April 21, 2015

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act) [Our File #: HCS/027/2015]

On March 19, 2015, the Department of Health and Community Services (the Department) received your request for access to the following records/information:

"MCP website content from Jan 1-2014 to Dec 31-2014. That makes any reference to 1) out of country treatment reimbursement 2) out of province coverage, rates payable - services not available in Canada, substantiation and assessment 3) in the absence of a doctor initiating this process, the patient can still proceed. 4) claim submission requirements 5) if the physician elects not to submit a claim on your behalf, or you obtain medical services outside Canada, please provide"

The Department has made changes to the MCP website in the time frame indicated above, which is covered in the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy (ATIPP) request HCS/028/2015. The Government’s website (www.gov.nl.ca) does not capture a historical view of previous content versions. Government’s website is backed up on a daily basis and backups are retained for a 30-day period. The Government’s website disclaimer (http://www.gov.nl.ca/disclaimer/index.html) also articulates the intention/use of the information being presented on the website.

Section 43 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act) provides that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request or you may appeal to the Supreme Court Trial Division. A request to the Commissioner shall be made in writing within 60 days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John’s, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500
In the event that you choose to appeal to the Trial Division, you must do so within 30 days of the date of this letter. Section 60 of the Act sets out the process to be followed when filing such an appeal.

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. If you have any further questions, please contact Kim Anstey-Stockwood, ATIPP Coordinator at (709) 729-7776 or by email kimanstey@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Minister

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