

Directive: D5-2008

Subject/Title:

**Mandatory Accreditation
in Alberta's Health System**

**Effective Date:
May 1, 2008**

**Issuer:
Minister of
Health and Wellness**

TO: Regional Health Authority Boards

Pursuant to section 8 of the *Regional Health Authorities Act*, I, RON LIEPERT, Minister of Health and Wellness, direct that each regional health authority comply with the following requirements (as applicable):

All regional health authorities shall:

- obtain and maintain accreditation status from an appropriate accrediting organization(s) satisfactory to the Minister;
- work with Alberta Health and Wellness to identify appropriate accrediting organization(s);
- undertake other accreditation activities as may be required by the Minister;
- advise the Minister on accreditation status:
 - within 1 week, if a final report is issued by an accrediting organization indicating that satisfactory status is achieved; and
 - immediately, if a final report is issued by an accrediting organization indicating that satisfactory status is not achieved;
- provide information on accreditation activities and outcomes to the Minister as requested;
- provide information on accreditation status in the annual report of the health authority;
- display accreditation certificates in locations clearly visible to the public; and
- take all necessary steps to ensure that hospital, nursing home, non-hospital surgical facilities, diagnostic and treatment facilities and other service providers under contract to the region:
 - participate in the accreditation processes undertaken by the regional health authority;
 - undertake other accreditation activities as may be required by the Minister or the regional health authority;
 - provide accreditation reports to the regional health authority upon request;
 - provide information on accreditation status to the regional health authority

- advise the regional health authority on accreditation status:
 - within 3 business days, if a final report is issued by an accrediting organization indicating that satisfactory status is achieved; and
 - immediately, if a final report is issued by an accrediting organization indicating that satisfactory status is not achieved;
- upon request, and at least annually, provide information on accreditation activities and outcomes to the regional health authority; and
- display accreditation certificates in locations clearly visible to the public.

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Ron Liepert
Minister
Alberta Health and Wellness

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES:

Regional Health Authorities Regulation 15/95, sections 1(a) and 9