



SSM – Federal Election 2021

Assessing Federal Parties on SSM Key Priorities

Platform for Advancing Interests of Older Adults in Canada

SSM has developed the following checklist to see how the federal parties are planning to meet the major expectations of older adults.

Key Priorities:

1. Planning with older adults:

The number of Canadians over 75 will nearly double in the next 15 years. What commitments are parties making to develop a National Seniors Strategy in collaboration with provinces and organizations representing older Canadians?

2. Positive Aging at Home:

What are parties committing to do to enable older adults to age in place in their homes and communities with appropriate physical and emotional supports?

What will parties do to support access to community based services at reasonable costs?

Do parties recognize that there are proven models for support and care at home for about one-third the costs of traditional institutional care?

What are the parties doing to ensure older adults have access to transportation services, high speed internet, clean water, safe communities and the ability to manage their own well-being on their terms?

3. Pharmacare:

What will the party do to advance pharmacare in a reasonable timeframe to support changing needs of older adults?

4. Long Term Care

What commitments are parties making to reform long term care so that no matter where you live, Canadians can expect high quality, affordable care, when needed?

What are the parties doing to consider care models that are not based on the traditional hospital urgent care model that was developed over 60 years ago?

Checklist for Success:

Priority	No Response	Poor	Acceptable	Preferred
Planning				
Positive Aging				
Pharmacare				
Long Term Care				

Next Step:

