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**Primary Goal: Enhanced availability of healthcare options for CF families to ensure access to healthcare that is equal to that of other Canadian citizens.**

**Objective:** Augment CF family resilience through the creation of a seamless system of healthcare to CF families, incorporating **standardization and consistency of definitions and services.**

**Objective :** Enhance a seamless system of health care services to CF families through use of **best practices and partnerships.**

**Objective :** Reinforce the commitments to enhancing military life through robust **accountability measures and standards.**

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### SHORT-TERM

**Action: Implement options analysis to assess state of healthcare for CF families and develop plan for way ahead (including strategies for recruiting and retaining healthcare professionals)**

- Testing of preliminary options has been done by AC members (e.g.: no two-tier; DGHS cannot provide family services)
- Some best practices already in place (Bagotville, Petawawa, Trenton Family Health Clinic)
- Look at promising strategies for recruiting and retaining healthcare professionals—work with employment AC on national accreditation of foreign-trained healthcare professionals

Action: Standardization of definitions and processes

- Develop and nationalize definitions of healthcare, population served, etc. across all organizations providing healthcare to CF families
  - We have some inclusive definitions from MFSP of family, and AC has some definitions of healthcare that we can start with
- **ACCOUNTABILITY:** Currently using evidence-based practice

### MEDIUM TERM

**Action: CMP Endorsement of National CF Family Healthcare Strategy, incorporating best practices and partnerships.**

- DMFS will create a family healthcare policy and use current best practices and partnerships to develop tools for families
- DMFS will also partner with existing agencies to ensure that system is a seamless and efficient as possible

- First steps of CF Family Health Strategy to be unveiled at Family Summit in Jan 09

**Action: Attract more healthcare professionals to serve CF families**

- Incentives, such as benefits, reimbursable expenses, flexible caseloads are already in place
- Develop accreditation program for foreign-trained professionals, medical program at RMC and perhaps scholarship program for training of healthcare professionals, who would then be contractually obliged to serve CF communities for several years

**Action: Education campaign**

- CF families: Already have ``military 101` course on basics of military life and procedures at some bases (e.g.: how to get a health card, services available to each family, etc.)
- Of COC —what processes need to be put into place prior to FS&R
- Of professionals —incentives to work for CF families (CF benefits, reimburseable expenses, flexible caseload)

**LONG TERM**

**Community healthcare model at each B/W/U—with health professionals at each BWU to serve CF families and good referral systems**

- National oversight (managing body for making system more efficient) and national data management of health information (national medical records database, based upon provincial models)