

HEALTH CARE PROTECTION ACT REPORT TO ALBERTANS

Subject: Amendments to Existing Service Agreements for Insured Surgical Services under the Health *Care Protection Act* (HCPA)

Region: Capital Health

**Facility/
Operator:** Alberta Eye Institute Inc
David Climenhaga Professional Corporation
Eye Surgery Centre of Alberta Ltd. (Coronation Day Surgery Centre)
Gimbel Eye Surgical Centre
Royce L.C. Johnson Professional Corporation
Don Groot Professional Corporation (Groot Dermasurgery Centre)
Plastic & Cosmetic Laser Surgical Centre Ltd.

Surgical Service: Insured Ophthalmology Surgical Procedures
Insured Dermatology Surgical Procedures
Insured Plastic Surgery Procedures

Term: April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008

Background:

Capital Health (CH) has service agreements with non-hospital surgical facilities (NHSF) for the following surgical services: oral maxillofacial (dental), pregnancy termination, ophthalmology, plastic surgery and otolaryngology (ENT). These service agreements have been successful in increasing surgical capacity and access, as well as reducing wait lists.

Proposal:

CH has had service agreements for ophthalmology, dermatology and plastic surgery since 2000. To address waitlists, CH has additional funding for these providers available. CH submitted a proposal requesting Ministerial approval to amend existing service agreements.

	2006/2007	2007/2008
Ophthalmology Services	\$171,898	\$217,352
Dermatology Services	\$85,363	\$64,637
Plastic Surgery	\$ 60,500	n/a

Assessment Summary:

When reviewing proposals, Alberta Health and Wellness considers whether there is a negative impact on the publicly funded health care system and whether public interest is being served.

CH's relationship with non-hospital surgical facilities has been successful to date. The service agreement benefits the public by providing an alternate surgical site to meet the needs of the region. It continues to provide CH with the ability to increase regional operating room capacity to meet the health needs of the population, increase accessibility and reduce wait lists within the region.

Rationale:

The approach taken by CH benefits the public health care system. The service agreement provides the opportunity for a non-hospital surgical facility to "work" for the public sector. By providing additional funding, CH is increasing surgical capacity to meet the public system's demands.

CH's request to amend their service agreements associated with ophthalmology, dermatology and plastic surgery has been approved.

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