



Healthy People, Healthy Economy

We know the healthier Nova Scotians are, the stronger our communities — and our economy — will become. More funding to help orthopedic wait times and enhance home care and community supports are all key pieces of the budget and are the result of working together for a stronger Nova Scotia.

Budget 2016–2017 will build upon the work done over the past two years to unify Nova Scotia's health system. This year, we will launch a multi-year redevelopment of the QEII Health Sciences Centre, enhancing care for patients across Nova Scotia and Atlantic Canada.

Budget 2016–2017 includes

- \$14.4 million more for home support and nursing, and the caregiver benefit and wheelchair programs, to keep seniors active and healthy in their communities as long as possible — an increase of \$59.1 million since 2013
- \$3 million to help seniors pay for Pharmacare costs
- \$9.9 million more for the Disability Support Program
- \$5.4 million more for children, youth, and family support services through Community Services
- \$4.3 million to implement the Personal Health Record program
- \$3.7 million in capital grants for design and renovation at the Victoria General and Dartmouth General hospitals
- \$700,000 for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program
- \$672,000 for Mental Health Clinicians in Schools Plus sites
- \$3 million more to help Nova Scotians with disabilities transition out of facility-based care into the community
- \$1.9 million more to meet orthopedic wait times
- \$825,000 to continue the Connect2 Sustainable Transportation Community Grants