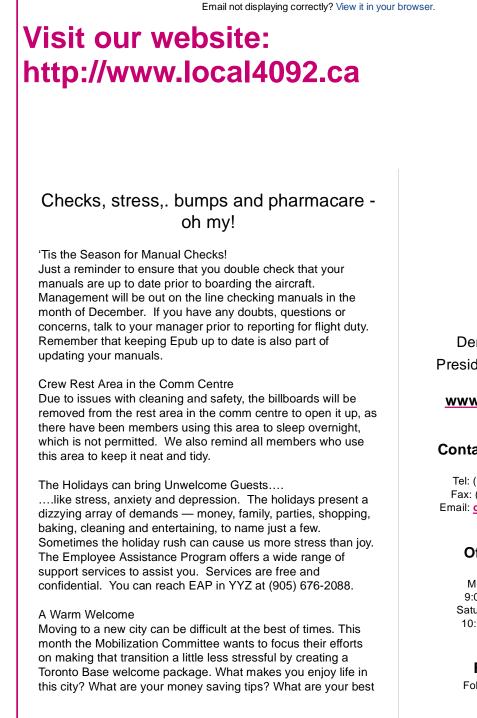
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Is it time for a Universal Drug Plan? Many resolutions at the recent CUPE National Convention dealt with lobbying the government to create a national pharmacare program. While we are all proud of our universal health care, Canada is the only developed country with universal health Become a friend on Facebook

Follow us on Twitter insurance that does not also offer universal prescription drug coverage. A common explanation for this hole is our system is that the cost of such a program would be prohibitive. Research is coming to light from some universities and stakeholders in the health care system that a nationwide pharmacare program could save Canadians billions of dollars and be cost neutral or even cost savings for governments. These cost savings can be realized due to the economies of scale taking into account drug price negotiations and better product selection. With drug costs rising quickly, sometimes even exponentially overnight, having a nationwide pharmacare system would place Canada in a better position to negotiate lower prices in the future for expensive treatments. For more info check out the CBC report here http://www.cbc.ca/news/health/universal-drug-plan-wouldsave-billions-ubc-researchers-say-1.2994857

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