The federal, provincial territorial agreements shall abide by A Common Statement of Principles on Shared Health Priorities and agree to common objectives within the priorities of improving services for Home and Community Care and for Mental Health and Addiction Services. Common tenets are as follows:

1. Funds will be allocated on a per capita basis in two agreed-upon 5-year plans;
2. The funds are in addition to existing legislated Health Transfer commitments;
3. Funding for the first year (2017 -2018) was released as provinces or territories agreed to use it to improve home and community and mental health and addictions services in accordance with a more detailed plan to be formulated;
4. Funding for the next 4 years (2018 – 2022) was forwarded to each jurisdiction upon the release of a formal bilateral agreement featuring a detailed and specific plan to improve services;
5. The funding shall be dispersed in semi-annual instalments, on or about April 15 and Nov 15 of each fiscal year on the condition progress is being made and measured, data is provided and shared, and transparent fiscal reports are provided;
6. Funding allowances in the early years of the agreements are smaller than those for later years of the agreements;
7. Federal funding for 2022/23 to 2026/27 shall be provided upon the renewal of the bilateral agreements and contingent on the success of the initiatives of previous years;
8. Funds may be appropriated by Parliament if they have been used for purposes other than home and community care and mental health and addiction services;
9. Unused funds may be appropriated by the federal government but 10% may be retained and carried forward under certain conditions; and
10. Allocations for subsequent years may be withheld if the province or territory fails to provide its annual financial statement or if it fails to submit to CIHI (Canadian Institute for Health Information) required data and information related to the target areas.