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Karen Eisler, RN  
Executive Director  
Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association  
2066 Retallack Street  
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Dear Ms Eisler:

**Re: Nurse Practitioner Patient Referral to Specialists**

At the last Senior Medical Officer Committee meeting on August 18, 2010, it was agreed that the SMO Co-chairs would send a letter on behalf of the entire committee to the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Medical Association and the Medical Services Branch of the Ministry of Health.

This letter is to indicate that a motion has been proposed at the Senior Medical Officer Committee to support the "timely institution of Nurse Practitioner referrals to specialists and that such referrals be considered the same as General Practitioner referrals and that Nurse Practitioner referrals should generate the same level of remuneration for the specialist involved". This motion was put to a vote among the eligible committee members and was passed.

Thank you for your support in ensuring this motion moves forward as proposed.

Kind Regards,

Dr. Brian W. Laursen  
Co-Chair Senior, Medical Officer Committee  
& Medical Advisor  
Ministry of Health

Dr. Jan Moe  
Co-Chair, Senior Medical Officer Committee  
& Vice President, Medical Services  
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cc: Lynn Digney-Davis, Chief Nursing Officer, Ministry of Health