

Council Update



A Council meeting was held on Wednesday, March 20. The following are important highlights from the meeting that registrants need to know.

Items approved at the meeting:

Standard of Practice - Prescribing Requirements

The Standard of Practice - Prescribing Requirements was approved and will become effective June 1, 2024. A working group consisting of representatives from several Manitoba regulatory colleges has been reviewing prescribing-related legislation and existing Standards of Practice and Practice Directions.

Prescribing rules are set out in various Standards of Practice and Practice Directions. The working group recommended consolidating the requirements into one Standard of Practice and one Practice Direction and updating them to reflect current prescribing practices better.

A public consultation was held in August 2023, and the feedback was thoroughly reviewed and discussed by the Working Group and Council.

CPSM will roll out the Standard of Practice with awareness and educational materials.

[Click here to view the Standard](#)

Practice Direction - Electronic Transmission of Prescriptions

The revised Practice Direction - Electronic Transmission of Prescriptions was approved and will become effective June 1, 2024.

[Click here to view the Practice Direction](#)

Note: With the above Standard of Practice and Practice Direction becoming effective June 1, the following will be rescinded:

- Standards of Practice – Prescribing Requirements,
 - Practice Direction – Dispensing Physicians,
 - Practice Direction – Facsimile Transmission of Prescriptions,
 - Practice Direction – Manitoba Prescribing Practices Program (M3P),
 - Practice Directions – Prescribing Practices: Doctor/Pharmacist Relationship
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The revised Standard of Practice - Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) was approved.

Revisions to the Standard were initiated to address Criminal Code amendments that were scheduled to come into force on March 17, 2024, that would have permitted MAiD where a mental disorder is the sole underlying medical condition (MD-SUMC) of the patient requesting MAiD. During the consultation period, a Bill was introduced in Parliament to postpone this provision coming into force until 2027.

A public consultation was held on these updates from January 10 – February 11.

Consultation feedback resulted in some amendments, including:

- MAiD is not available to patients whose mental disorder is the sole underlying medical condition.
- A new requirement stating registrants should only advise MAiD to patients who are unaware of MAiD only if the patient's death is reasonably foreseeable. See *Section 1.7*.
- In accordance with The Personal Health Information Act, the patient is entitled to access the information the assessing physician(s) considered in determining the patient's MAiD eligibility and statutory safeguards. See *section 2.2.1.v*.

[Click here to view the Standard of Practice](#)

The Affairs of the College Bylaw

Council approved an amendment to The Affairs of CPSM Bylaw. The amendment permits CPSM to establish a Board of Assessors to consider and decide applications for registration.

A public consultation for this amendment was held January 10 – February 11.

[Click here to see The Affairs of CPSM Bylaw](#)

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

Council approved the Practice Direction - Practice Supervision Requirements for Clinical and Physician Assistants and Physician Assistant Students effective immediately. The Practice Direction combines requirements previously contained in various other sources (e.g. The Regulated Health Professions Act, Practice of Medicine Regulation, CPSM General Regulation, and the Practice Direction of Registration and Qualifications). Many of the requirements set out in the Practice Direction are not new and reflect already existing expectations.

Contextual documents to complement the Practice Direction will be distributed in the future.

[Click here to view the Practice Direction](#)



Assistants and Physician Assistant Students

The Council Policy - Registration of Clinical and Physician Assistants and Physician Assistant Students was approved and is effective immediately.

The registration processes for Clinical Assistants (CIAs), Physician Assistants (PAs), and PA students previously contained in the *Practice Direction - Registration and Qualifications* have been moved into the new policy. The policy also reproduces relevant portions of the CPSM General Regulation, eliminating the need to review multiple sources to understand the registration requirements.

[Click here to view the council policy](#)

AGM



Wednesday, June 26 | 8 a.m.

Next Council Meeting

The next Council meeting will occur on
Wednesday, June 26, 2024 | 8:30 a.m.

If you wish to attend the AGM and/or
Council meeting, please email
TheRegistrar@cpsm.mb.ca.

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