible, and accountable to patients — not profit**.

What this means for you:

Faster access to care, as communities gain flexibility to manage local resources

Greater choice between nearby clinics and care models

Public and private providers working together to serve patients — not compete

Coverage for private surgeries through public insurance, as in other provinces

An end to one-size-fits-all policies that delay treatment and alienate professionals

Bottom line: Patients should never be at the mercy of bureaucracy.

2. Expand the Supply of Qualified Providers

Keywords: Recruitment | Bilingual | Retention

Quebec is facing a **historic shortage** of doctors, nurses, therapists, and other health professionals. The CaPQ proposes a three-pronged strategy:

Attract

- Recognize out-of-province and international training without bureaucratic barriers.
- Allow professionals to practice in **either official language**, not just French.
- Offer rural bonuses and startup funding for **multidisciplinary local clinics**.

Train

- Mandate **bilingual health training** as part of institutional accreditation.
- Support professional development and continuing education in both languages.

Retain

- Incentivize mentoring, clinic leadership, and training of future practitioners.
- Provide bonuses for bilingual teaching and long-term commitment in underserved regions.

What this means for you:

- Shorter wait times, more access to professionals in your area.
- More services available in both English and French.
- A workforce that is supported and motivated to stay in Quebec.

3. Reduce Demand Through Preventive, Patient-Centered Care

Keywords: Prevention | Innovation | Individualized

Our system is built for crisis — not prevention. CaPQ supports a **proactive model** that keeps people healthy and reduces costly emergency care.

We propose:

- **Personalized long-term care plans** supported by multidisciplinary teams.
- Bonuses for clinics that rely on **cost-effective, low-tech interventions**.
- Support for **alternative and complementary medicine** through research funding.
- Expanded **insurance coverage for wellness visits** and holistic services for all ages.

What this means for you:

- More focus on prevention, less time in waiting rooms.
- Freedom to access innovative or culturally sensitive treatments.
- A healthcare system that treats the whole person — not just the illness.

4. Decentralize and Localize Health Services

Keywords: Local | Governance | Access

The CaPQ rejects centralized command-and-control systems. Local clinics and professionals must have a **real voice in managing care**.

We propose:

- Rebuilding local clinic governance boards with patient and provider representation.
- Funding more **community-based care centers**, especially outside major cities.
- Supporting locally led **multidisciplinary teams** that address regional health needs.
- Guaranteeing **bilingual service availability**, including access to interpreters.

What this means for you:

- More care delivered closer to home — tailored to local needs.
- Greater accountability and community input.
- Services that reflect your reality — not government spreadsheets.

5. Enshrine Language and Charter Rights in Healthcare

Keywords: Rights | Bilingualism | Charter

Language access in healthcare is not a courtesy — it is a **constitutional right**.

CaPQ will protect and expand bilingual care by:

- Reaffirming **Charter language protections** in all healthcare institutions.
- Opposing **Bill 96 and Law 14**, and removing OQLF oversight from hospitals and clinics.
- Funding bilingual training, signage, and interpreter services across the province.

What this means for you:

- The right to understand and be understood — during surgery, diagnosis, or mental health care.
- Dignified, effective, and safe treatment for English and French speakers alike.
- An end to language-based discrimination in medical settings.

6. Demand Stronger Federal Support and Oversight

Keywords: Federalism | Funding | Equity

Ottawa must fulfill its obligations as a funding partner and **defender of national standards**.

CaPQ calls for:

- Raising federal transfers from **22% to 35%** of healthcare costs.
- Making those funds **conditional on Charter compliance**, especially for language rights.
- Ensuring **equitable federal NGO funding** for English-speaking minority populations.

What this means for you:

- A better-funded, fairer healthcare system for all Quebecers.
- Legal protections when rights are threatened by provincial overreach.
- More services for English-speaking and bilingual communities across the province.

7. Make Every Dollar Count

Keywords: Efficiency | Frontline | Accountability

Too much healthcare spending in Quebec disappears into administrative overhead. We will:

- Mandate **independent audits and performance tracking** for all major institutions.
- Cut political appointments and overpaid management layers.
- Tie funding to real outcomes: **shorter wait times, higher satisfaction, and better patient health**.

What this means for you:

- More money goes to nurses, doctors, and services — not bureaucracy.

- Better oversight and public confidence in how funds are used.
- A modern system that spends smarter and delivers results.