

Information Bulletin

September 28, 2018

Attention: Expedited Surgical Facility Services (ESFS) Providers

Subject: Upcoming Changes to the Medicare Protection Act

In regards to the news that the Government of BC is moving forward with both enforcing and changing the Medicare Protection Act, effective October 1st, 2018, specifically as it relates to individuals paying privately for their medical care, WorkSafeBC would like to provide additional information to you in terms of WorkSafeBC Injured Workers.

As it relates to treating Injured Workers, it is business as usual. WorkSafeBC Injured Workers are exempt from this Act, and as such we want to reassure you that providing medical care to WorkSafeBC Injured Workers, including expedited consultations and surgeries, does not place you in contravention of the Act.

If you have any further questions in regards to this, please contact us.

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