

APPENDIX

**Assignment of commitments to the three themes:
“Transparent,” “Drug System,” “For Patients”**

	Commitment	Status	Applies to		
			Transparency	Drug System	Patients
Promise # 1. Strengthening the governance and operations of the public drug system	Legislation to strengthen governance Defining principles, such as transparency and accountability, for all participants.	PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED	√	√	√
	Appoint an Executive Officer for Drug Programs	IMPLEMENTED		√	
	Patient Voice	IMPLEMENTED	√	√	√
	Citizen’s Council	PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED	√	√	√
Promise # 2. Improving access for patients to drugs	Enable drug listings under certain conditions while awaiting further evidence.	UNKNOWN		√	√
	Faster drug listing decisions with the reasons openly communicated.	NOT IMPLEMENTED	√	√	√
	Reduced paperwork for physicians and pharmacists.	PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED		√	√
	Create an exceptional access mechanism to allow certain patients to access certain drugs.	NOT IMPLEMENTED		√	√
	Rapid review for truly innovative drugs	PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED		√	√
	Align ODB and hospital drug formularies.	NOT IMPLEMENTED		√	√

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Promise # 2 cont'd	Interchangeability and off-formulary interchangeability.	IMPLEMENTED		√	√
	Align funding policies so that funding decisions are made irrespective of where or how the drug is given (i.e., IV, capsule).	NOT IMPLEMENTED		√	√
	Government to become the secondary payer, after private insurers pay for federal civil servants and working seniors with benefits plans.	NOT IMPLEMENTED		√	
Promise # 3. Promote the appropriate use of drugs	Developing web-based, independent, best practice guidelines or “Shared Care Network.”	NOT IMPLEMENTED	√	√	√
	Pharmacists as part of the primary care team.	NOT IMPLEMENTED	√	√	√
	Pharmacy Council	IMPLEMENTED	√	√	√
Promise # 4. Rewarding innovation	Establish a \$5 million Innovation Research Fund	PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED	√	√	√
Promise # 5. Strengthening our position as a customer to get value for money	Partnership agreements & competitive agreements for brand drugs.	PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED		√	√
	Lower the price paid for generic drugs.	IMPLEMENTED		√	√
	Enforce drug prices to ensure manufacturers fulfill their pricing commitments.	IMPLEMENTED		√	
	Increase the dispensing fee for community pharmacies to \$7.00	IMPLEMENTED		√	

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Promise # 5 cont'd	Decrease the mark-up to 8% with a \$25 cap.	IMPLEMENTED		√	
	Remove the promotional allowances that generic manufacturers pay to pharmacies.	IMPLEMENTED		√	
	Develop a Code of Conduct that defines acceptable marketing practices by generic manufacturers.	PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED	√	√	√
	Introduce a new payment for specific services that pharmacists provide for patients.	IMPLEMENTED	√	√	√
	Work to develop chronic disease partnerships with brand name drug companies.	NOT IMPLEMENTED		√	√
	Totals		10	26	20