

Memo

To Transformation Leadership Team
Chief Executive Officers – Regional Health Authorities, CancerCare Manitoba,
Addictions Foundation Manitoba
Assistant Deputy Ministers – Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living

From Karen Herd, Deputy Minister, Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living

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Subject **Health System Transformation – Wave One Update: Bill 10, The Regional Health Authorities Amendment Act (Health System Governance and Accountability)**

As you know, Manitoba's health system transformation is intentionally organized and planned over three waves. Planning has involved consultation and engagement with key stakeholders and changes have been carefully sequenced to occur over a five year period.

Identifying the necessary legislative changes has been part of the planning process throughout and remains an important part in the success of our collective efforts.

Last month (March 2019), the Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living introduced Bill 10, which includes amendments to The Regional Health Authorities Act and other legislation to support the successful implementation of the province's health system transformation.

Bill 10 will support the modernization of the health system to bring it in line with leading jurisdictions across Canada and around the world.

It is important to note that any procedural delays associated with Bill 10 **will not** have any impact on the efforts of Manitoba's health system transformation. All projects and initiatives within Manitoba's transformation are within established legislative framework(s) and include appropriate consideration of the time required for completion of the legislative approval processes.

Beginning Friday April 5, 2019, staff within a number of existing organizations, departments, programs, services and sites will transition to Shared Health as part of the ongoing transformation process. This includes Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg, Digital Health (former Manitoba eHealth), provincial diagnostic services, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) Mental Health Program Services and regional emergency medical services and patient transport, as well as a number of WRHA corporate and administrative departments.

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Similarly, the shift in Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living's focus to one of enhanced policy, planning, funding and oversight continues. Planning to support the transition in Wave Two of remaining health care delivery services from the department continues as does work associated with modernizing the role(s) of the regional health authorities and CancerCare Manitoba in the delivery of front-line health care services as well as realigning the valuable work of the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba within a provincial mental health and addictions service.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the improvement of the quality, consistency and efficiency of the health-care services we provide to Manitobans.