

INFORMATION FOR ARNPEI MEMBERS REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION IN PEI OF COLLABORATIVE EMERGENCY CENTRES (CECs)

As you know, the implementation of CECs is a relatively recent initiative by the provincial government. PEI's CEC model is largely based on the Nova Scotia model, although we understand that a physician will not be on the premises but will rather be available by telephone at another location. We know that Health PEI has been working diligently to put in place the necessary framework and facilitate the implementation of this new urgent care model. ARNPEI has not been involved in the detailed work undertaken by the Ministry but is familiar with proposed structure. To assist its members as they reflect on the potential implications of this model, ARNPEI has, in addition to holding consultations with PEI nurses, sought the comments of the CNPS. The CNPS has identified general considerations that may be of interest to PEI nurses who will be providing nursing services in CECs. The comments of the CNPS, are available at <http://arnpei.immediac.com/images/pdf/CNPS%20Letter%20to%20ARNPEI%20re%20CEC.pdf> , which are also based on a general understanding of the model, have also been shared with the Ministry.

ARNPEI members who are providing nursing services within a CEC and have specific questions arising from this work can contact an ARNPEI practice advisor Audrey Fraser @ afraser@arnpei.ca ,or obtain risk management and advice from a CNPS legal advisor at 1-800-267-3390.