SUBJECT: NEW ENHANCED HEALTH CARD FOR MANITOBA RESIDENTS

The Interprovincial Health Insurance Agreements Coordinating Committee (IHIACC) has been advised that the Government of Manitoba will be replacing the current health card with a new enhanced health card as shown below. The main added feature on the enhanced card is that all alternate surnames are clearly shown beside each family member.

The enhanced health card will be replacing the current health card when a Manitoba resident’s current health card needs to be replaced (e.g. address changed, etc), or if newly registering to the province. Both the old and the new card will remain acceptable as proof of entitlement to medically necessary insured health services providing they belong to the person presenting the card.

Health Canada will be issuing a new health card poster update in the near future which will include Manitoba’s new enhanced health card.
### HOW TO READ THE MANITOBA HEALTH REGISTRATION CARD

1. **This is the Manitoba Health Registration Number.** This is always a maximum of 6 (six) numeric with no alphabetic characters. eg. 000000
2. **This is the Family Surname.** This person is designated as the head of the family. All correspondence is addressed to this person. eg. Joe Smith
3. **This is the Family Address.** eg. 300 Carlton Street Winnipeg MB R3B 3M9
4. **This is the Patient’s Given Name.** eg. Joe
5. **This is the Patient’s Alternate Surname.** Claims must be submitted using the Alternate Surname. There can be multiple surnames on the Manitoba Health Card. eg. Jones, Doe, and Smith.
6. **This is the Patient’s Personal Health Number.** This is found under the Given Name and is always 9 (nine) numeric with no alphabetic characters. eg. 000000000
7. **This is the Patient’s Sex – Male or Female.** eg. M
8. **This is the Patient’s Date of Birth (Day/Month/Year)** eg. 24/12/94
9. **This is the Patient’s Effective Coverage Date (Day/Month/Year).** The Coverage Date indicates the day the Patient becomes eligible for Health Benefits. eg. 03/04/06