



## **THE REGULATED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT – A CONSULTATION PROCESS**

### **BACKGROUND:**

In 2009, the Manitoba Government passed a new, umbrella piece of legislation designed to streamline how all regulated health professions in Manitoba are governed. Prior to this, every regulated health profession, including doctors and nurses etc., had their own legislation and set of regulations under which they operated. Modernizing all legislation and regulations had become a difficult task.

Manitoba doctors will be among the first professions to move under the umbrella of the new, *Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA)*, at some point during 2018. Accomplishing this goal has been a multi-year process as there were a multitude of issues the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons (CPSM) had to consider. As a few examples, issues addressed have included everything from standards of practice and licensing to the complaints process and continuing professional development for doctors, province-wide.

### **THE CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

During this process, the CPSM consulted with Manitoba Health and, together, draft regulations were created which have now been approved by CPSM Council. As a result, the CPSM is ready to move to the public consultation stage where members, stakeholders and the public are invited to review and offer feedback on the following draft documents, posted on the CPSM website:

- **The Practice of Medicine Regulation** (the overall rules governing the profession of medicine);
- **The CPSM General Regulation** (rules re performing reserved acts, applications for registration, classes of membership, education requirements, continuing competency and practitioner profiles);
- **The Standards of Practice Regulation** (the standards all doctors must meet in their practice);
- **The CPSM Standards of Practice of Medicine** (additional standards doctors must meet)

***A minimum 60 day consultation period is required by government. The consultation deadline for comments is Tuesday, April 3, 2018. All views are welcome but responses must be in writing and emailed to:***

***[cpsm-rhpa@cpsm.mb.ca](mailto:cpsm-rhpa@cpsm.mb.ca). Please feel free to review the regulations and the CPSM Standards of Practice of Medicine by clicking on the document name below.***

**[CPSM General Regulation – English](#)**

**[CPSM General Regulation – French](#)**

**[CPSM Standard of Practice Regulation – English](#)**

**[CPSM Standard of Practice Regulation – French](#)**

**[CPSM Standards of Practice of Medicine Document](#)**

In addition, the Government of Manitoba is also conducting a consultation on its proposed RHPA Practice of Medicine Regulation. Government invites your comments on that document as well. The document can be found at [http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/rhpa/practice\\_of\\_medicine.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/rhpa/practice_of_medicine.html).

## **PROPOSED CHANGES:**

Two documents have been developed as an overview of the proposed changes. Below is a link to the documents for your review.

[Comparative Chart showing the Key Changes brought by the RHPA](#)  
[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)

These documents are intended to help you understand a few of the key changes contained in the draft regulations especially the ones relating to the public. There are a number of improvements and benefits that may be of interest to the public. These benefits include:

- Greater public representation on the CPSM Council (from 4 to 6 public reps);
- Greater involvement in the decision making processes at the College;
- Council meetings now open to the public (used to be closed meetings);
- More detailed physician profile information available to public;
- Role for public representative in the Complaints and Investigations processes; and
- Enhanced transparency.

Overall, these changes and improvements will lead to Manitobans having a greater voice in patient safety and in the College's mandate to protect the public.