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Remarks - News conference on stabilization funding

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- Thank you. I'm pleased to be here today.
- BC's doctors care passionately about our patients. We want to ensure that the nearly 1 million British Columbians without family doctors get the quality of care they need and deserve.
- **Today's announcement is a very first step – a way to help stop the bleeding –so that family doctors can keep their doors open to patients until we can develop and implement a new payment model.**
- We heard loudly and clearly from our doctors that this is a needed step – that we cannot allow clinic closures to continue at the rate they have been. Our doctors **do not** want to add to the numbers of people without a family doctor.
- This funding gives us time over the next four months, to finalize and implement a new payment model that will help us to recruit and retain doctors into full-service family practice.
- A new payment model will address rising business costs, and also recognize the value of family doctors – for the time and complexity involved in providing longitudinal patient care.
- I want to thank all of our doctors who are continuing to provide care for their patients during a time of such great challenge.
- My heart goes out to all the patients who are suffering. We still have the road ahead to achieve the longer-term solutions.
- I believe we are another step closer to getting there.