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Agreement with Yukon Medical Association valued at \$6.9 million over five years

The Government of Yukon and the Yukon Medical Association have reached a new five-year agreement, effective April 1, 2017.

The agreement maintains a focus on collaborative care and greater access for patients, retains the Collaborative Care Initiative Working Group, and targets the creation of multi-disciplinary teams that include further integration of nurse practitioners into the care system and discussion on the regulation of midwifery. It will also reduce some fees paid to physicians, and repurpose under-utilized funds to ensure better use of monies.

A new initiative that results from the agreement is a pilot program that will match patients without a family doctor with a physician who will accept them into their practice. This is anticipated to begin in September 2018.

Quotes

"We are committed to improving the delivery of front-line health services through a collaborative care model. Yukon's physicians have come to the table to talk about how we can improve the health and well-being of Yukoners at all stages of life, and we will continue to work with them. We need to invest in people, alternative methods of care, mental health, and the healthiest possible living. The Yukon Medical Association is our partner in all of this."

–Minister of Health and Social Services Pauline Frost

"I am pleased that the Yukon Medical Association (YMA) and the Yukon Government were able to come together for a productive and amicable round of negotiations which resulted in a new five-year agreement. Through these negotiations it was clear that one of the priorities of both the YMA and the Yukon Government was to ensure all Yukoners have timely access to the health care services they require. We look forward to working with the government to increase the opportunities for Yukoners to secure family physicians."

–Yukon Medical Association president Dr. Alison Freeman

Quick facts

- The agreement is worth \$6.9 million over its five-year duration
- Yukon has 83 physicians who were eligible to vote in the agreement's ratification
- The YMA ratified the agreement on September 14, 2017

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