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Dear Health Care Providers:

Re: Activities and changes to the provincial Tuberculosis Control program.

Since 2006 the Tuberculosis (TB) Control program focus has been to consolidate functions at the central program level and facilitate the transfer of responsibility for service delivery (case and contact management) to regional health authorities for regional residents. The first phase of the transition primarily involved Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) and Burntwood Regional Health Authority. This phase of the transition is complete.

In November, 2008 the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) assumed responsibility for case and contact management for residents of First Nations communities under federal jurisdiction throughout Manitoba. First Nations and Inuit Health (FNIH) continues to fund this service and is responsible for ensuring that tuberculosis case and contact management services are available to First Nation communities within Health Canada's jurisdiction. The work in prevention and control of tuberculosis is a collaborative effort at all levels.

As of April 1, 2011 consultation for case and contact management for all regional health authorities will be transitioned to the **WRHA**. The contact number at the WRHA for all tuberculosis services continues to be (204) 940 2274, fax (204) 957 0884.

The **Manitoba Health** office of the provincial program will continue to receive reports of laboratory-confirmed or clinical cases, be responsible for protocol and policy development, surveillance including the Tuberculosis Registry, and to fund and provide overall direction for the provincial TB Control program. The contact number at Manitoba Health will continue to be (204) 945-4816.

Manitoba Health and its partners are committed to a strong provincial Tuberculosis Control program and continuing improvement.

Sincerely,

"Original signed by"

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