



ARCS: 292-30
File: HTH-2014-00184

August 12, 2014

Sent via email:

Dear

Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Health. Your request is for:

1. Information regarding the total yearly dollar amounts collected by the Ministry of Health's Third Party Liability Division in respect of claims asserted, whether by the Ministry directly or on its behalf through use of private counsel, under the Health Care Costs Recovery Act, SBC 2008, c. 27 for all calendar years from the effective date of the Act (April 1, 2009) through the 2013 calendar year;
2. Information by year regarding the real dollar and/or percentage share of the amounts listed in #1 above which were recovered by the Third Party Liability Division for Ministry claims asserting past health care expenses incurred by the Ministry on claimants' behalf versus those sums recovered through the assertion of future health care expenses on behalf such claimants, for all years 2009 through 2013 inclusive;
3. For each calendar year in the 2009-2013 period inclusive, the precise dollar amounts, if any, of monies recovered by the Ministry of Health's Third Party Liability Division which were allocated, refunded or redirected to any other Ministry or agency on whose behalf the Third Party Liability Division asserted a claim for reimbursement of "health care services" as defined in either section 1 of the Act or in section 3 of the Health Care Costs Recovery Regulation, B.C. Reg. 397/2008, including identification of the receiving Ministry and/or agency and the dollar amount provided to each Ministry and/or agency in each calendar year identified;
4. Any and all policy manuals, directives, memoranda, or correspondence, regardless of form, between the Ministry of Health's Third Party Liability Division and any other Ministry, agency or office of the provincial government setting forth the criteria under which funds collected by the Third Party Liability Division are to be allocated, refunded or redirected from the Ministry of Health to other Ministries and/or agencies, if any.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety. The Ministry notes that all recoveries of Health Care costs are returned to consolidated revenue (Provincial Treasury).

Please note some information in the records is marked 'not responsive' as it does not respond to the wording and/or the date range of your request. Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after electronic release or a minimum of five business days after release by mail in hardcopy. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: <http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page>

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Rhianna Begley, the analyst assigned to your request, at (250) 387-4383. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to (250) 387-4383.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Maxine Vanzetta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maxine Vanzetta, Manager
Health / Education Team
Information Access Operations

Enclosures

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| <p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p> |
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If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250-387-5629 Fax 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.