

Deputy Minister's Message

I am pleased to present my rationale for approving contracts for Oral Maxillary 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 Calgary Health Region has submitted proposals for the renewal of four existing contracts with the Non-hospital Surgical Facilities for the provision of insured services for a two-year term. These contracts will cover the provision of insured out-patient surgical services for Oral Maxillary surgical services.

Summary: The operators associated with these contracts are:

- Francis Skulsky Professional Corporation
- Brian Whitestone Professional Corporation
- Steve Bureau Professional Corporation
- Brett Habijanac Professional Corporation

All of these operators will be performing surgery at the South Calgary Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Center. This facility is 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.

Assessment Summary: Alberta Health and Wellness conducted its due diligence in reviewing the proposals as per HCPA according to the *Established Ministry Criteria for HCPA Agreements*. The proposal meets those criteria in all respects and responds effectively to the region's responsibility for ensuring timely access to Oral Maxillofacial surgical services.

I reviewed the proposal 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 *Health Care Protection Act* (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 Calgary Health Region 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 Region. The physicians on staff in the facility 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 Calgary Health Region to concentrate on other services to better serve the needs of Albertans.