

RCMP, federal employees along with their spouses and dependents.

There have been recent reports in the media that the Honourable Tony Clement, President of the Treasury Board, is considering non-negotiable changes to the Public Service Health Care Plan (PSHCP) that would effectively double health insurance costs for federal retirees. These pensioners include all retired members of the Canadian Forces and their spouses, all retired federal employees, members of the RCMP and their survivors. This of critical concern for all seniors living with fixed incomes in need of health care coverage as they get older. The most serious impact will be felt by those with limited financial means and serious health concerns. The change will probably double the amount that pensioners are presently paying for that insurance.

Health plan contributions and limit eligibility for PS retirees

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OTTAWA — The Conservative government's effort to bring public servants' benefits and compensation in line with the private sector is now taking aim at retired public servants with a proposal to limit their eligibility and boost their share of the cost for the public service health care plan.

The health plan, negotiated by the union-management National Joint Council, allows anyone who collects a public service pension to join the health plan.

About **185,000** retirees are represented by the National Association of Federal Retirees (FSNA). There are over **500,000** retirees who are retired members of the Canadian Forces,

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Seniors' Pensions Claw-back

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