

**TRACKING OUR PROGRESS – OCTOBER 2006  
HEALTHMONITOR SCORECARD FOR GOVERNMENT, BUSINESSES, INDIVIDUALS**

Targets	Base	Current/Anticipated
<b>Government</b>		
Within 5 years (by 2011) reduce health care spending as a percentage of total program spending to national average.	2005/2006: NS – 39.3 <sup>1</sup> Cdn avg. – 38.2	2006/2007: NS – 39.1 <sup>2</sup> Cdn avg. – 38.3
By 2007 NS should have a single comprehensive long term health care plan that speaks to the sustainability of the health care system and addresses human and capital resource requirements and integrated information systems.	Health Human Resources plan created 2005  Last update on Health Information Strategy: 2003  Facilities review undertaken in 2000	No change
Within two years, tax credits should be established making reasonable amounts spent on elements of workplace wellness initiatives a non-taxable benefit.	2005 - No credits at this time	No change

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<b>Business</b>		
5% annual increase in the percent of Chamber members self identifying that they have established a formal healthy workplace program.	47% <sup>3</sup>	43% <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Source: DBRS, The Canadian Federal and Provincial Governments – 2005 Overview. Budgeted number for 2005-2006.

<sup>2</sup> Source: DBRS, The 2006 Canadian Federal and Provincial Governments Overview. Budgeted number for 2006-2007.

<sup>3</sup> Halifax Chamber of Commerce Spring/Summer Survey 2005.

<sup>4</sup> Halifax Chamber of Commerce Spring/Summer Survey 2006.

<b>Targets</b>	<b>Base</b>	<b>Current/Anticipated</b>
Decrease in revenue lost due to productivity loss in Nova Scotia by 2.5 % per year. <sup>5</sup>	2005 - \$1.179 billion (9 days lost)	Direction – small decrease in days lost from 2004

<b>Targets</b>	<b>Base</b>	<b>Current/Anticipated</b>
<b>Individuals</b>		
Decrease the rate of physical inactivity in Nova Scotia to the Canadian average within two years. <sup>6</sup>	2005 - % Physically Inactive: NS: 49.6 Can: 46.7	Direction – slightly positive - small move downward from 2003
Reduce the rate of obesity, which hovers at approximately 5% above the national average down to the national average within 5 years.	2005 - % of obese persons: NS – 20.7 Can – 15.5	Direction – negative - increasing from 2003
Reduce the rate of smoking from its current rate of approximately 20% of the population to 15% within 5 years.	2005 - % of daily smokers: NS- 18.1 Can-16.5	Direction – positive - downward from 2003

#### **HEALTH MONITOR**

The HealthMonitor is a report developed in 2005 by the HealthAction Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. It monitors indicators, actions and strategies that relate to health and health care issues.

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<sup>5</sup> Targets are: 2006 - 8.4, 2007 - 7.9, 2008 - 7.4, 2009 - 7.0, 2010 - 6.5. Based on 4% GDP growth p.a.

<sup>6</sup> Data for individual measures taken from Canadian Community Health Survey which has a two year collection cycle.