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From: Bryanton, Sarah HLTH:EX
Sent: January 23, 2023 11:45 AM
To: White, Robyn S HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: QP Note - Medical Services Commission - Jan 19th -Draft
Attachments: QP Note - Medical Services Commission - Jan 19th -Draft.docx

My comments/changes attached. Thanks!

From: White, Robyn S HLTH:EX <Robyn.White@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 20, 2023 10:10 AM
To: Bryanton, Sarah HLTH:EX <Sarah.Bryanton@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: QP Note - Medical Services Commission - Jan 19th -Draft
Importance: High

Just sending to you so I don't forget – my comments on this for Monday.
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From: Bryanton, Sarah HLTH:EX
Sent: March 16, 2023 10:16 AM
To: Halpenny, Robert L HLTH:EX; Power, Stephanie A HLTH:EX; Alexander, Ross AG:EX
Cc: White, Robyn S HLTH:EX; HLTH MSC HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: MSC and Beta Therapeutics
Attachments: MD Statement on BETA Therapeutics GCPE DRAFT for APPROVAL.docx

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Hi all,

Attached is the draft statement re Beta. As you'll see below, GCPE thinks the best approach is a statement from the Minister regarding the actions taken by the Commission.

Please review and send any feedback my way. Robyn and I have already sent in initial comments that have been incorporated into the attached draft.

Let me know if you'd like to discuss.

Thanks,
Sarah

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Hi Sarah,

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Looking forward to reviewing the final draft and planning the next steps forward.

Best,

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Cc: Shewchuk, Chris GCPE:EX; Power, Stephanie A HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: MSC and Beta Therapeutics

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Hi Calvin,

Steph mentioned that she heard this morning the statement is on its way to the Minister for review. Just one additional piece to flag – the Chair of the Commission would like to ensure BETA/Dr. Cutfeet receives a copy of the statement before it is posted publicly. They've been very cooperative throughout this process and we previously sought approval from Dr. Cutfeet to issue this statement (given that we do not normally publicly discuss individual practitioners in accordance with the MPA).

Any concern with this? We can discuss what this looks like in terms of timing leading up to the April 15 re-enrolment.

Thanks,
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Excellent, thanks for the update.

Best,

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Hi Calvin,

I am still collecting feedback on the statement but I wanted to let you know Stephanie has confirmed she will take the statement to the DM. She has some other updates to provide on TELUS, etc. so she will work this all in to one meeting.

Thanks,
Sarah

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Thanks for this Sarah. We will get this back to you soon, along with the other materials.

Best,

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Initial edits for consideration.

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Hi Sarah,

Please see attached.

I will also be drafting similar statements for Dr. Halpenny and the Commission.

Best,

Calvin Simpson

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Hi Calvin,

Thanks for taking the time to discuss this yesterday. As promised, I am providing some background bullets as well as some key points (which can probably be framed much more eloquently than I've done below).

History/timeline:

- In early 2022 the Medical Services Commission (the Commission) became aware of concerns regarding a patient-paid program offered by BETA Therapeutics.
- The Commission exchanged several letters with BETA Therapeutics. Ultimately, the physician providing services at BETA Therapeutics de-enrolled from the Medical Services Plan (MSP) effective December 5, 2022.
- Prior to the physician's de-enrolment, the Commission outlined the consequences of de-enrolling, including that the *Medicare Protection Act* (MPA) outlines that de-enrolment is effective for 12 months, unless the Commission considered re-enrolment to be in the public interest.
- In mid-late December, BETA Therapeutics began reaching out to the Commission and Health Insurance BC with questions regarding re-enrolment.
- On February 3, 2023, the physician providing services at BETA Therapeutics sent a letter to the Commission formally requesting re-enrolment.
- The Commission considered this request at their February 22, 2023 meeting and approved the re-enrolment of the physician providing services at BETA Therapeutics, pending the Commission's approval of BETA Therapeutics new service model (must be compliant with the MPA if physician is enrolled).

Key points/messaging:

- While provincial legislation allows for physicians to de-enrol from MSP, such actions should not be taken lightly. There are numerous implications for physicians and patients, which can be found online at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/msp/physicians/physician-enrollment-status>.
- As demonstrated by this case, BETA Therapeutics quickly noticed large gaps their patients healthcare and felt patient needs would be best serviced within the provincially funded healthcare plan.
- The new Longitudinal Family Physician (LFP) Payment Model helps more family physicians start or continue their practice and ensure people throughout the province have access to primary care.
- Given the focus on improving access to primary care in the province, the Commission agreed that the re-enrolment of the physician providing services at BETA Therapeutics would be in the public interest. This results in another physician providing services within the public system, and eliminates the barrier of payment in order to receive services from the physician at this clinic.
- While it is unfortunate that BETA Therapeutics and their physician felt that de-enrolment was the solution to challenges they faced in operating a primary care clinic, the Commission is pleased that they have come to the realization that their patients are best served within the public system.
- This is an important example for other physicians considering de-enrolment, which shows that operating outside the public system has real challenges for patients and physicians and highlights the benefits of participation in the public system.

This is just a quick brainstorm from my end. There may be other important messages to highlight as well.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Sarah Bryanton
Senior Manager
Beneficiary and Diagnostic Services Branch
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Subject: RE: MSC and Beta Therapeutics
Sensitivity: Confidential

Hi Sarah,

Apologies for the late response. I would be happy to meet with you, Sarah.

When would be a good time for you?

Warm regards,

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Subject: MSC and Beta Therapeutics
Sensitivity: Confidential

Hi Calvin,

As you may know the Medical Services Commission (MSC) has been engaged in conversations with Beta Therapeutics for a number of months now. The physician providing services at Beta de-enrolled in December 2022, however, he has requested to re-enrol. As the MSC considers this re-enrolment request it continues to work with the Director at Beta to ensure their future model (if the physician is re-enrolled) will be compliant with the *Medicare Protection Act*. If the MSC agrees to re-enrol the physician, they have signaled to Beta and the physician that they will issue a public statement regarding the re-enrolment. You may recall there was a fair bit of media attention around the initial de-enrolment of the physician.

Could we possibly connect next week to discuss? I have some initial thoughts on the key messages we'd be looking to convey, etc.

Thanks,

Sarah Bryanton
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Subject: Approved: Beta Therapeutics re-enrollment
Attachments: MD Statement on BETA Thereputics_March 22.docx

Hi Steph/Sarah, Minister has approved this version of the statement (no changes) from last week. He has decided to take the following approach:

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- Release attached statement Wednesday morning.

Let me know if any questions if and once Dr. Halpenny reaches Dr. Cutfeet. If that does not happen, we will pause until Dr. Halpenny gives the greenlight.

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Subject: RE: Approved: Beta Therapeutics re-enrollment
Attachments: 2023HLTH0032-000412.pdf

Here is the final copy going live at 7:30 am tomorrow morning.

Thanks all!

Calvin Simpson

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Thanks everyone for the effort.

Stephanie

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Perfect and thanks, Chris!

I've reached to Robyn to get the statement out at 7:30 a.m. Will let you know if there are any issues.

Thanks,

Caro

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Updating the group to say Minister has approved the statement no changes.

He talked to Cindy and the interview went well; we'll aim to answer other reporter questions tomorrow in the halls.

Calvin/Caro, can you please give the final version to Heather and Matthew? It can go to Editors, and the time can move forward to early if possible.

Steph/Sarah, just FYI the reporter asked a number of questions about Telus and the line of questioning is exactly what we anticipated. Minister kept responses high level.

Thanks,

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Thank you!

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Thanks Sarah

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Hi Calvin,

The Director for BETA replied this morning: *Thank you for providing the statement put together by the GCPE. It appears to align well with everything we have discussed over the past few months in coming to this decision.*

Seems like we are good to go. Thanks!

Sarah Bryanton

Senior Manager

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Hi Sarah,

We are looking to confirm the release of the statement for 9:45 am tomorrow morning.

Would it be possible to ensure Dr. Cutfeet has no major flags by 1 PM today? We would like to send the statement to the editors by this afternoon.

Warm regards,

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Thanks Calvin. We will get a copy over to BETA and Dr. Cutfeet today. I plan to share it with them for their "information" but we will of course let you know if there are any concerns raised.

Sarah

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Hi Sara,

Amended to reflect Dr. Halpenny's revisions for review.

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Hi you two – sorry but I received some additional feedback from Dr. Halpenny. He suggests making it really clear that it is the physician re-enrolling. BETA will have two streams; the physician/MSP stream and the allied health/non-MSP benefit stream (which will not include a physician or physician access). I attach a few suggested edits.

I'll wait to hear back whether these edits look ok before we share the statement with BETA.

Thanks,
Sarah

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Good to go 😊

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Thanks for the update. Steph and I agree we should add the April 15 date – attached my suggestion here for where to add. If this looks ok I will share this version with Dr. Halpenny?

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This just in, plan pushed by one day. So:

Call with Cindy on Wednesday at noon, statement released to media Thursday morning.

We can add the April 15 reference if needed.

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Thanks Chris – I will connect with Dr. Halpenny right away.

I'm just noticing that we didn't include the April 15th effective date of the re-enrollment. I can't recall whether this was intentional...or should we make an adjustment to include this date?

Thanks,

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Ministry of Health

Minister's statement on Beta Therapeutics physician rejoining B.C.'s public health-care system

VICTORIA – Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, has released the following statement on the Medical Services Commission's approval of the re-enrolment of a Beta Therapeutics family physician in the Medical Services Plan (MSP):

"I understand today the commission approved Dr. Daniel Cutfeet of Beta Therapeutics' application to re-enrol in MSP, effective April 15, 2023. We welcome Cutfeet's request to re-enrol in MSP and his future practise within British Columbia's public health-care system.

"By re-enrolling in MSP, Cutfeet can resume offering publicly insured medical services, and Beta Therapeutics' patients can now access medically necessary services free at the point of care. The commission's decision to approve Cutfeet's re-enrolment in MSP benefits his patients and strengthens the integrity of our public health-care system.

"De-enrolled physicians constitute a mere 0.1% of those in British Columbia, as patients must bear their medical expenses and cannot seek reimbursement from MSP for any services referred by a de-enrolled physician. Furthermore, de-enrolling from MSP may hinder a physician's access to medical liability protection and additional benefits provided by the provincial health-care system.

"The introduction of the new Longitudinal Family Physician payment model has proven to be a remarkable success in attracting new and existing family doctors to practise in British Columbia. By providing the compensation and practice environments family doctors need, we are ensuring they can focus on providing the best possible care to their patients – all within the public system.

"We are committed to working together with physicians to ensure that they can provide quality health-care services to all British Columbians, while also maintaining the strength and sustainability of our public health-care system."

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