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Government dedicates resources to physician recruitment

WHITEHORSE—Health and Social Services Minister Doug Graham today announced that the Government of Yukon will commit dedicated resources to physician recruitment and retention.

"We recognize that the physician population in Yukon is changing. Some physicians are leaving, others are retiring and still others are choosing to work fewer hours," Graham said. "We also have a growing and aging population so we need more doctors to address these needs."

With the support of the Yukon Medical Association (YMA), Yukon government will work to develop a recruitment strategy that will be one of the pillars in successfully attracting and retaining physicians in Yukon. Development of the strategy will have dedicated human and financial resources.

"We recognize that the successful recruitment of physicians to Yukon will require a full-time commitment in order to build relationships with the medical community as well as medical schools across the country and abroad," Graham added. "This government has identified the recruitment of physicians to the territory as a priority and we remain committed to working with the Yukon medical community."

To date, the Yukon government has undertaken ad campaigns in collaboration with the YMA; designed a recruitment website; and introduced a number of financial incentives to assist new physicians entering practice, while continuing to support current physicians.

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