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To: All BCNPA Members

More good news!!

I am pleased to advise you that the BC Government has amended the Employment and 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 Persons 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 service that nurse practitioners provide to their clients. This change will ensure that British Columbians can continue to be supported by nurse practitioners as they apply for disability assistance with the Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation.

Many thanks to the BCNPA Board members past and present who advocated tirelessly for this change.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kathleen Fyvie'.

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