

# Renewing Health Care **FOR PATIENTS**

Strengthening Ambulance  
Service



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## A Strong Ambulance Network

- **Problem: ambulance service planning has been disconnected from the health authorities**
- **Solution: Ambulance Services now integrated into health authority plans**



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- **Spending up to \$30 million more to strengthen the ambulance service**
  - **\$20 million reallocated from the Ministry of Health Services**
  - **\$10 million set aside from regional Health Authorities to respond to local needs**



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## New Focus on Paramedic Training

- **Increased training for 1,300 rural paramedics**
- **Able to intervene immediately for:**
  - **Chest pain**
  - **Heart attack (including defibrillators)**
  - **Diabetes**
  - **Asthma**
  - **Drug overdose**
- **Critical care training for Kamloops paramedics**



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## Freeing Up Acute Care Beds

- **Patients in tertiary acute beds, who don't need to be there, back up the system**
- **Timely transfer of patients to community hospital near home**
- **Emergency Department Management plan for the lower mainland**



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## Care where & when it's needed

- **up to \$30 million additional funding**
- **Ambulances integrated in Health Authority plans, community by community**
  - Respond to emergencies
  - Facilitate patient transfers
  - Ease ER congestion in Lower Mainland
- **Training to raise 1,300 rural paramedics to higher certification levels**

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