



## BACKGROUND

### Métis Nation-Saskatchewan – Saskatchewan Health Authority

# Memorandum of Understanding

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The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S), as a government, is responsible to its constituents – the Métis people. Relationships with other organizations and entities are critical to ensure Métis people are part of the fabric of society. Developing a relationship with the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) is about the achieving successful outcomes in people's health and well-being based upon respect, understanding and recognition of Métis knowledge, ways, and life.

The SHA mandate is to improve patient care for all Saskatchewan people. This includes Métis people who have unique recognition under the Canadian Constitution and Charter of Rights and Freedoms. To achieve its mandate, SHA is formalizing its relationship with MN-S to be inclusive on its approach through dialogue, shared priorities and shared knowledge as well as monitoring outcomes together.

To be successful, this relationship must be rooted in respect for each other's mandates, jurisdiction and knowledge. Incorporating Métis ways of wellness serves all Saskatchewan people, as it recognizes jurisdiction is key to setting boundaries and respecting knowledge.

The MOU sets out standards on achieving each partner's mandate. For example, for MN-S, this means promoting Métis people's good health and wellness outcomes. For SHA, it means to do better integrated health by recognizing the role of traditional

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medicine, Métis healing and western medicine. Together the partners work to help fulfil each other's mandate.

The partners can track their progress through data collection and determine what is working where and why. This can be shared with people so they can contribute and participate.

### **About Métis Nation-Saskatchewan**

The Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) represents roughly 53,000 Métis citizens through a representative system based on an elected executive, 12 regions, 130 locals, women's representative and youth representative. MN-S advocates for the political, legal and constitutional recognition of Métis people. It works to guarantee the rights of Métis people, including the right to a land and resource base, self-government, and self-government institutions.

The current president of MN-S is Glenn McCallum. The MN-S governance structure includes its Senate, a Cabinet composed of the four-member executive, and elected officials from the 12 regions who hold a variety of Ministerial responsibilities.

### **About Saskatchewan Health Authority**

The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) was launched in December of 2017 after the amalgamation of 12 former Regional Health Authorities into a single provincial health authority. The SHA employs more than 40,000 employees responsible for the delivery of high-quality and timely health care for the province of Saskatchewan. The SHA is committed to the improvement of frontline patient care wherever people live in Saskatchewan. The SHA is governed by its Board of Directors composed of 10 members, all appointed for three-year terms by the Saskatchewan Minister of Health.