

June 4, 2020

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Via email to: alec.stratford@nscsw.org

Dear Mr. Stratford:

Thank you for providing return to work guidelines (the “Proposal”) for the Nova Scotia College of Social Workers. I have reviewed the Proposal that was re- submitted on June 4, 2020 and consulted with Occupational Health and Safety colleagues at the Department of Labour and Advanced Education. I approve the Proposal, and therefore am pleased to advise that registrants of your regulatory body who are engaged in private practice may return to in-person elective/non-urgent care effective June 5, 2020.

As regulated private health care providers, you are responsible to not only operate in accordance with the Proposal, but also have an obligation to ensure your clients/patients comply with them. Ultimately, it is each provider’s decision to recommence in-person elective/non-urgent care and on doing so, to assume any liability arising from their respective operations and care provision.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the health and safety of your clients/patients as we adjust to the realities of living with COVID-19.

Sincerely,



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