



Province of Saskatchewan


Order in Council 601/2023

Approved and Ordered: NOV 29 2023



Lieutenant Governor/Administrator

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that the Minister of Health is approved to enter into an amending agreement, on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, substantially in the form of the attached Schedule A, with Canadian Surgical Solutions Ltd., for the purpose of providing diagnostic and related procedures for breast cancer, for the period of December 1, 2023 to March 31, 2025.



President of the Executive Council

(For administrative purposes only.)

Recommended by: Minister of Health

Authority: *The Health Administration Act, sections 6(c) and 6.2*
The Executive Government Administration Act, section 18

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RE: Contract Amendment - Diagnostic Mammography with Biopsies

I hope this letter finds you in good health. I am writing on behalf of Canadian Surgery Solutions (hereinafter referred to as "CSS") to propose an amendment to our existing contract with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health (hereinafter referred to as the "Ministry"). This amendment pertains specifically to the provision of diagnostic mammography with biopsies.

I. BACKGROUND

CSS and the Ministry entered into a contract dated March 15, 2023, 2023, (the "Original Contract") for the provision of healthcare services. This contract outlines the scope of services, terms, and conditions governing our partnership.

II. PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT

The purpose of this contract amendment is to expand the scope of services provided pursuant to the Original Contract by CSS to include diagnostic mammography and biopsies conducted by our team of qualified radiologists. This amendment aims to enhance the healthcare services available to the residents of Saskatchewan, contributing to improved early detection and treatment of breast-related conditions.

III. AMENDMENTS

In accordance with section 1.3 of the Original Contract, the parties mutually agree to the following additional services and amendments:

Scope of Services: f the Original Contract shall be amended to include the following:

CSS will provide diagnostic mammography services and biopsy procedures as outlined in Schedule A-2. These services will be conducted by our certified radiologists in accordance with industry standards.

Duration: This amendment shall be effective as of November 28, 2023, and shall remain in effect for the duration of the original contract unless terminated by either party with prior written notice.

Payment: Payment terms for the additional services provided under this amendment will be in accordance with the rates specified in Exhibit A attached hereto. Schedule B of the Original Contract shall be amended to include Exhibit A.

Insurance: CSS will maintain appropriate professional liability insurance coverage to cover the diagnostic mammography and biopsy services provided under this amendment.

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Compliance: CSS agrees to adhere to all applicable laws, regulations, and standards in the provision of diagnostic mammography and biopsy services.

Confidentiality: Both parties will continue to adhere to the confidentiality provisions outlined in the original contract.

IV. INCORPORATION

All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in full force and effect unless expressly amended herein.

V. SIGNATURE

Please signify your agreement to this contract amendment by signing below. Once signed by both parties, this amendment will become a binding part of the original contract.

CALGARY SURGERY SOLUTIONS LTD.

By: _____
Name:
Title:
Date:

**HIS MAJESTY THE KING, in right of the
province of Saskatchewan,**

as represented by the Minister of Health

By: _____
Name:
Title:
Date:

VI. CONTACT INFORMATION

Should you have any questions or require further information regarding this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact me at derek.bley@clearpointhealth.ca.

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We look forward to continuing our partnership and providing enhanced healthcare services to the residents of Saskatchewan.

Sincerely,

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Regional Director
Canadian Surgery Solutions

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Exhibit A - Payment Rates for Diagnostic Mammography and Biopsies

Diagnostic Imaging	Base Service Fee per procedure
Diagnostic Procedures:	
Administration fee	
Cost of Procedures (may include radiologist image review, diagnostic mammogram with tomosynthesis, ultrasound guided biopsy, stereotactic biopsy, insertion of markers, pathology processing with or without interpretation, transfer of images and results to Saskatchewan)	
Cancellation Fees:	
>3 days	No charge
<3*	
Total	

SCHEDULE A TO OC**SCHEDULE "A-2"****DIAGNOSTIC MAMMOGRAPHY AND BIOPSY PROCEDURES**

Subject to all other terms of this Agreement, CSS shall provide access to certified specialty radiologists and pathology services according to industry standards.

CSS agrees to deliver a case volume of up to [REDACTED] procedures until capacity is available in Saskatchewan to meet recommended timeframes for these procedures.

Admission criteria

- Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) must meet the requirements of providing a list of patients that have been vetted to meet the operators required imaging and patient information.
- Diagnostic Requisition from a physician in Saskatchewan
- Support person available to drive patient before and after the procedure

Before the Procedure

- Radiologist will review all previous images and test results available for the patient

Day of Procedure:

- Patients should arrive on site 15 minutes prior to scheduled procedure appointment.
- Patients will be given a robe to put on and everything from the waist up will be removed.
- In the procedure room, a technologist will go over the consent form, explain the procedure and answer any questions patients may have.
- The radiologist will discuss the procedure and will be available for any questions.

Diagnostic Mammography / Digital Breast Tomosynthesis

- An x-ray image of the breast for diagnostic purpose. The mammogram creates a two-dimensional image. If the patient requires a 3D mammogram a digital breast tomosynthesis will be done.
- If the results of the mammography indicate that the patient will require a biopsy, the procedure will be done within the same patient visit.

Ultrasound-guided Breast Biopsy / Fine Needle Aspiration Biopsy

- Patients will lie on their back on an examination table. The radiologist or sonographer will apply a gel to the breast to improve the contact between the ultrasound probe and their skin. They will do a pre-scan by using the ultrasound probe to locate the area of interest in the breast.
- The skin surface will be cleaned and then the radiologist will numb the area with a local anesthetic (using a very fine needle) to decrease any discomfort.

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- They will use the ultrasound to guide the needle into the area of interest. This ensures accurate and precise targeting.
- There will be a clicking noise that will indicate each time the tissue in the breast is being sampled.
- The sample, or samples, will be sent to a laboratory for analysis.
- After the procedure, the patient will be given an opportunity to rest while the technologist applies pressure to the biopsy site and reviews the post care instructions with the patient.
- The patient is encouraged to ask any questions.
- When patients feel well, they will be free to leave the clinic.

Post-Procedure:

- The radiologist will provide the results of the diagnostic procedures electronically in a manner prescribed by the Ministry of Health and the Saskatchewan Health Authority.
- Pathology reports and specimens will be provided back to Saskatchewan in a manner prescribed by the Ministry of Health and the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

