



Council Update



A Council meeting was held on Wednesday, December 13. Below are noteworthy. The following are important highlights from the meeting.

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Council Meeting Updates:

Update on the Standard of Practice - Prescribing Requirements & Practice Direction Electronic Transmission of Prescriptions

The Standard was distributed for public consultation from August 24-September 29. The Quality Prescribing Rules Review Working Group has reviewed and considered all the feedback and has amended the Standard. The amended Standard was presented to Council and was tabled at this meeting. More details will follow in the coming weeks.Â

Consultations Approved

Council approved the following items for public consultation:Â Â

Consultation: Amended Standard of Practice - Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)

Council approved a public consultation for amendments to the Standard of

Practice for MAiD (the Standard).Â Â

The existing Standard was developed in 2016 when the Criminal Code was amended to create a legislative framework for the provision of MAiD.Â Â

As of March 17, 2024, federal legislation will expand MAiD eligibility. Patients whose sole underlying medical condition is a mental illness/disorder (MD-SUMC) will be eligible for MAiD, provided they meet all other eligibility requirements. This requires the Standard to be amended to provide greater guidance on addressing complex cases and ensure appropriate safeguards are in place for all patients eligible for MAiD as of March 17, 2024.Â

The proposed modifications have no impact on the existing requirements for the provision of MAiD to patients whose natural death is reasonably foreseeable.Â Â Â

The consultation will be distributed to the public, registrants, and stakeholders in January to review and comment on the amendments to the Standard.Â

Consultation: Amendments to The Affairs of the College Bylaw

Council approved The Affairs of the College Bylaw to be distributed to the public, stakeholders, and registrants for consultation.Â Â

CPSM is establishing a Board of Assessors whose role is to consider and decide registration applications.Â Â

The Regulated Health Profession Act (RPHA) requires Council to direct the Registrar to consider and decide applications for registration or establish a Board of Assessors to do so. Currently, the Registrar is responsible for considering and deciding on applications for registration; decisions are made in accordance with the RPHA and the CPSM General Regulation.Â

Establishing a Board of Assessors requires amendments to The Affairs of the College Bylaw and The Governance Policy. The Bylaw establishes the process of creating the Board of Assessors and the Governance Policy will contain the terms of reference for the Board of Assessors. Only the Bylaw requires a public consultation.Â Â

The Bylaw amendments will be distributed for public consultation in January.

Consultation: Practice Direction - Practice Supervision Requirements for Clinical Assistants, Physician Assistants, and Physician Assistant Students

Council approved for consultation a new Practice Direction for practice supervision requirements for clinical and physician assistants and physician assistant students.

Practice requirements for clinical assistants, physician assistants, and physician assistant students can be complex and further confounded by the fact the requirements are contained in the *Regulated Health Professions Act, the CPSM General Regulation, the Practice of Medicine Regulation, and the Practice Direction Registration and Qualifications*.

A proposed new Practice Direction combines these requirements and adds explanatory language and expectations. Many of the requirements set out in the Practice Direction are not new and reflect already prevailing expectations.

The new Practice Direction will be distributed for public consultation in January.

IMG Working Group

Plans are underway to establish a Working Group to support International Medical Graduates (IMGs) beginning to practice medicine in Manitoba. Appropriate orientation, mentorship, and access to resources are essential to their success and delivering good quality care.

The primary purpose of the IMG Working Group will be to assist in developing and establishing a new orientation program. As a first step, the group will review current issues facing IMGs entering and maintaining practice in Manitoba.



Next Council Meeting

The next Council meeting will occur on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024 | 8:00 a.m.**

If you wish to attend this meeting, please advise CPSM by email

at TheRegistrar@cpsm.mb.ca.

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