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Subject: FYI: FOI Requests: HTH-2020-07010, HTH-2021-10409 & HTH-2021-10422

Hi Team – as promised....i hope this is helpful...

General information about Audit and Investigations Branch:

- Conducts audits of medical, healthcare practitioners', pharmacies and benefit providers to ensure services were rendered, eligible for payment, billed correctly and properly documented.
- Conducts the eligibility review process for funded health benefits and investigations into inappropriate access to benefits and/or misuse, including identity theft and residency issues.

Legislative Authorities:

Medicare Protection Act and Regulations -

<https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/content/complete/statreg/1325524918/96286/?xsl=/templates/browse.xsl>

Pharmaceutical Services Act and Regulations -

<https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/content/complete/statreg/1922970521/370494221/?xsl=/templates/browse.xsl>

Publicly available information that may assist applicants to better understand BC Ministry of Health, Audit and Investigations Branch, and focus requests on a specific area of interest:

Billing Integrity Program - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/msp/billing-integrity-program>

Published Audit Results - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/msp/billing-integrity-program/audit-results>

Medical Services Commission - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/partners/colleges-boards-and-commissions/medical-services-commission>

Medical Services Commission Audit Report - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/practitioner-pro/medical-services-plan/srcsc-audit-report-2012.pdf>

Medical Services Commission Annual Report (2010/2011 – 2018/2019 – see section 3 Audit Committees) - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/msp/publications#annual-report>

Health Care Practitioners Special Committee for Audit Hearings -

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/msp/health-care-practitioners-special-committee-audit-hearings>

Eligibility Compliance and Enforcement Unit - [Personal Health Identification - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/msp/health-care-practitioners-special-committee-audit-hearings)

Pharmacare audit policies - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/pharmacare/pharmacare-publications/pharmacare-policy-manual-2012/audit/audit-policies>

Extra Billing - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/msp/bc-residents/benefits/additional-fees-and-charges>

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When: April 28, 2021 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Hello All,

I hope you can join us for a conference call to discuss options on how to narrow the scope of the following Freedom of Information requests, in the hopes of eliminating the fees.

I have scheduled for 1 hour, though I hope we can be done earlier

HTH-2020-07010: *The full texts of all reports issued by the Audit and Investigations Branch, A list of plans of all areas and topics due to be audited by the entity (Date Range for Record Search: From 9/1/2020 To 12/1/2020)*

HTH-2021-10409: *The full texts of all reports issued by the Audit and Investigations Branch and a list of plans of all areas and topics due to be audited by the entity (Date Range for Record Search: From 12/2/2020 To 1/15/2021)*

HTH-2021-10422: *The full texts of all reports issued by the Audit and Investigations Branch and list of plans of all areas and topics due to be audited by the entity (Date Range for Record Search: From 10/1/2019 To 12/31/2019)*

Thanks,

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