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Executive Summary

Canadians are living substantially longer without increasing years of work; a longer retirement must be resourced within a stable working life. This paper provides results from a larger research project studying the financial and social implications of providing health care, long-term care, and other support to an aging population. In this paper the focus is on the income requirements of older women who are living alone. It presents information regarding amounts available under current programs and draws conclusions regarding the adequacy of such programs. It shows how amending Old Age Security would improve adequacy and estimates the cost of such an amendment

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