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To All Registrants and Stakeholders

Due to increased demand for Emergency Medical Assistants licensing and exams, the Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Branch will begin charging fees for services on a cost recovery basis as of April 15, 2007. This change will involve Emergency Medical Responders (EMR), Primary Care Paramedics (PCP) and Advance Care Paramedics (ACP) in British Columbia.

The fees will be used to offset the costs incurred by Ministry of Health to support the Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board's functions. It is considered normal practice for health regulatory bodies to charge fees for licensing and examinations in British Columbia and other provinces.

License applicants will be required to pay the following fees for related examination and license issuance:

- New Emergency Medical Responders and Primary Care Paramedics license applicants will be required to pay \$50.00 for a written examination and \$400.00 for a practical examination.
- New Advance Care Paramedic license applicants will be required to pay \$50.00 and \$500.00 for a written and practical examination respectively.
- All EMR, PCP, ITT and ACP license holders will be required to pay a \$50.00 fee once every five years for license renewal.

Introducing licensing fees will allow the Branch to keep pace with increasing demand and ensure that its delivery of services continues to be timely and provides reasonable access to all interested applicants. It will also help to improve efficiencies by encouraging people to come well prepared to the examination and encourage their attendance at scheduled examinations.

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Information will be made available for all registrants on the internet at:

<http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/ema>

If you require further information, please contact the Registrar at: 250 952-1203.

Sincerely,

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Craig Knight  
Assistant Deputy Minister

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