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Dear Health Care Provider

**Report of Suspected Rabies Exposure**

This letter is being sent out today as a reminder to Health Care Providers (HCPs) about the correct process for reporting a suspected rabies exposure. Please complete the Report of Suspected Rabies Exposure form available at: [http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/mhsu\\_7224.pdf](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/mhsu_7224.pdf) and fax it to the appropriate\* Regional Public Health office for public health follow up. The contact information for the Regional Public Health offices is on page 3 of the Report of Suspected Rabies Exposure form.

Health Links – Info Santé has informed Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living, that they continue to receive reports of suspected rabies exposure from some HCPs using the “Health Links - Info Santé Record of Animal Bite” form. The use of this old form does not comply with current processes and Health Links – Info Santé is phasing it out of their reporting system starting immediately. Please discard any old forms that you may still have on hand. Health Links – Info Santé has indicated to MHSAL that any old forms that are received going forward will be processed, but only up until **September 30, 2017**. This should allow for adequate transition time. After September 30, 2017 any old forms received by Health Links – Info Santé will be faxed back to the sender. (Please note that Health Links - Info Santé will continue to process phone calls that they receive regarding suspected rabies exposures).

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

*“Original Signed By”*

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\*Appropriate = where the exposed person lives/will be living during the exposure follow-up period.