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Good morning [REDACTED]

The out of province breast diagnostics initiative has a maximum reimbursement of \$1500, which you received. This initiative is completely voluntary and there have been patients that chose not to go to Calgary due to costs. Also, I believe Beam Radiology will reschedule appointments up to three times so the option is available to book when expenses are more reasonable.

Regards,

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Mar 6 at 11:32 AM

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Hi [REDACTED]

I completely agree with you that it is unfortunate that some people can't participate in this initiative because they don't have the funds available to pay the costs upfront or they don't have a reliable vehicle to get them to Calgary and can't afford airfare. I believe it is the patient's doctor that determines the urgency so that those with more urgent cases are seen first and are not put at the end of the waiting list or they are booked for Saskatoon.

Unfortunately, Dr. Ibach's opinion does not change the fact that there is a maximum of \$1500 reimbursement regardless of the circumstances. I think if Dr. Ibach feels that you needed to be placed higher on the Saskatchewan Health Authority's waiting list that would be an issue to take up with the Saskatchewan Health Authority or your doctor, whomever determined your level of urgency. The Saskatchewan Health Authority staff are responsible for the operation of this initiative and the booking of appointments, I was only recently made aware that the patient could chose a different date then the one offered due to costs, etc. so that is why I didn't inform you of this when you inquired about costs before you left. The only thing the Ministry does is provide the reimbursement to the patient everything else is handled by the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

Regards,

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