

BULLETIN

March 31 National Day of Action for a New Health Accord

March 26, 2014

BC HEALTH COALITION

The current Health Accord expires March 31st, 2014 and the federal government is refusing to renegotiate it. Expiration of the accord will result in a \$36 billion dollar cut to public health care, and an additional \$16.5 billion dollar cut to health care equalization payments.

On March 31, people across the country will be holding rallies to sound the alarm and let their MP's know that it is time to step forward and ensure that our health care system has a future. Here in BC, 8 communities are holding rallies - see list below.

We hope to see you at a rally, or you can call your MP, or send an email to the party leaders to tell them it is time to take action. For more information, you can go to the [Canadian Health Coalition website](#).

Rallies in BC

- Campbell River/Comox Valley — Rally at 3:30pm outside the office of John Duncan, Conservative MP for Vancouver Island North (1250F Cedar Street, Campbell River). Contact: Rich Hagensen, Council of Canadians, surfdust@telus.net, 250-286-3019
- Kamloops — Meet at the Smorg deli by 3:30pm to march (about 3 blocks) to Conservative MP Cathy Macleod's office. We will have speakers and signs and we will present her with one thousand signed postcards calling for a renewed and improved Canadian Health Accord. Contact: Rick Turner 250-819-5694 or Barb Nederpel 250-320-1635, bnederpel@gmail.com. Organized by: Kamloops Health Coalition, Kamloops Chapter of the Council of Canadians, Kamloops Retired Teachers and Kamloops HEU
- Kelowna — Rally at MP Ron Cannan's office, Noon-12:30pm (Capri Mall, 114-1835 Gordon Dr.). Contact: Ken Robinson, 604-838-3844, krobinson@heu.org
- Nelson — Rally at 12:15pm in front of City Hall — there will be a petition and postcard signing table. Contact: Lorne Burkart, lorneburkart@bcnu.org, 250-354-5311
- Princeton — Community rally at noon at Princeton's Veterans Square. Show your support for public health care by bringing red umbrellas to the rally. Contact: Ed Staples, Support Our Health Care (SOHC), edwardstaples8@gmail.com, 250-295-0822
- Richmond — Rally at office of MP Alice Wong, 3:30-4:00pm (360-5951 No. 3 Rd.). Contact: David Huespe, 604-619-5124, davidhuespe@hotmail.com
- Surrey — Rally at MP Nina Grewal's office, 12-12:30pm (201-15957 84 Ave.). Contact: Kelly Aujla, 604-626-8806, kellya@shaw.ca
- Vancouver — Rally at MP Wai Young's office, 9:00-9:30am (6406 Victoria Dr.). Contact: Bev Trynchy, 604-837-1433, btrynchy@heu.org

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