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BCND Statement on Pharmacare Agreement Signing

BCND was pleased to see the formal signing of the pharmacare agreement between the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia. This agreement marks an important step toward improving access to essential medications, including hormone replacement therapy (HRT) for menopausal symptoms and treatments for diabetes.

While implementation is still a year away (March 2026), this is progress toward ensuring more British Columbians can access the care they need. We look forward to further details on how this will be rolled out and ensuring that patients can fully benefit from this initiative, including access to HRT through their naturopathic doctors.

Funding for HRT aligns with the expertise of naturopathic doctors, who are already trusted providers of holistic care for individuals navigating hormonal changes during menopause. As this funding is implemented, NDs will continue to support patients with comprehensive, individualized care, integrating HRT with natural therapies to optimize health outcomes. Most importantly, this initiative reinforces patient choice, ensuring individuals can access the care they need from the provider that best meets their needs.

BCND remains committed to supporting naturopathic doctors in delivering safe, effective, and patient-centered care as part of BC's healthcare system.