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Message

Original letter to follow by mail

Craig Knight handed requested materials to Hth Cda officials during mtg in Ottawa 15Dec05

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DEC 05 2005

Dr. Penny Ballem
Deputy Minister of Health
Province of British Columbia
5th Floor, 1515 Blanshard Street
Victoria, British Columbia V8W 3C8

DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE HEALTH SERVICES	
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REMARKS	

Dear Dr. Ballem:

Each year, in accordance with paragraph 13(a) of the Canada Health Act and the Extra-Billing and User Charges Information Regulations, provinces and territories are required to provide both an estimate of the aggregate amounts that are expected to be charged in respect of extra-billing and user charges (due March 31), and a statement showing the aggregate amount actually charged, or "actuals", which must be submitted on the sixteenth day of the twenty-first month following the end of the fiscal year to which they relate (due December 16).

The "actuals" are used to reconcile any deductions imposed on the basis of the estimates as well as to capture any extra-billing or user charges that occurred that could not be anticipated when your province responded to the call for estimates in March 2003. Retroactive adjustments may be made on the basis of these financial statements.

At this time, I am requesting financial statements showing the aggregate amount actually charged through both extra-billing and user charges, including an explanation regarding the method of determination of the aggregate amount in respect of fiscal year 2003-2004. I trust that you will ensure that any such charges levied during 2003-2004 will be reflected in this financial statement.

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This information may be submitted on the enclosed form by December 16, 2005, and should be directed to the attention of Ms. Gigi Mandy, Director, Canada Health Act Division, Intergovernmental Affairs Directorate, Health Policy Branch. Ms. Mandy can be reached at (613) 954-8685 or by fax at (613) 952-8542.

I am pleased that bilateral discussions between our health ministries on the issue of user charges and extra-billing of insured British Columbia residents by private B.C. surgical clinics are still on-going in an effort to resolve this issue.

Yours sincerely,



Morris Rosenberg
Deputy Minister of Health Canada

Enclosure

CANADA HEALTH ACT**ACTUAL AMOUNTS OF EXTRA-BILLING AND USER CHARGES
FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2003 TO MARCH 31, 2004****1. EXTRA-BILLING**

Amount actually charged in the province through extra-billing by physicians and dentists in respect of insured services.

\$ _____

Explanatory Note:

2. USER CHARGES (including FACILITY FEES)

- a) Amount actually charged in the province in respect of user charges associated with insured hospital services, as per the definition of "hospital" and "hospital services" in the *Act*.

\$ _____

N.B. Charges may be levied for accommodation and meal costs related to a patient who, in the opinion of the attending physician, is a permanent resident in a hospital or other chronic care institution as per the limitation of Section 19 (2). Charges related to this limitation should not be included in the financial statement.

- b) Amount actually charged in the province in respect of user charges for insured services provided by a physician in a clinic, as defined by the federal private clinics policy.

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Explanatory Note:

TOTAL FOR EXTRA BILLING AND USER CHARGES

\$ _____

I certify that the above information is submitted in compliance with Sections 20(1) and 20(2) of the *Canada Health Act* and has been prepared in conformity with that Act and applicable provincial legislation.

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FYI - ACTION TAKEN ON INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

DATE:	Dec 6/05	ADM:	Manjit Sidhu
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Original has been assigned to Manjit Sidhu to review and reply direct.

CLIFF:	639762	ACTION:	
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A copy has been sent to SPLI for Craig's information.



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Message

Original letter to follow by mail

22 Dec 06

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Mr. Serge Lafond
Acting Director
Canada Health Act Division
Intergovernmental Affairs Directorate
Health Policy Branch
Health Canada
Ottawa ON K1A 0K9

Dear Mr. Lafond:

I am writing in response to Mr. Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister, Health Canada, letter of November 21, 2006, to Mr. Gordon Macatee, Deputy Minister of Health, requesting a report from British Columbia on amounts actually charged with respect to extra-billing and user charges during the period April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005.

I submit herewith, on the form provided, a financial statement on behalf of British Columbia showing the aggregate amounts actually charged with respect to extra billing and user charges, including an explanation of the method used to determine these amounts.

User charges related to diagnostic imaging services at s21 hospitals will be reported by March 9, 2007.

Sincerely,

Craig Knight
Assistant Deputy Minister

Attachment

pc: Mr. Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister, Health Canada
Mr. Stephen Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Medical Services
Mr. Manjit Sidhu, Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial and Corporate Services

CANADA HEALTH ACT

**ACTUAL AMOUNTS OF EXTRA-BILLING AND USER CHARGES
FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2004 TO MARCH 31, 2005**

1. EXTRA-BILLING

Amount actually charged in the province through extra-billing by physicians and dentists in respect of insured services. \$ 810.00

Explanatory Note:

According to investigation of complaints received from patients.

2. USER CHARGES (including FACILITY FEES)

- 1) Amount actually charged in the province in respect of user charges associated with insured hospital services, as per the definition of "hospital" and "hospital services" in the *Act*. \$ Nil

N.B. Charges may be levied for accommodation and meal costs related to a patient who, in the opinion of the attending physician, is a permanent resident in a hospital or other chronic care institution as per the limitation of Section 19 (2). Charges related to this limitation should not be included in the financial statement.

- b) Amount actually charged in the province in respect of user charges for insured services provided by a physician in a clinic, as defined by the federal private clinics policy. \$ 82,369.25

Explanatory Note:

According to investigation of complaints received from patients.

TOTAL FOR EXTRA BILLING AND USER CHARGES

\$ 83,179.25

I certify that the above information is submitted in compliance with Sections 20(1) and 20(2) of the *Canada Health Act* and has been prepared in conformity with that Act and applicable provincial legislation.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone: _____

Outstanding, Apparent Extra Billing/User Charges for Private Clinics 2004/05 (as of December 19, 2006)					
Case #	Service / Procedure	Service Date	Facility	User Charge Clinics	Extra Billing Physician
04/05-001	Lumbar Laminectomy	Jul 22 2004	S. 21	\$6,621.00	
04/05-003	Bilateral Knee X-rays	Jun 22 2004		\$60.00	
04/05-004	Consultation and Hernia Surgery	May 6 & May 19 2004		\$1,605.00	
04/05-005	Arthroscopic Knee Surgery	Sep 09 2004		\$2,086.50	
04/05-007	Arthroplasty Knee	May 28 2004		\$5,938.50	
04/05-008	Cataract x 2	May 03 & May 10 2004		\$1,900.00	
04/05-009	Consultation Knee Surgery	Aug 10-19 2004		\$4,577.00	
04/05-010	Cataract	Jul 07 2004		\$1,100.00	
04/05-011	Shoulder Surgery	Aug 12 2004		\$5,871.00	
04/05-012	Consultation and Elbow Debridement	May 05 2004		\$4,302.50	
04/05-013	Cataract Surgery	June 16 2004		\$900.00	
04/05-014	Orthopaedic Consultation & Partial Knee Replacement	July 29 2004		\$17,826.00	
04/05-015	Bladder Suspension	Dec 28 2004		\$1,800.00	
04/05-016	Consultation & Carpal Tunnel Release	Jul 17 2004		\$3,125.00	
04/05-017	Orthopaedic Consultation & Subsequent Visit	Mar 16 & Apr 13 2004			\$60.00
04/05-018	Varicose Vein Ligation	Jan 21 2005		\$500.00	
04/05-019	Orthopaedic Consultation & Subsequent Visit	Nov 10 2004			\$90.00
04/05-020	Orthopaedic Consultation & Subsequent Visit	Nov 03 2004			\$60.00
04/05-021	Ankle Replacement	Jan 04 2005		\$17,076.00	
04/05-022	Cataract Surgery	Dec 09 2004		\$700.00	
04/05-023	Prostate Laser Surgery	Nov 26 2004		\$5,899.25	
04/05-024	Orthopaedic Consultation	Mar 2 2005		\$481.50	
04/05-027	Meniscal repair	Dec-04			\$600.00
				\$82,369.25	\$810.00
			Total Charges:	\$83,179.25	
			Cases Outstanding:	22	

Signed 11 Jan 08

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Mr. Serge Lafond
Acting Director
Canada Health Act Division
Intergovernmental Affairs Directorate
Health Policy Branch
Health Canada
Ottawa ON K1A 0K9

Dear Mr. Lafond:

I am writing in response to a letter of November 13, 2007, from Mr. Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister, Health Canada, to Mr. Gordon Macatee, Deputy Minister of Health, requesting a report from British Columbia on amounts actually charged with respect to extra-billing and user charges during the period April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006.

I submit herewith, on the form provided, a financial statement on behalf of British Columbia showing the aggregate amounts actually charged with respect to extra billing and user charges, including an explanation of the method used to determine these amounts.

Sincerely,

Craig Knight
Assistant Deputy Minister

Attachment

pc: Mr. Gordon Macatee, Deputy Minister of Health
Mr. Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister, Health Canada
Mr. Stephen Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Medical Services Division
Mr. Manjit Sidhu, Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial and Corporate Services

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CANADA HEALTH ACT

**ACTUAL AMOUNTS OF EXTRA-BILLING AND USER CHARGES
FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2005 TO MARCH 31, 2006**

1. EXTRA-BILLING

Amount actually charged in the province through extra-billing by physicians and dentists in respect of insured services. \$ 4,480.00

Explanatory Note: According to investigation of complaints received from patients.

2. USER CHARGES (including FACILITY FEES)

- 1) Amount actually charged in the province in respect of user charges associated with insured hospital services, as per the definition of "hospital" and "hospital services" in the Act. \$ 26,289.00

As a result of the 2006 investigation into s21 it was determined that patients paid medical service brokers to purchase expedited access for 127 medically required diagnostic services during the period covered by this report. s21 has refunded to the patients all funds they received from the brokers for these services. The brokers' fees (i.e., the difference between what the patients paid the brokers and what the brokers paid s21 and s21 subsequently refunded to patients) are estimated to average \$207 per procedure. We have been unable to have the brokers' fees refunded to the patients.

- b) Amount actually charged in the province in respect of user charges for insured services provided by a physician in a clinic, as defined by the federal private clinics policy. \$ 11,343.50

Explanatory Note: According to investigation of complaints received from patients.

TOTAL FOR EXTRA BILLING AND USER CHARGES \$ 42,112.50

I certify that the above information is submitted in compliance with Sections 20(1) and 20(2) of the *Canada Health Act* and has been prepared in conformity with that Act and applicable provincial legislation.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone: _____

Outstanding, Apparent Extra Billing/User Charges for Private Clinics 2005/06

Case #	Service / Procedure	Service Date	Facility	User Charge Clinics	Extra Billing Physician
05/06-001	Knee Debridement	Apr 04 2005		\$1,400.00	
05/06-003	Orthopaedic Consultation	June 3 2005		\$481.50	
05/06-004	Bunion Surgery	May 6 2005		\$2,250.00	
05/06-008	Epidural Nerve Block	April 20, 2005		\$267.50	
05/06-010	Knee Surgery	Sept 21 2005		\$1,700.00	
05/06-011	Consultation and Trapeziectomy	August 24, 2005 September 2, 2005	S. 21	\$3,909.50	
05/06-012	Colonoscopy	Oct 17 2005		\$800.00	
05/06-013	Colonoscopy and Polypectomy	Jan 17 2006			\$200.00
05/06-014	Hernia Repair and Ganglion Removal	July 15 2005			\$4,280.00
05/06-015	Consultation	July 6 2005		\$535.00	
		Net Charges Outstanding:		\$11,343.50	\$4,480.00
		Total:		\$15,823.50	
		Net Cases Outstanding:		10	

Medical Services Branch - Revised December 20 2007

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Ms. Gigi Mandy
Director
Canada Health Act Division
Programs Directorate
Regions and Programs Branch
Health Canada
Ottawa ON K1A 0K9

Dear Ms. Mandy:

I am writing in response to a letter of November 12, 2008, from Mr. Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister, Health Canada, to Mr. Gordon Macatee, Deputy Minister of Health Services, requesting a report from British Columbia on amounts actually charged with respect to extra-billing and user charges during the period April 1, 2006, to March 31, 2007.

I submit herewith, on the form provided, a financial statement on behalf of British Columbia showing the aggregate amounts actually charged with respect to extra billing and user charges, including an explanation of the method used to determine these amounts.

Sincerely,

Craig Knight
Assistant Deputy Minister

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pc: Mr. Gordon Macatee, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health Services
Mr. Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister, Health Canada
Mr. Manjit Sidhu, Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial and Corporate Services
Ministry of Health Services
Ms. Phyllis Chuly, Executive Director, Medical Services Branch
Ministry of Health Services

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CANADA HEALTH ACT

**ACTUAL AMOUNTS OF EXTRA-BILLING AND USER CHARGES
FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2006 TO MARCH 31, 2007**

1. EXTRA-BILLING

Amount actually charged in the province through extra-billing by physicians and dentists in respect of insured services. \$ 40.00

Explanatory Note: According to investigation of complaints received from patients.

2. USER CHARGES (including FACILITY FEES)

- 1) Amount actually charged in the province in respect of user charges associated with insured hospital services, as per the definition of "hospital" and "hospital services" in the Act. \$ 30,222.00

As a result of the 2006 investigation into s21 it was determined that patients paid medical service brokers to purchase expedited access for 146 medically required diagnostic services during the period covered by this report. s21 has refunded to the patients all funds they received from the brokers for these services. The brokers' fees (i.e., the difference between what the patients paid the brokers and what the brokers paid s21 and s21 subsequently refunded to patients) are estimated to average \$207 per procedure. We have been unable to have the brokers' fees refunded to the patients.

- b) Amount actually charged in the province in respect of user charges for insured services provided by a physician in a clinic, as defined by the federal private clinics policy. \$ 35,932.84

Explanatory Note: According to investigation of complaints received from patients.

TOTAL FOR EXTRA BILLING AND USER CHARGES \$ 66,194.84

I certify that the above information is submitted in compliance with Sections 20(1) and 20(2) of the *Canada Health Act* and has been prepared in conformity with that Act and applicable provincial legislation.

Date: _____ Signature: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Telephone: _____

Outstanding, Apparent Extra Billing/User Charges for 2006/07					
	Service / Procedure	Date of Service	Facility	User Charge Clinic	Extra Billing Physician
1	Orthopaedic Consultation	May 18, 2006		\$535.00	
2	Bilateral Discectomies	June 21, 2006		\$5,000.00	
3	Right Computer assisted sinus surgery (sphenoidotomy)	Nov 28 2006		\$4,050.00	
4	Consultation and Synovectomy Meniscal Surgery	Sept 11 2006		\$3,598.00	
5	Bilateral discectomies	Dec 13 2006		\$5,000.00	
6	Consult - Knee	May 11, 2006		\$350.00	
7	Hernia Repair	May 19, 2006		\$2,100.00	
8	Consult - shoulder injury	August 2, 2006		\$530.00	
9	Consultation	Nov 26 2006		\$350.00	
10	Low Back Consultation	Oct 25 2006		\$350.00	
11	Consultation	Sept 5 2006		\$530.00	
12	Consultation + Rotator Cuff and SLAP Repair	June 29 2006 July 26 2006		\$4,400.00	
13	Colonoscopy	July 20 2006		\$900.00	
14	Consultation	Oct 5 2006		\$530.00	
15	Consultation and Open Septorhinoplasty	Aug 14 2006		\$6,269.84	
16	Suction Catheter	June 22 2006			\$40.00
17	Colonoscopy	Feb 1 2007		\$1,440.00	
			Net Charges Outstanding:	\$35,932.84	\$40.00
		TOTALS:	Total Net Charges Outstanding	\$35,972.84	
			Net Cases Outstanding:	17	

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Ms. Gigi Mandy
Director, Canada Health Act Division
Programs Directorate
Regions and Programs Branch
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Health Canada
Ottawa ON K1A 0K9

Dear Ms. Mandy:

I am writing in response to a letter of November 16, 2009, from Mr. Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister, Health Canada, to Mr. John Dyble, Deputy Minister of Health Services, requesting a report from British Columbia on amounts actually charged with respect to extra-billing and user charges during the period April 1, 2007, to March 31, 2008.

I submit herewith, on the form provided, a financial statement on behalf of British Columbia showing the aggregate amounts actually charged with respect to extra billing and user charges, including an explanation of the method used to determine these amounts.

Sincerely,

Stephen Brown
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment

pc: Mr. John Dyble, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health Services
Mr. Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister, Health Canada
Mr. Manjit Sidhu, Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial and Corporate Services
Ministry of Health Services
Ms. Phyllis Chuly, Executive Director, Medical Services Branch
Ministry of Health Services

CANADA HEALTH ACT

**ACTUAL AMOUNTS OF EXTRA-BILLING AND USER CHARGES
FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2007 TO MARCH 31, 2008**

1. EXTRA-BILLING

Amount actually charged in the province through extra-billing by
physicians and dentists in respect of insured services. \$ 4,036.00

Explanatory Note: According to investigation of complaints received from
patients.

2. USER CHARGES (including FACILITY FEES)

- 1) Amount actually charged in the province in respect of user charges
associated with insured hospital services, as per the definition of
"hospital" and "hospital services" in the Act. \$
- b) Amount actually charged in the province in respect of user charges for
insured services provided by a physician in a clinic, as defined by the
federal private clinics policy. \$ 69,888.50

Explanatory Note: According to investigation of complaints received from
patients.

TOTAL FOR EXTRA BILLING AND USER CHARGES \$ 73,924.50

I certify that the above information is submitted in compliance with Sections 20(1) and 20(2) of the
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legislation.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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Outstanding, Apparent Extra Billing/User Charges for 2007/08					
File #	Service / Procedure	D.O.S. (yy/mm/dd)	Facility	User Charge Clinics	Extra Billing Physician
1	07/08-001 Hip Arthroscopy	Apr 12 2007	S. 21	\$7,974.00	
2	07/08-002 Consultation and Knee Surgery	June 5 2007		\$3,600.00	
3	07/08-003 Arthroscopy Knee	June 6 2007		\$2,200.00	
4	07/08-004 Arthroscopy Knee Consultation	May 3 2007		\$7,964.00	
5	07/08-005 Rotator Cuff Surgery Consultation	May 11 2007		\$8,274.00	
6	07/08-006 Shoulder Surgery and Consultation	June 5 2007		\$8,364.00	
7	07/08-007 Rotator Cuff Surgery	June 18 2007		\$7,208.00	
8	07/08-008 Colonoscopy	June 19 2007		\$1,540.00	
9	07/08-009 Discectomy	June 6 2007		\$4,000.00	
10	07/08-010 Consultation	Dec 19 2007		\$750.00	
1111	07/08-01307/08-013 Pain Management - Ligament Trigger Point InjectionsInjections	Feb 27 2008Feb 27 2008		\$1,200.00\$1,200.00	
12	07/08-014 Consultation and Partial Debridement (Meniscus)	Jan 31 2008Feb 4 2008		\$3,850.00	
13	07/08-015 Consultation and Arthrodesis - Metatarsophalangeal	Dec 10 2007Jan 4 2008		\$2,014.00	\$2,836.00
14	07/08-017 Discectomy Bilateral	Mar 19 2008		\$5,000.00	
15	07/08-020 Laminectomy & Formaminotomy	Feb 19 2007		\$5,950.50	
16	07/08-021 Colonoscopy	June 4 2007			\$1,200.00
TOTALS:					
			Net Cases Outstanding:	\$69,888.50	\$4,036.00



December 17, 2010

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Ms. Gigi Mandy
Director, Strategic Policy Branch
Canada Health Act Division
Health Canada
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Ottawa ON K1A 0K9

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Dear Ms. Mandy:

I am writing in response to the letter of November 15, 2010, from Ms. Glenda Yeates, Deputy Minister, Health Canada, addressed to Mr. John Dyble, Deputy Minister, British Columbia Ministry of Health Services. I apologize for the delay in responding.

As requested, attached is a report from British Columbia on known amounts charged with respect to extra billing and user charges during the period April 1, 2008, to March 31, 2009, including an explanation of the method used to determine these amounts.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

Yours truly,

Sheila Taylor
Assistant Deputy Minister

Attachments

CANADA HEALTH ACT

**ACTUAL AMOUNTS OF EXTRA-BILLING AND USER CHARGES
FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2008 TO MARCH 31, 2009**

1. EXTRA-BILLING

Amount actually charged in the province through extra-billing by physicians and dentists in respect of insured services.

\$ 7,252.50

Explanatory Note:

According to investigation of complaints received from patients.

2. USER CHARGES (including FACILITY FEES)

- 1) Amount actually charged in the province in respect of user charges associated with insured hospital services, as per the definition of "hospital" and "hospital services" in the *Act*.

\$ Nil

N.B. Charges may be levied for accommodation and meal costs related to a patient who, in the opinion of the attending physician, is a permanent resident in a hospital or other chronic care institution as per the limitation of Section 19 (2). Charges related to this limitation should not be included in the financial statement.

- b) Amount actually charged in the province in respect of user charges for insured services provided by a physician in a clinic, as defined by the federal private clinics policy.

\$ 67,883.85

Explanatory Note:

According to investigation of complaints received from patients.

TOTAL FOR EXTRA BILLING AND USER CHARGES

\$ 75,136.35

I certify that the above information is submitted in compliance with Sections 20(1) and 20(2) of the *Canada Health Act* and has been prepared in conformity with that Act and applicable provincial legislation.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone: _____

BC Ministry of Health Services						
Outstanding, Apparent Extra Billing/User Charges for 2008/09						
File #	Home HA	Service / Procedure	Date of Service	Facility	User Charge Clinics	Extra Billing Phys
08-09-001	VCHA	Sinus Surgery	15-Apr-0		\$4,850.00	
08-09-002	IHA	Consultation + Knee Scope with Lateral Release	30-Jul-0		\$3,600.00	
08-09-003	VCHA	Consultation and Nerve Block	05-May-0 06-May-0		\$1,750.00	
08-09-004	VCHA	Excision of Cyst	29-Jul-0			\$288.75
08/09-006	VCHA	Consultation	8-Jul-0		\$900.00	
08-09-007	VIHA	Epidural Injections	16-May-0 19-Jun-0		\$1,000.00	
08-09-009	VIHA	Consultation and Knee Arthroscopy, ACL Repair, Meniscus Repair	29-Jul-0 21-Oct-0		\$9,982.10	
08-09-010	VCHA	Rotator Cuff Repair	9-Jun-0		\$8,906.50	
08-09-011	FHA	Consultation and Nerve Block	19-Dec-0		\$1,750.00	
08-09-012	FHA	Consultation and ACL & Meniscal Repair	28-Jul-0 05-Aug-0	S. 21		
08-09-013	NHA	Laminectomy	29-Oct-0		\$7,715.00	
08-09-014	VCHA	Sinus Surgery	28-Oct-0		\$9,320.00 \$7,050.00	
08-09-016	VCHA	Screening Colonoscopy	07-Oct-0		\$1,898.00	
08-09-017	VIHA	Shoulder Arthroscopy and Decompression	22-Dec-0		\$6,991.00	
08-09-018	VIHA	Colonoscopy	23-Jul-0		\$800.00	
08/09-024	IHA	Breast Implant Removal	09-Dec-0		\$971.25	\$4,488.75
08/09-025	IHA	Cataract Removal	13-Feb-0 26-Mar-0			\$1,950.00
08/09-026	IHA	Ultrasound Guidance for Sclerotherapy/Varicose Veins	26-Jan-0			\$485.00
08/09-027	VCHA	Allergy Testing	30-Mar-0			\$40.00
08/09-028	NHA	Consultation	04-Sep-0		\$400.00	
TOTAL: \$75,136.35					\$67,883.85	\$7,252.50



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Ms. Gigi Mandy
Director, Strategic Policy Branch
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Dear Ms. Mandy:

I am writing in response to the letter of October 21, 2011, from Ms. Glenda Yeates, Deputy Minister, Health Canada, addressed to Mr. Graham Whitmarsh, Deputy Minister, British Columbia Ministry of Health.

As requested, attached is a report from British Columbia on known amounts charged with respect to extra billing and user charges during the period April 1, 2009, to March 31, 2010, including an explanation of the method used to determine these amounts.

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Yours truly,

Sheila A. Taylor
Assistant Deputy Minister

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CANADA HEALTH ACT

ACTUAL AMOUNTS OF EXTRA-BILLING AND USER CHARGES
FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2009 TO MARCH 31, 2010

1. EXTRA-BILLING

Amount actually charged in the province through extra-billing by physicians and dentists in respect of insured services.

\$ 40.00

Explanatory Note:

2. USER CHARGES (including FACILITY FEES)

- a) Amount actually charged in the province in respect of user charges associated with insured hospital services, as per the definition of "hospital" and "hospital services" in the Act.

\$ 0

N.B. Charges may be levied for accommodation and meal costs related to a patient who, in the opinion of the attending physician, is a permanent resident in a hospital or other chronic care institution as per the limitation of Section 19 (2). Charges related to this limitation should not be included in the financial statement.

- b) Amount actually charged in the province in respect of user charges for insured services provided by a physician in a clinic, as defined by the federal private clinics policy.

\$ 33,179.00

Explanatory Note:

TOTAL FOR EXTRA BILLING AND USER CHARGES

\$ 33,219.00

I certify that the above information is submitted in compliance with Sections 20(1) and 20(2) of the *Canada Health Act* and has been prepared in conformity with that Act and applicable provincial legislation.

Date:

Nov 14, 2011

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Alleged Extra Billing/User Charges for 2009/10

File #	Home HA	Service / Procedure	D.O.S. (yy/mm/dd)	Facility	User Charge Clinics	Extra Billing Phys
09-10-001	NHA	Foot Surgery	Apr 1 2009		3,800	
09-10-003	FHA	Cataract Surgery	June 13 2009		750	
09-10-005	VCHA	Allergy Testing	August 4, 2009			40
09-10-006	IHA	Consultation and Knee Surgery			6,715	
					500	
09-10-007	VCHA	Consultation and Duputyren's Contracture	May 13, 2009		1,610	
					500	
09-10-009	FHA	Knee Arthrsocopy	Apr 1 2009	S. 21	1,900	
			Sept 23 2009			
09-10-010	FHA	Rotator Cuff Repair			7,949	
			October 15, 2009			
09-10-011	VCHA	Cataract Surgery			1,590	
			May 12 & 19, 2009			
09-10-013	VCHA	Sinus Surgery (CASS+SMRIT)			6,415	
			November 17, 2009			
09-10-014	IHA	Cataract Surgery			1,450	
			March 24 2010			
TOTAL					\$33,179	\$40