

# HEALTH CARE FOR ALL



Without Federal leadership, the quality of health care you receive depends on where you live.

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## FOCUS: ABORTION ACCESS

### 1. BRITISH COLUMBIA

- 1 provider for every **201,360** people
- Has attempted to improve access to abortion services in rural and remote areas with 56% of facilities located outside of urban centers.

### 2. ALBERTA

- 1 provider for every **1,090,325** people

### 3. SASKATCHEWAN

- 1 provider for every **375,133** people
- Adopted a policy on conscientious objection ensuring that physicians who refuse to provide their patients services, or are unable to assist them due to religious or personal beliefs, have an obligation to refer to another physician.

### 4. MANITOBA

- 1 provider for every **320,500** people
- In the prairies, all facilities are located in urban centers, despite the fact that 40% of the population is rural.

### 5. ONTARIO

- 1 provider for every **379,963** people
- Highest number of Crisis Pregnancy Centers, which according to a recent study, provide judgmental counselling and shaming that contribute to abortion stigma.

### 6. QUEBEC

- 1 provider for every **152,124** people
- Has more than half of Canada's 94 facilities.
- The province has attempted to improve access to abortion services in rural and remote areas with 52% of facilities located outside of urban centers.

### 7. NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

- 1 provider for every **175,600** people
- Abortion services are only available in St. Johns and St. Anthony and travel expenses are not universally covered by the provincial health plan, which disproportionately impacts lower income people.
- There are no abortion providers in Labrador.

### 8. NEW BRUNSWICK

- 1 provider for every **188,475** people
- The province's health insurance only covers abortions performed in hospital unlike all other provinces where provincial health coverage includes free standing clinics.

### 9. NOVA SCOTIA

- 1 provider for every **188,540** people
- The only province where a physician's referral is necessary to obtain an abortion in all of their points of service.

### 10. PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

- 0 provider for **146,300** pop.
- There are no facilities in P.E.I. that offer abortion services. Residents are required to travel off-island to obtain abortions.

### 11. YUKON

- 1 provider for **36,500** pop.
- The gestational limit for abortion services offered in the Yukon is 12 weeks, one of the lowest in Canada. People in the Yukon who need abortion services post-12 weeks are required to travel thousands of kilometers to access them.

### 12. NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

- 1 provider for every **21,800** people
- There are only four facilities that cover the 1 million km<sup>2</sup> across Nunavut, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

### 13. NUNAVUT

- 1 provider for **36,600** pop.
- In Nunavut, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories, abortion services are only available in the capitals. People traveling from outlying communities are sometimes required to make multiple trips for abortions and ultrasounds.

