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Updated tools help medical profession regulators ensure best practices

WHITEHORSE—Amendments to the *Yukon Medical Profession Act and Regulations* are now in place following over three years of work with physicians and the public in Yukon and with other jurisdictions in Canada.

"The revisions are one of the results of the Yukon government's continued efforts over a number of years to ensure that medical services for Yukoners are of the highest standard," Community Services Minister Archie Lang said. "The amendments keep the act current and meet Yukoners' expectations that government will continue to use the best regulatory practices available to maintain quality medical care."

Health and Social Services Minister Glenn Hart said he too welcomed the amendments.

"Not only will they help us with recruitment and retention of physicians from across Canada, these amendments should also assure Yukoners that our standards and our physicians are equal to those elsewhere in the country," Hart said.

The *Yukon Medical Profession Act and Regulations* enable physicians providing medical services to Yukoners to be registered and regulated. The amendments will allow the Yukon Medical Council and the Registrar of Medical Practitioners to follow best practices in Canada for licensing, registration, professional development and discipline.

"I look forward to the Yukon Medical Council being able to use the new provisions of the amended *Medical Profession Act* to improve licensure for physicians," Yukon Medical Council chair Dr. Bruce Beaton said.

"Yukon Medical Association supports the changes and the move to stay current with regulation in other Canadian jurisdictions," Yukon Medical Association chair Dr. Rao Tadeballi said.

One of the updates brings Yukon into compliance with Canadian labour mobility provisions under the Agreement on Internal Trade. For example, physicians who receive full licensure in one jurisdiction will be accepted for full licensure in Yukon.

For more information about the updated provisions in the act and regulations, visit www.community.gov.yk.ca.

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