

## **Deputy Minister's Message**

I am pleased to present my rationale for approving these contracts for Ophthalmology, Plastic Surgery, Dermatology, and Pregnancy Termination surgical services under the *Health Care Protection Act*.

Assessment and approval of these contracts was completed by a department proposal assessment team and my own examination.

Albertans can be confident the contracts meet all legislated and regulatory requirements, and protect public delivery of insured health services.

*Paddy Meade  
Deputy Minister  
Health and Wellness*

## **Executive Summary**

**Proposal** Capital Health has submitted proposals to renew existing contracts with the Non-hospital Surgical Facilities for the provision of insured services for a three-year term. These contracts will cover the provision of insured out-patient surgical services in the following areas: Ophthalmology, Plastic Surgery, Dermatology, and Pregnancy Termination surgical services.

**Summary:** The Non-hospital Surgical Facilities listed below are currently accredited by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta. The scope of work in the proposed contracts involves surgical procedures specific to the provision of medically necessary and insured services under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.

Ophthalmology Surgical Services:

- Alberta Eye Institute Inc,
- David B. Climenhaga Professional Corporation

- Eye Surgery Centre of Alberta Ltd. O/A Coronation Day Surgery Centre
- Gimbel Eye Surgical Centre – Edmonton Inc. O/A Gimbel Eye Centre
- Royce L.C Johnson Professional Corporation

Plastic Surgical Services:

- Eye Surgery Centre of Alberta Ltd. O/A Coronation Day Surgery Centre
- Plastic & Cosmetic Laser Surgical Centre Ltd.

Dermatological Surgical Services

- Don Groot Professional Corporation O/A Groot Dermasurgery Centre

Pregnancy Termination

- Baya 91 Ltd. O/A The Morgentaler Clinic

**Assessment Summary:** Alberta Health and Wellness conducted its due diligence in reviewing the proposals as per *Health Care Protection Act (HCPA)* according to the *Established Ministry Criteria for HCPA Agreements*. The proposals meet the criteria in all respects and responds effectively to the region's responsibility for ensuring timely access to Ophthalmology, Plastic Surgery, Dermatology, and Pregnancy Termination surgical services.

I reviewed the proposals taking into consideration the department's recommendations, and adherence to provincial and federal legislation.

**Compliance:** Since September 28, 2000, the provision of surgical services by private facilities must comply with the HCPA. I am satisfied that the proposals meet those requirements, provide a public benefit and show no adverse impact on our public health system, or our ability to comply with the *Canada Health Act*.

The Non-hospital Surgical Facilities referenced in the proposals from the Capital Health Authority have a sufficient number of qualified and appropriately trained staff to manage the volume of work. There is no negative impact on the health workforce available to serve the needs of the Capital Health Authority. The physicians on staff in these facilities have proven qualifications and experience in the provision of these surgical services. Mechanisms are in place to monitor physicians' compliance with the *Medical Professions Act*.

**Public Benefit:** The public health system will benefit by increased surgical capacity in hospitals. This is especially important as it allows the major centers of the Capital Health Region to concentrate on other services to better serve the needs of Albertans.