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Dear Ms. Rackow:

Thank you for your letter of June 20, 2014, regarding changes to Special Needs Equipment Program Requisitioning. The Ministry appreciates being informed of your concerns regarding this policy change, as the regulator for physical therapists in Saskatchewan.

The Ministry acknowledges and values the specialized work that is performed by physical therapists in the province. The revision to requisitioning authority referenced in the Drug Plan letter of April 7, 2014, aligns current program practice and service provider qualifications as defined in the Home Care Policy manual. The intent of the revision was not to change practice, but rather to clarify terminology and was done in consultation with the Advisory Committee for Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living (SAIL).

Nurses have had limited requisitioning authority under the Special Needs Equipment Program since the early 1980s. This authority is only exercised occasionally and client follow up is often provided by a home care therapist. The majority of special needs equipment requisitioning is, and will continue to be, completed by occupational and physical therapists in the province.

Sincerely,

Kevin Wilson
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cc: Honourable Dustin Duncan, Minister of Health
Honourable Tim McMillan, Minister Responsible for Rural and Remote Health