



ARCS: 292- 30
File: HTH-2013-00128

September 19, 2013

Sent via email:

Dear :

Re: Request for Access to Records – Fee Estimate
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:

Copies of records setting out the amounts paid (or records permitting such amounts to be calculated in the event that records setting out the amounts are unavailable) by the provincial health insurance plan to hospitals, health facilities, preferred providers for mental health and addiction services including services for the treatment of eating disorders and drug and alcohol dependency, rendered to insured persons while outside of Canada, in the absence of an emergency (ie on a pre-approval basis) in the aggregate (per year) and per patient (average); Copies of records setting out the number of insured persons referred (including patients referred and not approved, and patients referred and approved) for the out-of-country mental health and addiction services referred to above (or records permitting such amounts to be calculated in the event that records setting out the number are unavailable). Date range is January 1, 2009 to May 1 2013.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section(s) 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy), of FOIPPA. Copies of these sections of FOIPPA are provided for your reference. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

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http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00

We have calculated the actual fees and the balance owing for providing the request as follows:

11 hour(s) to locate and retrieve records @ \$30.00/ hour =	\$330.00
<i>Does not include the first 3 hours which are not charged to you</i>	
21 hours(s) to produce records @ \$30.00/hour	\$630.00
14 hour(s) to prepare and handle records for disclosure @ \$30.00/hour =	<u>\$420.00</u>
<i>No charge if the records can be emailed</i>	
Total =	\$1380.00
Less Deposit Paid =	<u>\$525.00</u>
Sub-Total =	<u>\$855.00</u>
Fees Waived =	855.00
Amount Owing =	00.00

The Ministry of Health has waived the remaining fees.

Additionally, the Medical Services Commission Guidelines: provincial funding is rarely approved for out-of-country mental health/addiction treatment, as treatment is available in BC and elsewhere in Canada – Sections 9 and 10.

Ministry website details the OOC coverage:

<http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/msp/infoprac/oocc.html>

Ministry web link to the Guidelines:


http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/msp/infoben/ooc_funding_guidelines.pdf

Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after it is released electronically or a minimum of five business days after it has been released 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 Elizabeth Horn, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-387-9863 y. 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 250-387-9863 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,


for
Maxine Vanzetta, Manager
Health / Education Team
Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<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.