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President
Doctors of BC
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RE: Billing for BC Residents without MSP

As per our discussions during recent PMA negotiations, this letter is to confirm that the Ministry of Health will undertake a two-year pilot project, starting within 90 days of ratification, to change the criteria for physicians to claim compensation for services provided to BC residents who are eligible for enrolment in MSP but who are not enrolled. The pilot project details are attached, including a simple form that Health Authority staff and/or physicians will complete to secure physician payment. This form may still require minor adjustments, including formatting adjustments. The Ministry of Health will also create detailed instructions and guidance for physicians and Health Authorities in order to administer the pilot program, and the Ministry of Health will consult with Doctors of BC before finalizing the form and any guidance/instruction documents.

The Ministry reserves the right to amend or terminate the program at the end of the two-year pilot project. Prior to making a decision as to whether to continue, amend or terminate the program at the end of the pilot project, the Ministry of Health will share and discuss the results of the evaluation with the Doctors of BC.

Sincerely,

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