

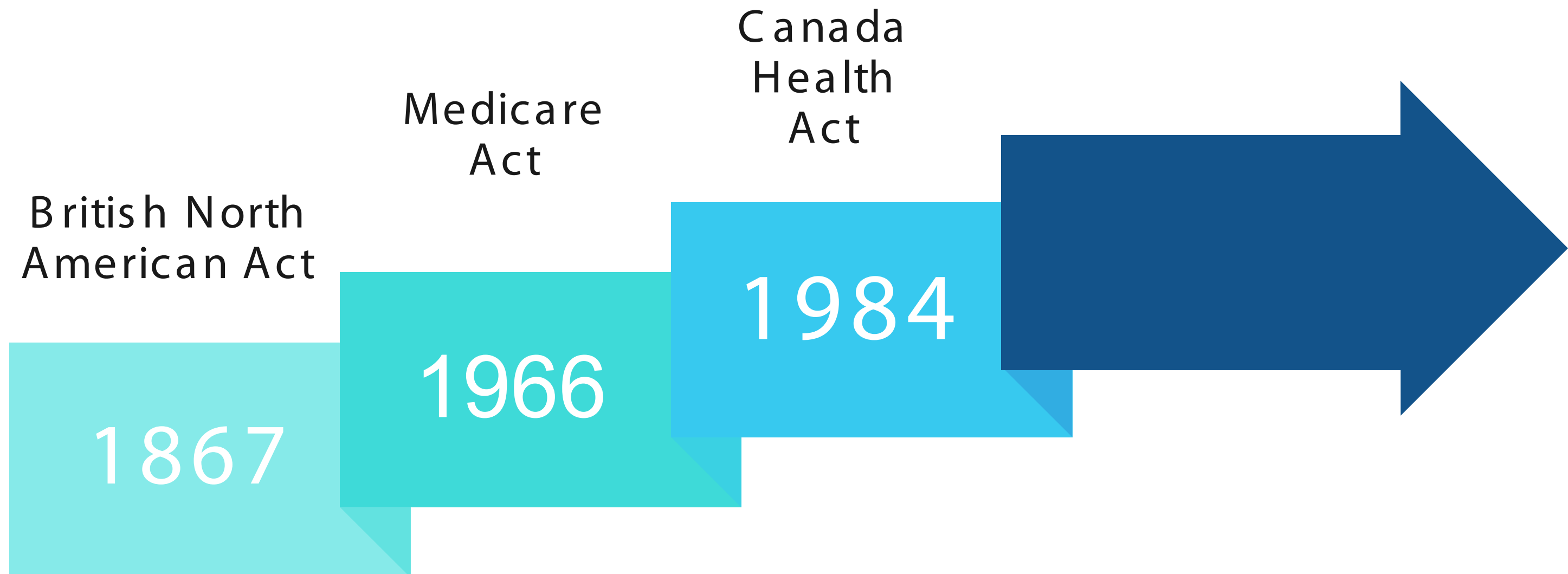
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# National Pharmacare

Rolling Stone or Mossy Boulder?

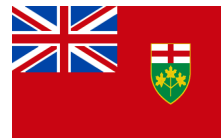


# Historical perspective





# 19 F/P/T programmes



Number of plans	10	10	7
Social Assistance	No cost-sharing	No cost-sharing	\$2 copayment
Under 65	30% co-insurance, 0-3%* deductible, 2-4%* max	Premiums, 30% co-insurance, \$25 Max	\$2 copayment after deductible, 4%* quarterly deductible
Over 65		30% co-insurance, \$25 max	\$2-6.11 co-payment, \$0-100 deductible



\$ 39.8 Billion

\$388 public expenditure

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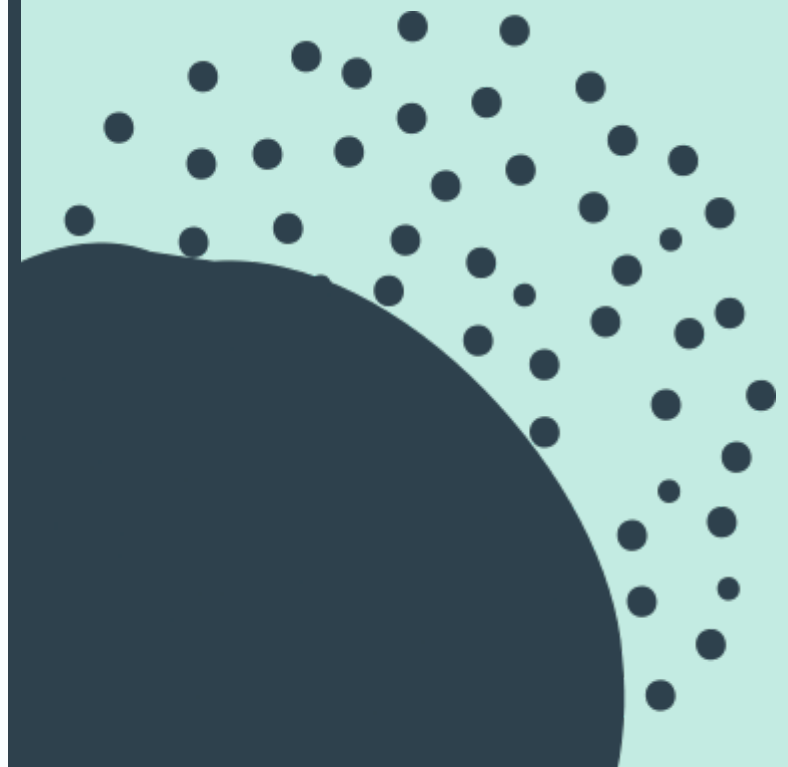
\$909 total expenditure

42.7% publicly funded

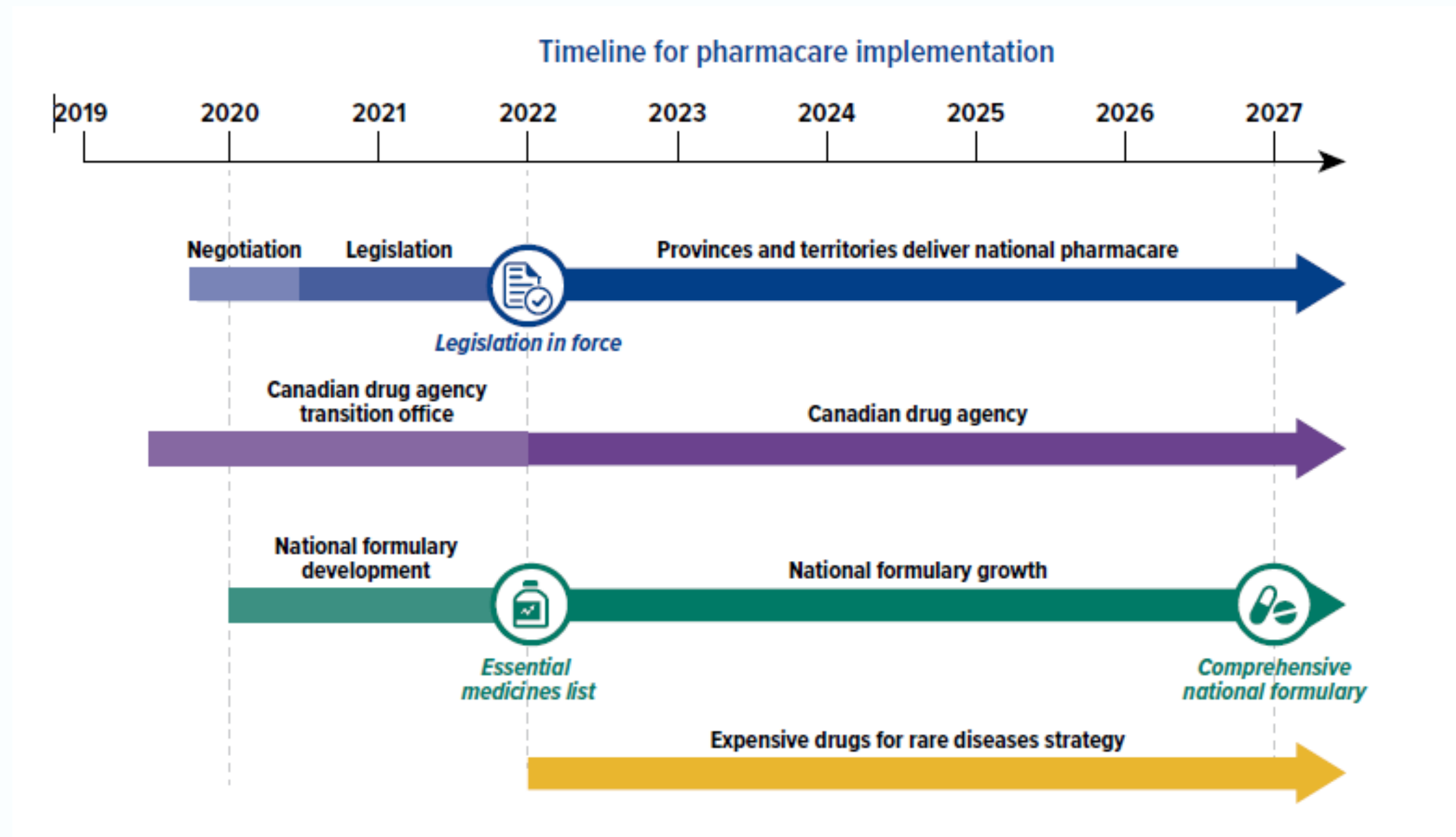
AFFORDABILITY

5.5%

OF CANADIANS REPORT BEING  
UNABLE TO AFFORD 1 OR MORE  
DRUG IN THE LAST YEAR



# 2018: Advisory Council on the Implementation of National Pharmacare



Current  
Political  
Context

# Fall 2019 Minister of Health Mandate Letter:

“Lead work, with the support of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Seniors, to strengthen Medicare and renew our health agreements with the provinces and territories in four priority areas: ....

4) Continue to implement national universal pharmacare, including the establishment of the Canada Drug Agency, and implementing a national formulary and a rare disease drug strategy to help Canadian families save money on high-cost drugs.”



Current  
Political  
Context

What are we trying to achieve?







Who?



What?



How should  
cost be shared?

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TYPE OF MODELS  
AND COVERAGE



UNIVERSAL PUBLIC COVERAGE

Comprehensive

Essential  
medicines

Income-based  
deductible

TARGETED PUBLIC COVERAGE

Individual  
mandate

Targeted

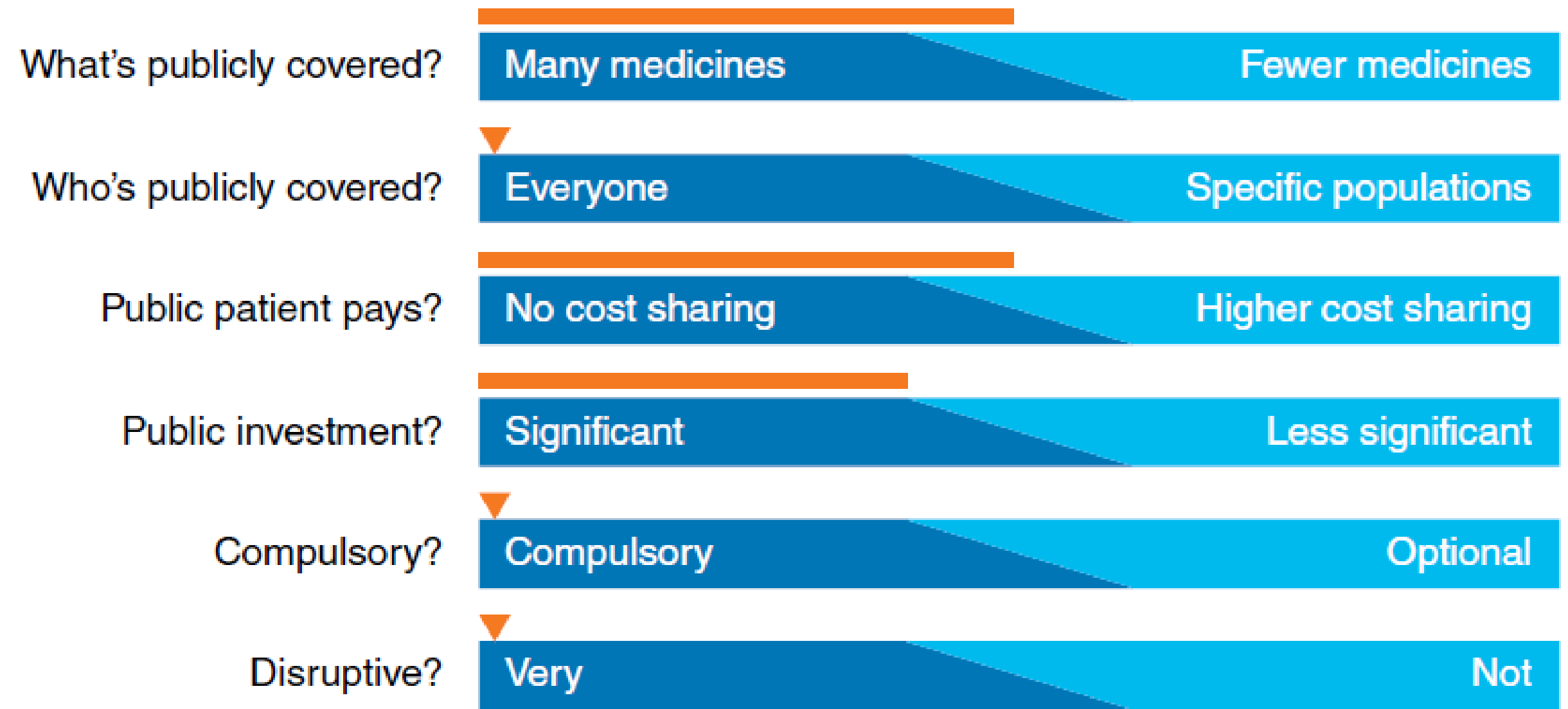
HOW TO CRITIQUE  
THE MDOELS?

**Aim 1: Improve access to medicines**

**Aim 2: Improve value for money**

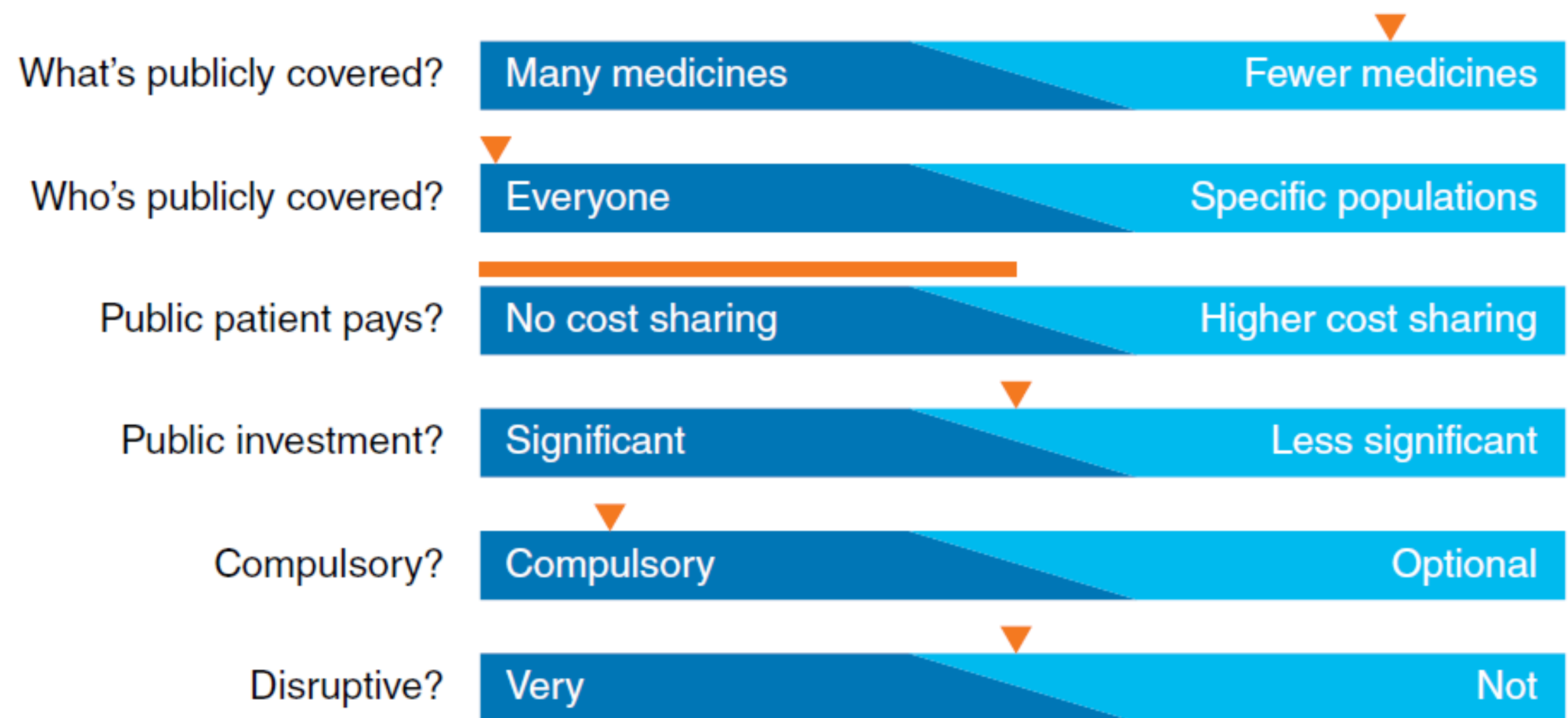
**Aim 3: Improve patient and provider experience**

PUBLIC  
COMPREHENSIVE





# ESSENTIAL MEDICINES



# Canada Pharmacare Act

Establishes criteria and conditions in respect of drug insurance plans established under the law of a province that must be met before a cash contribution may be made

# Closing Quote

“We’ll continue to work with all Canadians, and provinces and territories, to ensure that people have access to the medications they need”

- Minister HajDu

