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MP Trost praises Wait Times Guarantee

Guarantee for Cardiac Bypass Surgery is a top priority

OTTAWA – The allocation of almost \$25 million in federal funding to help establish a Patient Wait Times Guarantee for cardiac bypass surgery in Saskatchewan is a good step forward for health care in the province, according to Brad Trost, Member of Parliament for Saskatoon-Humboldt:

“This assistance from Canada’s New Government will help Saskatchewan’s Regional Health Authorities and our hard working care providers establish a Patient Wait Times Guarantee for cardiac bypass surgery.”

“Health Minister (Tony) Clement’s announcement yesterday that the Government of Saskatchewan has agreed to work with Ottawa to establish wait time guarantees for patients is great news. Thursday’s announcement shows how hard Canada’s New Government is working with the provinces and the territories to provide medical treatment in a timely manner,” Trost added.

The Government of Saskatchewan’s agreement to establish a Patient Wait Times Guarantee for cardiac bypass surgery by 2010 will be supported by \$24.8 million in funding from the 2007 federal budget.

Saskatchewan will also be eligible for support from \$400 million in new funding for the Canada Health Infoway, and \$30 million for pilot projects as announced in the 2007 federal budget.

Cardiac bypass surgery (also know as coronary artery bypass graft or CABG) is one of five priority procedures in the 10 Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care (2004) signed by the federal government, provinces and the territories.

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