



THE REGULATED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT – A CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR NEW CPSM BYLAWS and CODE of ETHICS under RHPA

BACKGROUND ON BYLAW CONSULTATION:

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba (CPSM) is in the final stages of a public consultation about proposed new Regulations pursuant to *The Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA)*. *The goal is to bring the CPSM under the legislative umbrella of the RHPA likely for early January 2019.*

Once the CPSM comes under the RHPA, it will be necessary for the CPSM to have new Bylaws that are consistent with the provisions of the new legislation, the RHPA.

The CPSM is required to consult with its members and key stakeholders prior to enacting new Bylaws. A significant change under the RHPA is that the members of the CPSM ultimately approve the Bylaws, with the exception of the Bylaw relating to Fees, not the Council.

In preparation for the RHPA the CPSM Council has approved draft Bylaws for the purpose of consulting with its members. Accordingly, the draft CPSM Bylaws pursuant to the RHPA are being distributed at this time for consultation with the CPSM members.

In addition, the proposed draft Code of Ethics is also being circulated for consultation with the members.

THE CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Draft bylaws under the RHPA were created and approved by Council. As a result, the CPSM is ready to move to the consultation stage where members, stakeholders and any other interested persons or organizations are invited to review and offer feedback on the following draft documents, posted on the CPSM website:

- **General Bylaw** (sets out the governance of the profession and affairs of the College)
- **Fee Bylaw** (sets out fees and contains a fee schedule based on the 2017-18 fiscal year. The draft schedule will be amended to reflect the fees approved by Council in June 2018)
- **Accredited Facilities Bylaw** (primarily addresses MANQAP requirements)

A minimum 6 week consultation period is requested by Council.

The consultation deadline for comments is Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

All views are welcome but responses must be in writing and emailed to:

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 Bylaw](#)

[CPSM Fee Bylaw](#)

[CPSM Accredited Facilities Bylaw](#)

[CPSM Code of Ethics](#)

PROPOSED CHANGES:

There are some proposed changes to the bylaws that may be of interest to members. These changes include:

- Provisions for the new annual meeting of members;
- Changes to the electoral districts and the composition of Council;
- greater public representation on the CPSM Council (from 4 to 6 public reps);
- Greater involvement for members in the College committees;
- Council meetings now open to the public (used to be closed meetings); and
- Enhanced transparency.

Overall, these changes will enable members to have a greater voice in the governance of their profession and in fulfilling the college's mandate to protect the public.