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Oral Question 632-19(2): Non-Insured Health Benefits and Dental Services

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on March 3, 2021 regarding Non-Insured Health Benefits and Dental Services.

The Department of Health and Social Services (Department) continues to meet with Indigenous Services Canada on a weekly basis to address all outstanding dental travel concerns into the communities. The Department will reach out to discuss this specific concern.

I can also confirm that health centres have the necessary information available, and both Nurses in Charge and Community Health Nurses (CHNs) are aware of the process for referring patients out of the community for dental services, including emergent issues. CHNs can help patients with dental abscesses and general pain management based on the practice guidelines, but will refer patients out of the community as needed for anything that requires immediate attention.

Thank you.

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