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Ombudsman receives response to *Prescription for Fairness* from Appeal Panel

Edmonton . . . Alberta Ombudsman G. B. (Gord) Button has received the response of the Out-of-Country Health Services Appeal Panel to Recommendation #46 in his report *Prescription for Fairness*.

In May of this year, the Ombudsman made 53 recommendations which are contained in *Prescription for Fairness*. The recommendations aim to improve the quality and fairness of out-of-country funding decisions. Recommendation #46 states the Appeal Panel should re-hear the four files where the Ombudsman had made individual recommendations for re-hearing appeals of funding decisions.

The Appeal Panel has agreed to re-hear all four files. The Appeal Panel has committed to re-hearing these matters as soon as possible. The Ombudsman will continue to actively monitor the progress of the Appeal Panel in implementing this recommendation. The Ombudsman is pleased that the Appeal Panel has accepted the recommendation and that the Appeal Panel has committed to re-hearing the appeals in a timely manner.

The Ombudsman's report *Prescription for Fairness* can be viewed at www.ombudsman.ab.ca by clicking on "what's new."

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