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Joy Peacock
Executive Director
Association of Registered Nurses of British Columbia
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Vancouver, BC V6J 5B3

Dear Ms. Peacock:

I am pleased to advise you that the BC government amended the Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities regulation to bring section 136 of Bill 17 into force.

This means that effective September 1, 2016, Nurse Practitioners registered to practice with the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia will have the authority to fully complete the Person with Disabilities (PWD) Designation Application for patients under their care.

The ministry is currently completing the necessary updates to its policy, procedures and PWD designation application form to accommodate completion of section 2 of the form by a nurse practitioner.

The ministry recognizes the importance of the services that members of your association provide to our mutual clients. This change will ensure ministry clients can continue to be supported by nurse practitioners as they apply for disability assistance with the Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sheila Taylor".

Sheila Taylor
Deputy Minister