

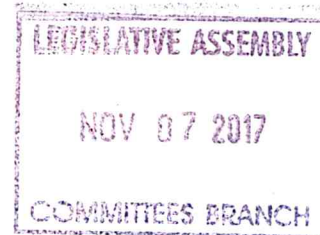


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Ministry of Health
Deputy Minister
3475 Albert Street
Regina, Canada S4S 6X6

November 3, 2017

Danielle Chartier, Chair
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Room 7, Legislative Building
REGINA SK S4S 0B3



Dear Ms. Chartier:

Re: Reporting of Public Losses for the Health System

I have attached the report of Losses of Public Money at Regional Health Authorities (RHAs), Saskatchewan Cancer Agency (SCA), and Athabasca Health Authority (AHA) from July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017.

The report contains three new instances of losses of public money:

- Cash collected for the administration of vaccines in the Prince Albert Parkland Health Region went missing, resulting in a loss of \$850.
- A contractor for the Regina Pioneer Village in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region was paid based on invoices that were found to contain irregularities, resulting in a loss estimated to exceed \$200,000.
- An employee of the Thunder Creek Rehabilitation Association, a Five Hills Health Region community based organization (CBO), was overpaid \$14,400 for falsely claimed hours of service.

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The *Losses of Public Money* report will be published on the Government of Saskatchewan's website on November 6, 2017.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
MAX HENDRICKS

Max Hendricks
Deputy Minister

Attachment

cc: Honourable Jim Reiter, Minister of Health
Honourable Greg Ottenbreit, Minister of Rural and Remote Health
Kent Campbell, Interim Deputy Minister to the Premier and Cabinet Secretary,
Executive Council
Billie-Jo Morrissette, Executive Director, Financial Services, Health
Bev Hungle, Director, Operations and Internal Audit, Financial Services, Health
Kathy Burianyak, Senior Public Accounts Committee Clerk

**Losses of Public Money
2017-18 Second Quarter Report**

**Losses Reported by Saskatchewan Health Organizations*
For the Period July 1 to September 30, 2017**

Date of Occurrence	Health Region	Description	Amount	Action Taken
Internal				
March to July 2017	Prince Albert Parkland Health Region (PAPHR)	Cash collected for the administration of vaccines provided throughout the PAPHR went missing.	\$850	The missing cash was reported to the Prince Albert Police. The perpetrator has not been identified. The PAPHR has implemented tighter controls over cash.
External				
Reported July 2017	Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region (RQHR)	A contractor for the Regina Pioneer Village was paid based on invoices that were later found to contain irregularities.	Estimated to exceed \$200,000	The matter was reported to the Regina City Police. A civil litigation claim was initiated. An internal investigation is underway to quantify the loss. The contractor's ability to provide services was removed. The Regina Pioneer Village has improved internal verification controls and procurement practices.
April 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016	Five Hills Health Region (FHHR)	An employee of the Thunder Creek Rehabilitation Association, a FHHR community based organization (CBO), was overpaid for falsely claimed hours of service.	\$14,400	The Thunder Creek Rehabilitation Association conducted an internal investigation. The employee resigned and returned the overpayment.

*Saskatchewan Health Organizations include: Regional Health Authorities, Athabasca Health Authority, and Saskatchewan Cancer Agency.