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Date: June 6, 2010  
To: All Alberta Physicians and AHS Appointed Dentists, Oral Surgeons and Podiatrists  
From: Dr. David Megran, Senior Physician Executive, Alberta Health Services  
Dr. William Hnydyk, Assistant Executive Director Professional Affairs, Alberta Medical Association  
Re: **Practitioner Consultation Process - Provincial Medical Staff Bylaws**

The Alberta Health Services (AHS)/Alberta Medical Association (AMA) Provincial Medical Staff Bylaws Working Group is circulating draft provincial medical staff bylaws and rules for consultation with, and feedback from, Alberta physicians as well as those dentists, oral surgeons and podiatrists who currently hold AHS appointments. Once approved and implemented, these bylaws and rules will replace all existing bylaws and rules of the former health entities. The new bylaws also have implications for physicians who do not currently have AHS appointments.

The consultation process will include several parts:

- a) Practitioner input is invited and will be collected by email until **July 15, 2010**. Please forward your email to both:
- Dr. William S. Hnydyk, Assistant Executive Director, Professional Affairs, Alberta Medical Association  
**William.Hnydyk@albertadoctors.org**
  - Dr Tyrone Josdal, Associate Senior Physician Executive, Alberta Health Services  
**physician.info@albertahealthservices.ca.**
- b) In addition, AMA and AHS representatives will be meeting with physicians around the province, in person and by video conference through the month of June. Dentists, oral surgeons and podiatrists with AHS appointments are welcome to join these sessions as well. For tour details go to: <http://www.albertadoctors.org/ProvincialBylaws/Tour>
- c) Following the practitioner consultation period, the AMA and AHS Bylaws Working Group will review and consider input received in developing a final version of the bylaws.
- d) The bylaws will then go through an approval process:
- AMA:**
- Council of President's review and recommendations to AMA Board of Directors;
  - AMA Board recommendation communicated to physicians, with revised copy of the bylaws.
- AHS:**
- Senior Physician Executive review and recommendations to the AHS Board;
  - AHS Board review and recommendations to the Minister.
- Alberta Physicians and AHS Appointed Dentists and Podiatrists:**
- All practitioners **with current AHS appointments** will vote on the proposed bylaws in September 2010. In addition, those physicians without an AHS appointment will receive a copy of the proposed bylaws.
- Minister of Health and Wellness approval:**
- The results of practitioner voting and AHS and AMA recommendations will be sent to the Minister of Health and Wellness for consideration in his final decision on the bylaws;
  - With Ministerial approval, the bylaws would come into effect January 2011.

To access a full version of the draft Bylaws and Rules, go to [www.albertahealthservices.ca/1743.asp](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/1743.asp) or visit the AMA website for the Bylaws, Rules and *Highlights, Draft Provincial Medical Staff Bylaws* [www.albertadoctors.org/ProvincialBylaws/Comment](http://www.albertadoctors.org/ProvincialBylaws/Comment) Paper copies are available upon request to Zone Medical Directors or by sending an email to: [physician.info@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:physician.info@albertahealthservices.ca)