

April 30, 2010

Dear Provider:

**Re: Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) Impact to For-Profit Residential Care and Assisted Living Providers**

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As you know, the HST will come into effect on July 1, 2010. The Ministry of Health Services has directed the health authorities to mitigate the financial impact of the HST implementation in regard to for-profit service providers within the Continuing Care Sector providing residential or assisted living services. Health authorities have coordinated their efforts and developed the process as explained in this letter. Through the Ministry of Health Services, the BC Care Providers Association (BCCPA) has been kept informed of this process.

In order to estimate the financial impact and necessary funding adjustment, the attached survey will be used to gather information on the current GST and PST paid on your contracted out services for health authority funded beds.

Information already made available to us by BCCPA provides sufficient information with respect to costs associated with hydro, building repairs/operating, professional fees, medical supplies, information/technology and education/training. As a result we are able to minimize our information requirements and focus on your contracted out services.

The survey requests information pertaining to the fiscal 09/10 year; however, in recognition of sites that have contracted out services mid-year or are in the midst of contracting out (and this information has already been shared with the health authority), the survey allows for annualization figures if different than 09/10.

Please complete the attached survey and include copies of the March 2010 invoices for these services by May 30, 2010 to Attention Andi Williams at the address below. If you have any questions on completing the survey, please call Bruce Belsher at 604-953-4878. Further information about the actual funding adjustments will be provided when the process is complete.

Sincerely,



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**Director, Business & Client Services**  
**Fraser Health Authority**

Attachment

c: Keith McBain, Director, Business Development & Contracts, Residential & Assisted Living Services  
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