



# WHO SAYS WE CAN'T AFFORD PUBLIC HEALTH CARE?

Decisions about health care should be based on facts. Not fear.

- FACT:** As a share of the economy, B.C. government health spending is about seven cents on the dollar, the same as in 1991.\*
- FACT:** Provincial revenues are rising faster than health spending.\*\*
- FACT:** By 2017, our investment in health care would be around the same portion of the provincial budget as it is today – about 40 per cent.

The B.C. government's claim that health care will consume 71 per cent of spending by 2017 just doesn't add up.

**It's a fact – improving public health care is within our means.**



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\*6.8% of GDP in 1991; 7.1% of GDP in 2005 (Canadian Institute for Health Information); \*\*BC Ministry of Finance.

