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IMPROVEMENTS TO MSP PREMIUM ASSISTANCE TO BEGIN SOONER

VICTORIA – Government is advancing the recently announced change to the provincial Medical Service Plan premium assistance program that will reduce or eliminate monthly premiums for an estimated 215,000 British Columbians. The change will now take place a month sooner than originally announced.

The assistance program will increase the income threshold to qualify for the MSP premium assistance program by \$4,000 per year. This adjustment to the regular premium assistance program will now come into effect July 1, 2005.

Bringing forward the date by one month will allow eligible British Columbians to receive subsidies sooner, and increase administration efficiency by coinciding with the start of the health benefit year.

People who wish to apply for premium assistance are asked to complete and return an application form to the MSP, prior to July 1, 2005.

Information and forms are available online at www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/msp or telephone Victoria: 250 382-8406; Vancouver: 604 683-7151; or, other areas of B.C. (toll-free): 1 800 663-7100.

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