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New system will help detect and manage health problems in Yukon

WHITEHORSE—Minister of Health and Social Services Doug Graham announced today that negotiations with British Columbia on a new electronic information system for public health have been successful.

"I'm pleased that we are moving forward to improve delivery of public health services to Yukoners. This will improve our local response to national health outbreaks like influenza and other communicable diseases," said Graham.

The IBM-developed system, called Panorama, is in use by British Columbia and a number of other Canadian jurisdictions. Yukon will implement Panorama in the coming year.

This will improve clinical services for Yukon residents by making records available to health care professionals, whether they receive health care in Yukon or British Columbia. Panorama will help manage patient records on immunization and communicable diseases such as tuberculosis.

Yukon's partnership with the B.C. Ministry of Health and health authorities is essential to its use of Panorama due to the size of the system and its support requirements.

Information held by Panorama will be subject to B.C. privacy and security laws and policies – which are among the most stringent in Canada – ensuring the protection of Yukon residents' personal health information.

Yukon is now moving forward to conclude and sign off these agreements.

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