

**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