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Hon. Jeff Wharton
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Dear Eric Herbelin and Hon. Jeff Wharton:

On behalf of regulated nurses in Manitoba, I am writing to request that all nursing designations (registered nurse (RN), registered psychiatric nurse (RPN), and licensed practical nurse (LPN)) be added to Manitoba Public Insurance's list of guarantors able to provide proof of identity.

Nursing is a regulated profession. As a member of a regulated profession, nurses have passed standardized education programs, criminal record checks and obtained licensure that enables use of the protected titles of registered nurse, registered psychiatric nurse and licensed practical nurse.

The requirements for regulated nurses are equal to professional engineers, accountants, pharmacists, doctors, dentists, social workers and veterinarians, who are listed as guarantors. Regulated nurses are professionals bound by Codes of Ethics, education, and the regulatory practices defined by their colleges and legislation. In fact, the college that governs registered nurses (RNs) is the same one that regulates nurse practitioners, the only nursing group currently listed as eligible guarantors on MPI's Declaration of Guarantor for Proof of Identity form.

Regulated nurses are often the only professionals that marginalized individuals may have access to, to act as guarantors. Obtaining ID can be an important first step in improving the health outcomes of marginalized individuals. Adding the designations of registered nurse, registered psychiatric nurse, and licensed practical nurse as eligible guarantors to your forms will help more

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Manitobans overcome the barrier of finding a guarantor to help prove their identity. In turn, this act of obtaining ID can open many doors for those seeking supports and programs, helping more Manitobans reach their health and wellness goals.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing that the designations of registered nurse, registered psychiatric nurse, and licensed practical nurse will be added as eligible guarantors to your forms.

Sincerely,

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