

I would like to add my views regarding your Consultation "Fair Drug Prices For New Brunswick".I am focusing my comments on the area of "compensation for pharamcists' services".

While it can be argued that pharmacists have always been a vital member of the "primary care team"...it is our EXPANDING roles and services provided to New Brunswickers that needs to be addressed.

Many of our patients do not have access to a family doctor and must rely on us to meet their health needs. We are ACCESSIBLE and TRUSTED! Pharmacists are now offering Specialty Services in areas of expertise that interest us.We serve the public by offering to speak at various support groups.

We offer clinics to empower/educate the public and patients with new information.

Our Owners are COMMUNITY leaders...offering support through charitable donations.

All of this comes at a COST...as well as an investment in TIME.

We are responsible and professional...I urge the government to recognize this and compensate pharmacists accordingly.

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