

## Paramedics 2007

1. Will a Liberal Government commit to increasing government funding for emergency medical services to at least 1.8% of provincial health care expenditures to address the need for system development and sustainability?

**A Liberal Government is committed to acting to increase funding to frontline healthcare and improving preventative healthcare; the net result of which would be a better resourced emergency medical system. We believe that preventing people from ending up in emergency rooms is more effective use of the limited number of healthcare workers.**

2. Will a Liberal Government ensure that paramedics are recognized as healthcare providers and endorse the need for advanced education and credentials similar to other allied health professionals?

**A Liberal Government believe in everyone developing themselves to their full potential and would want healthcare workers to be trained to meet the growing challenges of their occupation.**

3. Red River College is currently working on development of a Primary Care Paramedic education program within their Health Science faculty. Will a Liberal Government commit to assisting with development and delivery of paramedic education programs at Red River College?

**We have made a definite commitment to funding Red River College and addressing the capacity needs of that institution to meet the demands placed upon it.**

4. Will Liberal Government take measures to implement operational and administrative changes to ambulance and paramedic services to improve the level of pre-hospital emergency health care available to Manitobans and eliminate regional disparities?

**We are committed to a re-assessment of the Regional Health Authorities which will ensure reasonable levels of service across a broad spectrum of healthcare needs. Our Healthcare Bill of Rights will guarantee timely access to healthcare for Manitobans.**

5. Will a Liberal Government ensure that paramedics are recognized in legislation as healthcare professionals and work with the Paramedics Association of Manitoba to establish a self-regulating "College" for paramedics in this province?

**We are open to discussion and clarification on the matter but cannot make a firm commitment based on the information provided in this question. The standards for healthcare workers are generally not established in isolation from their co-workers.**