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# Preface

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The *Medical Services Plan (MSP) Information Resource Manual 2015/2016* is produced by the Health Sector Information, Analysis and Reporting Division. It provides a reference for some of the most frequently asked questions about MSP data including practitioner, patient and registrant fee-for-service statistics.

Related publications on MSP data are the *MSP Fee-For-Service Payment Analysis 2011/2012 - 2015/2016* and the *MSP Physician Resource Report 2006/2007 - 2015/2016*.

All three reports can be found online at this address under *Fee-for-Service Payment Statistics*: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/msp/publications>.

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# Introduction

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Under the authority of the *Medicare Protection Act*, the Medical Services Commission administers MSP. MSP insures registrants for medically required services provided by general practitioners, specialists and other health practitioners. MSP pays practitioners on a fee-for-service and on an alternative payment basis.

The Information Resource Manual contains statistics based on fee-for-service payments made to British Columbia practitioners by MSP for services provided to MSP registrants.

The manual is arranged in four major sections:

- A. **British Columbia Geographic Health Groupings:** contains maps and a listing of health authorities, health service delivery areas (HSDA), and local health areas (LHA); the relationship between health authority, HSDA and LHA is demonstrated in this section.
- B. **Practitioner Data:** presents data on expenditure and paid services by specialty, service code and geographic area.
- C. **Registrant & Patient Data:** presents data on expenditure and services provided with breakdowns by patient gender/age and geographical area.
- D. **General Practice Services Committee Initiatives & Specialist Services Committee Initiatives:** presents data on expenditure and services for practitioner initiatives by specialty.

The Methodology section that precedes sections A to D outlines general data inclusions and exclusions that apply throughout the manual. Additional methodology details are provided at the beginning of sections A, B, C and D.

A glossary has been provided at the end of the manual to explain terms used in the publication. Readers are encouraged to refer to the glossary to ensure accurate interpretation of the statistics presented.

This publication is prepared using specific criteria and therefore may not reconcile with other Ministry of Health documents such as the Medical Services Commission Financial Statements.

To maintain confidentiality, the information given does not disclose personally identifiable data.



# Methodology

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The data used to generate statistics in this manual include MSP fee-for-service payments made to general practitioners, specialists and other health practitioners for insured services provided to MSP registrants. Only services performed in a given fiscal year (April 1st to March 31st) and paid on or before September 30th of the following fiscal year are included.

The general data inclusions and exclusions applied throughout the manual are listed below. Additional methodology details are provided at the beginning of sections A, B, C and D.

## General Data Inclusions

- Expenditures paid for by MSP, including the adjudicated fee schedule amount, retroactive payments, rural retention program payments and tray fees
- Expenditures paid to physicians for services referred by registered midwives or nurse practitioners
- Changes under the three Renewed Laboratory Agreements dated in 2010, 2012, 2014 and a continuation of Laboratory Volume Discounting
- With the implementation of the Laboratory Services Act on October 1, 2015, fee item values are based on the new Fee-For-Service Outpatient Laboratory Services Payment Schedule and are subject to change by the Minister of Health
- Fee increases paid up to and including September 30, 2016 for 2011/2012 - 2015/2016 medical services
- Expenditures for General Practice Services Committee initiatives and Specialist Services Committee initiatives are reported in section D only

## General Data Exclusions

- Interest on late payment of claims
- Services associated with the following service codes as these are charges in addition to the principal fee:
  - 09 - General Practice Visit Premiums\*
  - 19 - No Charge Referral
  - 49 - Procedural Premiums\*
  - 71 - Tray Fees\*
- Alternative payments made for contract, salaried, session and other services
- Payments for services performed out of province

\* Billings are included in the Total Expenditure statistic but are not counted as services to avoid double counting of services.



# A. British Columbia Health Boundaries

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British Columbia (B.C.) is divided into five regional health authorities that are responsible for planning and delivering health care services within their geographic areas:

1. Interior Health Authority
2. Fraser Health Authority
3. Vancouver Coastal Health Authority
4. Vancouver Island Health Authority
5. Northern Health Authority

Each health authority consists of three or four Health Service Delivery Areas (HSDAs). There are 16 HSDAs in total. The HSDAs are further divided into 89 Local Health Areas (LHAs).

B.C. has two other health authorities that are not defined by geographic boundaries.

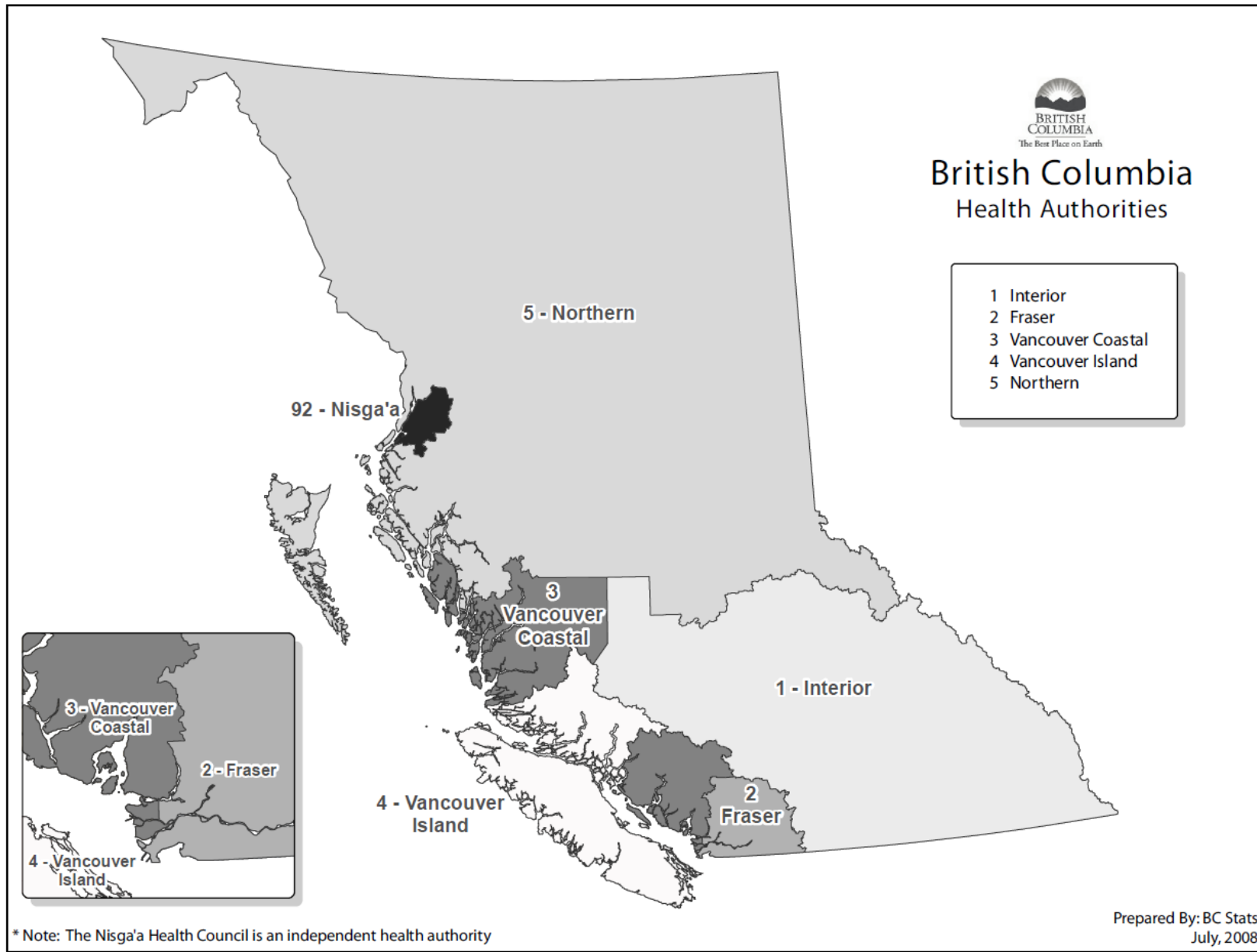
The Provincial Health Services Authority is responsible for governing and administering provincial programs and highly specialized services, such as those delivered by the Children's and Women's Health Centre, the B.C. Cancer Agency and the B.C. Transplant Society.

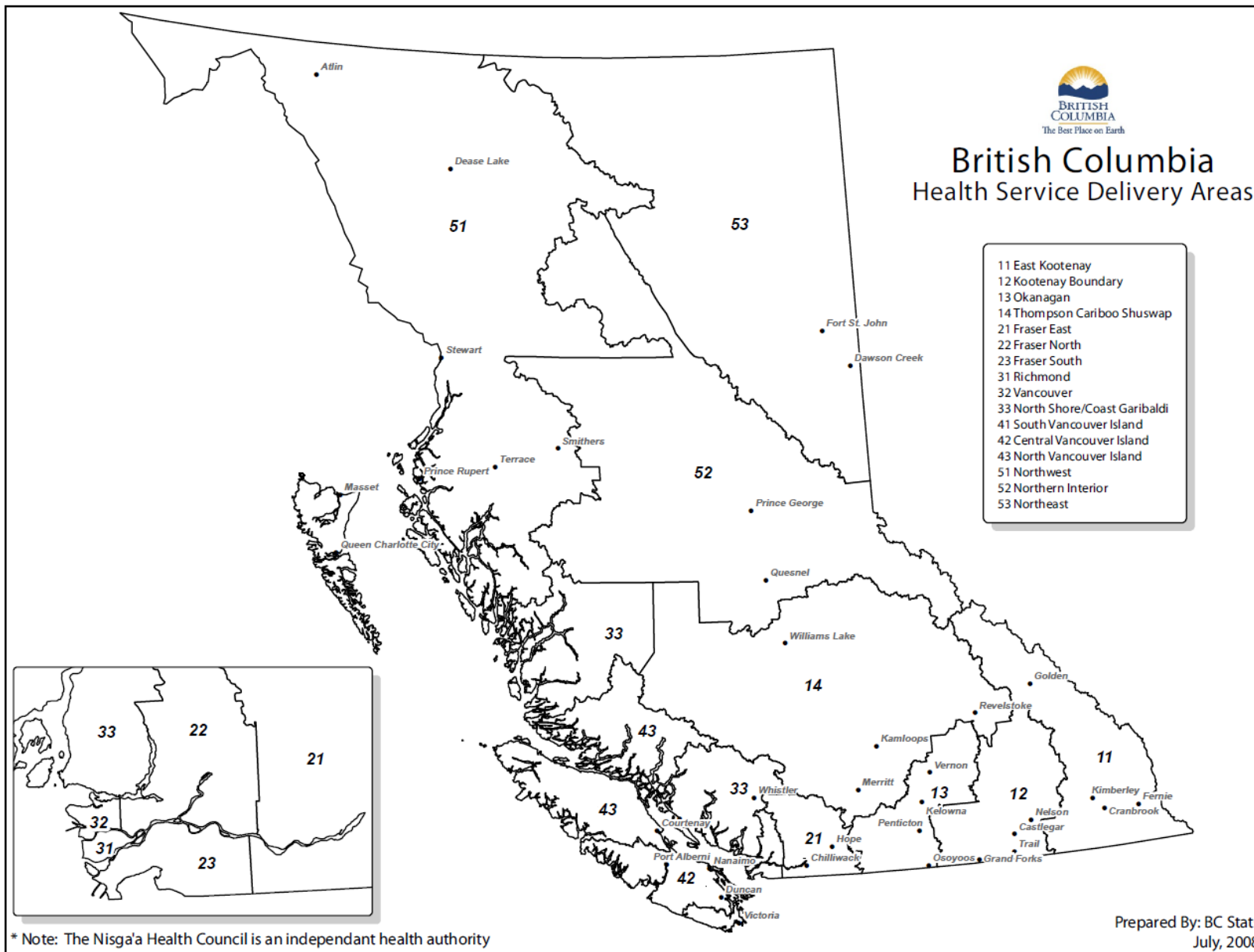
The First Nations Health Authority is responsible for the programs and services formerly managed by Health Canada's First Nations Inuit Health Branch – Pacific Region.

Only data for the five regional health authorities are reported in this manual. Health authority, HSDA and LHA maps can be found on the following pages.

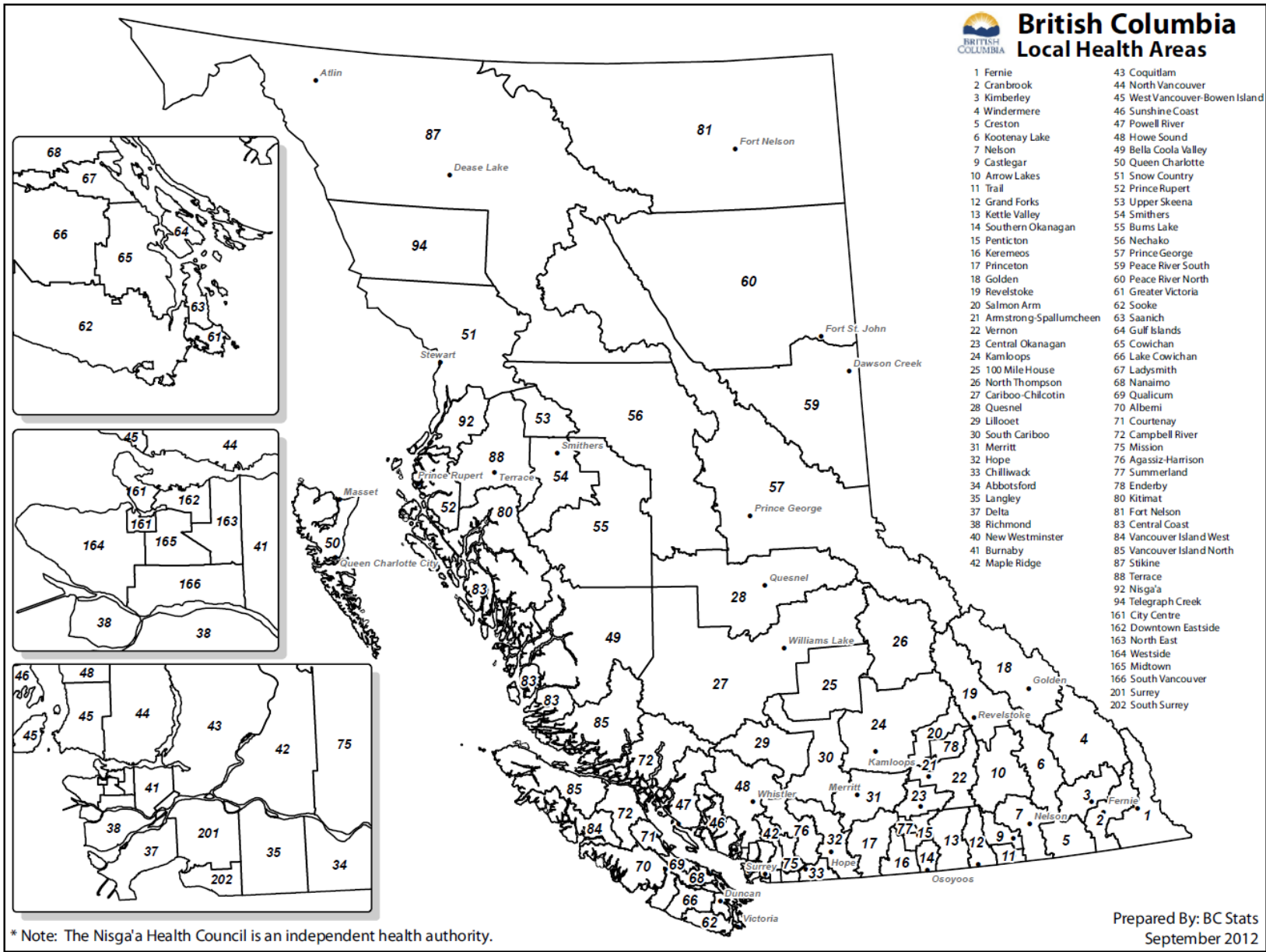
More information on B.C.'s health authorities can be found here:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/partners/health-authorities>.





\* Note: The Nisga'a Health Council is an independant health authority





**Listing of Health Authorities, Health Services Delivery Areas, and Local Health Areas**

Health Authority		Health Service Delivery Area		Local Health Area	
01	Interior	11	East Kootenay	001	Fernie
				002	Cranbrook
				003	Kimberley
				004	Windermere
				005	Creston
				018	Golden
		12	Kootenay/Boundary	006	Kootenay Lake
				007	Nelson
				009	Castlegar
				010	Arrow Lakes
				011	Trail
				012	Grand Forks
				013	Kettle Valley
		13	Okanagan	014	Southern Okanagan
				015	Penticton
				016	Keremeos
				017	Princeton
				021	Armstrong-Spallumcheen
				022	Vernon
				023	Central Okanagan
				077	Summerland
				078	Enderby
				14	Thompson Cariboo Shuswap
		020	Salmon Arm		
		024	Kamloops		
		025	100 Mile House		
		026	North Thompson		
		027	Cariboo-Chilcotin		
029	Lillooet				
030	South Cariboo				
031	Merritt				
02	Fraser	21	Fraser East		
				033	Chilliwack
				034	Abbotsford
				075	Mission
				076	Agassiz-Harrison
		22	Fraser North	040	New Westminster
				041	Burnaby
				042	Maple Ridge
		23	Fraser South	043	Coquitlam
				035	Langley
				037	Delta
				201	Surrey
				202	South Surrey/White Rock

Health Authority		Health Service Delivery Area		Local Health Area	
03	Vancouver Coastal	31	Richmond	038	Richmond
		32	Vancouver	161	Vancouver-City Centre
				162	Vancouver-Downtown Eastside
				163	Vancouver-North East
				164	Vancouver-Westside
				165	Vancouver-Midtown
				166	Vancouver-South
		33	North Shore/Coast Garibaldi	044	North Vancouver
				045	West Vancouver-Bowen Island
				046	Sunshine Coast
				047	Powell River
				048	Howe Sound
				049	Bella Coola Valley
				083	Central Coast
		04	Vancouver Island	41	South Vancouver Island
062	Sooke				
063	Saanich				
064	Gulf Islands				
42	Central Vancouver Island			065	Cowichan
				066	Lake Cowichan
				067	Ladysmith
				068	Nanaimo
				069	Qualicum
				070	Alberni
43	North Vancouver Island			071	Courtenay
				072	Campbell River
				084	Vancouver Island West
05	Northern	51	Northwest	085	Vancouver Island North
				050	Queen Charlotte
				051	Snow Country
				052	Prince Rupert
				053	Upper Skeena
				054	Smithers
				080	Kitimat
				087	Stikine
				088	Terrace
		52	Northern Interior	092	Nisga'a
				094	Telegraph Creek
				028	Quesnel
				055	Burns Lake
		53	Northeast	056	Nechako
				057	Prince George
059	Peace River South				
060	Peace River North				
				081	Fort Nelson