- supporting the development of health manpower, facilities and research and distributing promotional and educational material for both general and public use;
- providing health care for Inuit and registered
 Indians and acting as the Health Department for the
 Yukon and Northwest Territories; and
- encouraging, promoting and developing fitness and amateur sport.

In the area of welfare, major federal programs include the Canada Pension Plan, Family Allowance Payments, Guaranteed Income Supplement, Old Age Security Program and the Spouse's Allowance Program.