



New relationship aims to support the unique needs of Canada's paediatric healthcare providers

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(Ottawa, ON): The Canadian Association for Paediatric Health Centres and Medbuy were pleased to announce last week in Ottawa a new relationship that will deliver more cost savings to paediatric healthcare providers, while also supporting the unique health needs of children and youth.

"CAPHC and Medbuy have been partners for nearly a decade," says Elaine Orrbine, CAPHC's President & CEO. "What we have announced creates an opportunity to bring further value to both of our organizations, but for CAPHC Members, in particular, the enhanced partnership will provide an expanded range of options they have to access competitively priced, quality medical supplies and services."

The new relationship enables CAPHC Members who are not currently Medbuy Members to access Medbuy services in a convenient and simple manner. There are many benefits of this approach. More of Canada's paediatric health facilities will have access to best cost and best quality products to deliver safe, patient-focused care. For CAPHC, a portion of the rebates generated from purchases will provide the organization with a unique funding stream to develop and implement new quality improvement and patient safety programs.

"This is a truly creative solution to meet the expressed needs of CAPHC and our membership," adds Ms. Orrbine. "Our Members can work directly with us to learn more about, and access the enhanced services that are powered by the procurement expertise of Medbuy."

Medbuy has deep roots in Canada's paediatric care community and has been a supporter of several of CAPHC's key safety based initiatives over the last several years, including medication reconciliation, narcotic management and high alert medication initiatives to name a few.

"While managing costs is critically important, quality and safety aspect of this partnership is also top of mind with healthcare providers," says Kent Nicholson, Medbuy's President & CEO.

"To keep a clear focus on patient needs, Medbuy is inclusive of physicians, registered nurses, pharmacists and other clinical specialists in developing an approach that's best suited for children," he says. "The process includes engaging direct care providers in our sourcing initiatives, which ensures that clinical staff has the best tools to deliver high quality, safe and cost effective care."

Mr. Nicholson also notes that the paediatric care issues championed by CAPHC are issues of high importance to Medbuy Members. “Our organizations have always worked together with leading paediatric healthcare providers to ensure the needs of children and youth are respected. We’ve included these principles in our own practices, so we are pleased to continue to work closely with CAPHC to ensure paediatric care across the country achieves the fullest potential possible.”

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About CAPHC

The Canadian Association of Paediatric Health Centres is a recognized leader and advocate for advancing the improvement of healthcare for Canada’s children and youth. CAPHC’s mission is to support our member and partner organizations through education, research, and quality improvement initiatives to improve healthcare service delivery for Canadian children and youth. CAPHC now reaches out to over 50 member organizations representing multi-disciplinary health professionals that provide healthcare and health services to children, youth and their families within quaternary and tertiary health centres; community health centres; rehabilitation centres; and home care provider agencies nation wide. Each year approximately 8.75 million children and youth rely on the services of our member organizations.

About Medbuy

As Canada's longest standing healthcare group purchasing organization, Medbuy partners with health service providers to deliver the best possible medical supplies, services and pharmaceuticals for the best possible price. Over the past 20 plus years, we’ve have helped save the health system hundreds of millions of dollars, while also supporting industry-wide initiatives that establish best practices for quality and safe care.

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