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Yukon government invites public comment on draft pharmacist and rural permit holder legislation

From April 21 to July 21, 2017, the Government of Yukon is seeking public feedback on the draft regulation for pharmacists, draft standards of practice for pharmacists and rural permit holders, and a draft code of ethics.

This legislation under the *Health Professions Act* will create a more modern regulatory system for pharmacists that consists of an expanded scope of practice, standards of practice, and a code of ethics. It also introduces a regulatory model for rural permit holders, who are physicians licensed to dispense medication where pharmacies and pharmacists are not available. Rural permit holders will have their own standards of practice and be included in the code of ethics. This brings Yukon in line with national and industry standards.

The regulation will address licensing and renewal, the general regulation of professionals dispensing prescriptions, and complaints, investigations and discipline.

Quotes

"We are interested in expanding the scope of practice for our pharmacists. Our goal is to provide Yukoners with a modern pharmacist regulatory framework that will allow Yukon pharmacists to provide safe and efficient healthcare services on par with other Canadian jurisdictions. I invite input that will help us create a modern pharmacy profession legislation to build healthy, vibrant and sustainable communities and help Yukoners thrive."

–*Minister of Community Services John Streicker*

Quick facts

- The Yukon government has undertaken a number of steps to modernize health professions.
- Following approval of the Pharmacist Regulations under the *Health Professions Act*, the development of regulations for pharmacies and rural pharmacy dispensaries under the *Pharmacy and Drug Act* will begin. Once that regulation is approved, the *Pharmacy and Drug Act*, passed in April 2015, can be proclaimed and come into effect and the old *Pharmacist Act* will be repealed.
- On August 31, 2016, the *Health Information Privacy and Management Act* came into effect with the approval of regulations. It sets rules and standards on how personal health information is protected and shared among health professionals. It also lays the framework for an electronic health information system, including the prescription drug information system that is being developed.

Learn more: Request for comments on pharmacist and rural permit holder legislation

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