



Health and Social Services  
PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

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Applicant c/o  
Access and Privacy Officer  
Corporate Information Management, ATIPP Office

**SUBJECT: Final Response Access Request 23-265**

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**Decision**

The Department of Health and Social Services has searched Insured Health and Disability Services and has identified records responsive to Access Request 23-265:

I am seeking information regarding Yukon's Chronic Disease and Disability Benefits Program, as governed by the Chronic Disease and Disability Regulation, pursuant to section 8 of the Health Care Insurance Act. Specifically, I am seeking information about: how decisions are made and by whom. The Regulations speak to the potential for a Chronic Disease and Disability .Benefits Advisory Committee (11) and states " This Committee will periodically review the administration of the Plan, particularly the amount and types of drugs paid for under the Plan, and recommend to the director changes in the administration of the Plan" and yet no such Committee exists, or if it does exist, it is not listed in any of the directories related to Yukon Government Board and Committees. So, in the absence of this committee, who is making the decisions related to amounts and types of drugs covered by the plan? No information about this is available anywhere and was also not provided to me when I called the Chronic Disease and Disability Benefits Program office. I think transparency about how these decisions are made and by whom is very important, as this is a public program and I have encountered challenges in accessing it to support my child's medication in relation to a disability. Please advise. Timeframe: September 13, 1994 - September 12, 2023

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The department has clarified with the applicant that they are looking for specifically who is making the decisions related to amounts and types of drugs covered by Yukon's Chronic Disease and Disability Benefits Program.

The final response on the information is as follows: **Access Granted in Full**

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Pursuant to section 66 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* you may contact Yukon's Information and Privacy Commissioner with a complaint in respect to this response. Section 66 states:

*An applicant may, in respect of the head of a responsive public body's response to their access request under section 64, make a complaint to the commissioner by filing the complaint in accordance with section 90.*

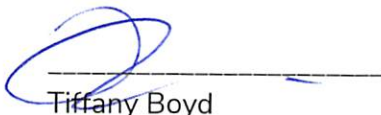
Should you wish to do so, please refer your written complaint within 30 business days to the Information and Privacy Commissioner at:

Yukon Information and Privacy Commissioner  
3162 Third Avenue, Main Floor, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 1G3  
E-mail: [intake@yukonombudsman.ca](mailto:intake@yukonombudsman.ca)  
Phone: (867) 667-8468; (toll free: 1-800-661-0408 ext. 8468)

There is no cost to the applicant.

**Contact Person in Department**

If the applicant has any questions, please contact Natasha Stuckey, Designated Access Officer for Department of Health and Social Services at 867-332-6135 or [natashia.stuckey@yukon.ca](mailto:natashia.stuckey@yukon.ca).



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